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LONDON, SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1870.

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

We have long and persistently advocated the use of more discrimination in the admission of candidates into the Order. We are pleased to see that the subject is being taken up by influential brethren, and we hope that throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England much more care will be taken in investigating the character and position of candidates for initiation.

The remarks of Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, and of Bro. Binckes, at the recent summer *fête* of the Boys' School (which will be found another column), were much to the point; and we hope to see the intentions of the Prov. G. Master, in requesting the Masters of the lodges in his province to be more careful whom they admitted into the Order, fully carried out, not only in the province of Middlesex, but in all our lodges.

We learn from an American contemporary of a Grand Master refusing to grant a warrant to a lodge which had been working under dispensation, on the ground that it had run deeply into debt, and therefore its members would be tempted to attach more importance to the fees for initiation than the worthiness of the candidates.

Increase in our numbers may, perhaps, be considered a sign of prosperity in the Craft; but mere numbers should be less considered than a high moral and social standard in the candidates. In Washington Territory during the past year there were 25 rejections to 48 initiates, and we think it would be well for Masonry in England if there were less of that monotonous unanimity at the election of candidates, who, as a rule, only require a proposer who can generally get the W.M. or the Secretary to second the nomination without any previous knowledge whatever of the candidate, who is thereupon pitchforked into the Order. There is certainly room here for improvement.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

"THE WORCESTER LODGE."

(Continued from page 27.)

In March 1838, the musical brethren recommend that it is not necessary to purchase a piano-forte, but it would be advisable to hire one for the festival. In April, mention is made of a contribution towards the piece of plate to be presented to the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master. In October of this year letters are read from the Grand Secretary "on the subject of the returns and remittances not having been made from this lodge," when it is proposed and duly seconded "that a special meeting do take place to decide *whether the returns and moneys due be remitted to the Grand Lodge.*" At the next lodge, a statement of arrears is produced, and "thanks are voted to Bro. Miles, the Secretary, for the pains and attention he has paid to his duties in searching the books, and making out the amount of the arrears due to the Grand Lodge since the year 1831!"

In 1839, the by-laws are again revised.

"The year 1842," says, Bro. Griffiths, was memorable as that in which (the quarters occupied by the brethren for so many years being found to be too small for their increasing numbers), on March 3rd, the first proposition appears as to changing the place of meeting; a week later, the Committee report "that it is desirable on several grounds that the lodge should be removed." An executive Committee is appointed "to carry out the subject and make arrangements."

The lodge was removed to the Bell Hotel, where a well-proportioned hall, with suitable ante-rooms, &c., were built under the superintendence of the Committee; and Masonry assumed a new phase. This change of locality and superior accommodation appears to have given a large impetus to the practice and the extension of the Royal Art; and during this year we have records of no less than twenty-eight meetings, and of fifteen members added to the roll.

The third volume opens with the minutes of a "Regular Lodge held at the Bell Hotel, 24th June, 1842, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist," when twenty-six members and four visiting brethren, after the transaction of the business of the lodge, and the proposition of two candidates, partook of "the cup of cheerfulness and the bread of plenty."

The lodge prospered in its new location. In October we find it recorded that *ten* Apprentice Masons are passed to the second degree, and two initiated. On the 17th November it is resolved that a jewel be presented to each of the Past Masters of the lodge.

In December, a letter was read from Bros. W. Pullen and J. McMillan requesting the W. Master to sign an application they propose making to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant of Constitution for a new lodge in this city. Ordered that the Secretary acknowledge the receipt thereof, and the subject be taken into consideration at the next meeting; when the W.M. announced that "he and his Wardens had signed the memorial of Bros. Pullen and McMillan to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant of Constitution for a new lodge in this city."

Bro. Rising, Senior Steward, presents "four dozen beautiful cut firing glasses," for which the thanks of the lodge are awarded. Five days afterwards the Festival of St. John the Evangelist is celebrated, when there are forty-four members and seventeen visiting brethren present!

In 1843, 26th March, Bro. Bennett, J.W., occupies the Master's chair, and in the presence of three Past Masters, passes six brethren.

In 1844 Bro. Read presents the lodge with several Masonic works, which were placed in charge of a librarian, who is to lend them to any brother desirous of reading them. During the year twenty-four meetings are held.

In February, 1846, the first Masonic ball was given, at which four hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen of the city and county were present. In June a communication was read by the Secretary, entitled "a report of proceedings which had taken place at the Rein Deer," with respect to the formation of a new lodge to be called the Semper Fidelis, to be held at that inn, together with a petition to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant empowering them to meet as a regular lodge on the first Monday in each month, in accordance with the Constitution of Free and Accepted Masons; the communication stating that "they were induced to lay the matter thus publicly before the lodge from a desire to cultivate the most kindly feeling, and hoping to receive the sanction and concurrence of the lodge, not anxious or expecting to rival it, but to become as it were a handmaid to the mother lodge;" when it was resolved "to support the petition, and give entire concurrence to the efforts being made."

And in October, a communication from the Hon. Sec. of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 772, is read, enclosing the following resolution:—"That this lodge embraces the opportunity of its first meeting to record its high and grateful sense of the truly fraternal and Masonic conduct of the Worcester Lodge, No. 349, in at once acceding to the request of the promoters of this lodge, to recommend their application for a warrant of Constitution, and for the many instances which it has already received of friendly and fraternal feeling on the part of Lodge 349."

In 1849 the by-laws are once more revised.

The fourth volume of the minutes commenced in 1851. In that year the second Masonic ball is held, equally successful with the first.

In 1852, it was resolved that the stock of wine should be sold. It realised £85 3s. 9d.

A concert is given by the lodge in connection with Semper Fidelis Lodge, the proceeds, about £40, are divided between the Ophthalmic Institution, the Ladies' Charity, and the Benevolent Institution.

On Feb. 19th, the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Henry C. Vernon pays his first visit to the lodge.

In June, 1853, a proposition is read from Bro. Lechmere, W.M. of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, intimating his desire "that a Committee of the Worcester Lodge should be appointed to confer with a Committee of that lodge relative to the subject of building rooms for the common use of both lodges," when the W.M., Past Masters, and Wardens are appointed a Committee for this purpose.

In December, 1862, a letter is read from the W.M. of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, 772, proposing "that some monument should be erected to the memory of our late Bro. Past Master Bennett," when a committee is appointed to confer with the sister lodge upon the subject, which resulted in a memorial window in the Cathedral, by Lavers and Barraud, of London.

In 1863, the number of the lodge is altered from 349 to 280 on the register of Grand Lodge.

At the close of the year 1865, it is reported "that seven initiates and two joining brethren have been added to the roll of members, which now numbers *seventy-three* subscribing, *three* honorary, and *four* members abroad."

In Nov., 1855, W. Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, P.M. 273, and D. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, is elected as a joining member.

In December, 1858, a silver inkstand is presented to Bro. Griffiths, P.M., in recognition of his services as Treasurer.

In October, 1859, a Benevolent Fund is established at the suggestion of Bro. Woof, S.D., to be supported by collections after refreshment, and Bro. Griffiths presents a suitable box.

New by-laws, with historical notice by Bro. Woof, F.S.A., are printed.

The fifth volume of the records of the Worcester Lodge commences with the minutes of a meeting held 15th November, 1866, when a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, P.M. Griffiths, is passed; and it is resolved "that a testimonial be presented to him on his retirement, as an evidence of appreciation of his services as Treasurer for the past ten years." At a subsequent meeting an address, handsomely illuminated and emblazoned, together with a gold key, emblematic of his late office, were presented to Bro. Griffiths, with kindly expressions of gratitude and good will from the assembled brethren; and at his request, the lodge marks the occasion by making its successive Masters life Governors of the Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons in perpetuity. At this meeting, the Roll of members of the Worcester Lodge, from its commencement to the present time, compiled by Bro. Griffiths, and appended to this chronicle, was presented by him to the lodge, and the thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. Griffiths for this most useful and interesting record of information which had never before been collected.

In January, 1867, reference is again made to the beforementioned "Roll of Members," when it is resolved to print it, together with abstracts from the minute books and other information relative to the history of the Worcester Lodge, collected by P.M. Griffiths, and which formed the nucleus of the present book.

"Thus," says Bro. Griffiths, "have we arrived at the conclusion of the seventy-ninth year [1869] of the Worcester Lodge, during which period many brethren have passed in and out of its portals, let us hope with credit to themselves, benefit to their fellows, and advantage to the times in which they lived. And as it may be seen by the foregoing notes that some good has been achieved, and much more we trust that is not recorded here, let us humbly pray that the Worcester Lodge may still pursue its onward career in 'Faith, Hope, and, Charity,' endeavouring to do its duty in enlarging as far as possible the happiness of mankind, and

steadily preserving the tenets of our system in their purity and integrity, and heartily do we add—

'ESTO PERPETUA.'

MASONIC RED CROSS ORDER AND THE IMPERIAL CONSTANTINIAN ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE.

By R., 33°.

We may pass over in silence, the moderate historical pretensions of Bro. *Doric*, who now steps in; * for the present object is not to discuss literary merits, but to rescue an ancient chivalric Order from an unprincipled appropriation—not to pause to unravel the tawdry fabric of perverted history, as such, but to trace the progress of error, on a *moral* question.

R. W. L., unabashed by his evident discomfiture, again comes forward, and retracing his steps persistently refers, with an assumed confidence, to the "Statutes of the Red Cross Order, which contain information," † that the opponents of the "Order would do well to peruse before again rushing against the facts of its history."

R. W. L. also returns to the subject of the *conference* with Count Maffei, and somewhat rashly invites an inquiry, by reiterating his previous inferences. The Order of Constantine, he remarks, "is no longer a public one," and "I have consulted various works on Chivalry and the Orders of Knighthood, and am unable to find any evidence that the Order has been conferred except in Italy as a public Order, and in England as a Masonic degree since 1699." This writer seems to infer from the reticence of the Italian Count, that his master—not unreasonably ignored his own claims to the Order—that it might lawfully be appropriated as an honorary waif; and that as the suspected founder of the spurious Order—Walter Rodwell Wright, a consular agent, and the "friend" of two royal dukes—likewise a "Christian" and a "scholar," ‡ had been silent on the subject of descendants of Constantine existing in the island of Chio—that silence was "fatal to the latter's pretensions."

Repeating the caution attributed to him by Lupus, Bro. Hughan again breaks in on the principal disputants, with "words of counsel darken-

* "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror," April 16, 1869.

† London: G. Kenning, 1868.

‡ See R. W. L. *ante*.

ing knowledge." "Of late," says he, "the historical position of the Red Cross (?) has been called in question, by one of the Commissioners on behalf of the Grand Conclave of England." He has no doubt that these promoters of the spurious Order, on whom he depends, "will show the world that there is no deception in the case." He reverts to the doubts expressed by Lupus, and gives, or seems to give, as the unequivocal evidence to which he alluded, "A series of articles by Bro. R. W. Little," lastly, his struggle between conviction of the real truth, and a friendly desire to protect the deception results in the admission—that "None of the Masonic chivalric degrees *have any other* origin than Masonic, and *that* after the revival of Freemasonry A.D. 1717." In other words, he finds unequivocal evidence in the writings of Bro. R. W. Little, that the "Imperial, Ecclesiastical, and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine" is the true representative of the Imperial Byzantine Order of St. George, and that it is, at the same time, restricted at present, to Masonry; while, on the other hand, he discovers that there is no Masonic chivalric degree or Order (for that is the meaning) of higher antiquity than A.D. 1717. Thus on the one hand, he professes reliance on the foundation of the Order in England by the Abbé Giustiniani *ante* 1635, and on the other, equal reliance on the fact that there were no such Orders before 1717. But he recovers himself gradually, and proceeds to make the following sufficiently explicit admissions, presumably with the tacit consent of the promoters of the imposture.

"The Articles of 1813," says he, "do not say a word about Constantine, but as regards this . . . I leave it to my friend, Bro. Little, to answer; I only know that the Red Cross degree was that under H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex," &c.

"The Masonic Order called Constantine did *not* exist in the last century."

Bro. Hughan now throws his authority (R.W.L.) over, honestly admits his suspicion of deception; and recognises the necessity of the Grand Recorder producing some better authority than he has yet done.

Following this, is a further admission on the part of R. W. L., which is thus acknowledged by Lupus—"Bro. R. W. L.'s word is quite sufficient, that the ritual he possesses is in the handwriting of the well-known Mason, Bro. W. R. Wright.

. . . who had possibly, or even probably, compiled this ritual himself from a ritual of the old Masonic Red Cross Order, which was *not* called "Constantine;" and this is the document written within, probably, two years of 1811, which R. W. L. refers to when he says, "We now quote the words of an *old ritual*."

Archæologists know what is implied by *old* under such circumstances.

But Count Maffei had been already referred to, and his explanation reveals the fact, that his Excellency supposed that when holding the celebrated conference with Bros. Little and Busher,* "he was only receiving an application from a Masonic lodge, which is intitled the Red Cross of Constantine."

At this concluding stage of the argument or discussion, R.W.L., *i.e.*, The Grand Recorder of the Constantinian Order, not only retracts what he had all along persistently maintained, but goes a step farther, and in the face of his own published letters, assures us that he did not say so!

"I have on several occasions," says he, "stated that the Masonic Order of Constantine, has never claimed connection, with the (late) public Order belonging to the extinct kingdom of the two Sicilies; and as that Order has ceased to exist," &c.

"It is well-known that all Masonic Orders are based mainly upon tradition preserved in their rituals, and not upon actual historical proofs; and the same observation may be said to apply to the Red Cross Order," &c.

"The theory that the Abbé Giustiniani perpetuated the Order is . . . purely speculative, and does not account for its introduction as a Masonic degree."

"I am therefore quite content to accept the alternative which "Lupus" places before me, and to acknowledge that the Order must now rely upon its Masonic acceptance only."

Any admission more humiliating to a man of honourable feeling, it is not possible to conceive, for "R.W.L." owns to his identity, as the author whose name appears on the title page of the Statutes, of the spurious Order, and who, along with its *quasi* Grand Master, must be held responsible for the deception; and it is their imperative duty, to reduce forthwith, their present "Insignia," and erase from their Statutes,

* "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror," April, 23, 1870.

the obnoxious passages, which have unfortunately raised the Order from the level of puerility, to the unenviable eminence of imposture; an imposture too, be it remarked, previously practised, but with more apparent dignity, by the pretended last of the Commeni, who likewise never had any right to the "Order," as I shall proceed to show.

(To be Continued.)

OLD LODGE RECORDS.

By R. S.

(Continued from page 8.)

Galashiels, Decr. 27th, 1749.

Rols called; found absent Andrew Bald, who for his former absents is ordered by the lodge to be fined as in former sedurents, and orders the Box Master to speak to join to that effect.

The sd day John Dobson was chosen Preses by plurality of votes.

The sd day George Cairncross is continued Box Master, and to report his management next St. John's day, and in regard Hugh Cairncross, late Box Master, has not yet delivered up what was in his hand; he is herby ordered to pay it up with one year's intrest, and the sd intrest ay and while it is in his hand.

The commission to five for intrants continued.

The sd day George Dine was admitted in common form, and gave bill for one pound ten shillings Scots money, as his entry payable next St. John's day.

The sd John Dobson payed into the Box Master one pound ten shillings Scots as his entry money.

The sd day John Dobson and Hugh Cairncross are ordered to instruct George Dine in all the points of an Apprentice and Fellow Craft.

The sd day John Donaldson continued Clerk.

The sd day it is agreed that our meeting one St. John's day shall be at William Craig's, and it is herby ordered that a comitie on account of the Box and other deficients, shall meet at Galashiels upon the blank day of — to regulate affairs betwixt Hugh Cairncross and the lodge.

But at the same time there is found in the hands of George Cairncross the soume of —

There is found in Hugh Cairncross his hands the soume of thretty pounds nineteen shillings Scots money.

And it is further ordered that the meeting of the comitie supose apointed to-morrow, may be, and is hereby ordered at the first, second, and third day of Jany, failzing such day he is hereby ordered to come and answer all the demands of the lodge.

The sd day is found in the hands of George Cairncross the soume of three pounds Scots money and further orders that the soumes formerly mentioned are strictly to be observed, and failing to-morow, that on Saturday next in January, 1750, at which time he is to ajust his acmpts.

Singed (Signed) by John Dobson.

The comitie hereby ordered is James Bryson, yr., and elder, Willm. Craig, John Sanderson, and William Sanderson, and George Hunter, and Andrew Tomline to meet as directed.

And in case Hugh Cairncross does not attend to-morrow, in that case the comitie is to proceed according to their power and as justice requiring.

John Dobson.

The comitie met in William Craig's on Decr. 28th, 1749.

The sd day is found in the hand of George Cairncross, present Box Master in the Lodge of Galashiels the soume of 17 pound 2 shill. Scots money.

The sd day James Thomlyne (*Tomline*) was entered in common form, and is ordered to instruct him, Andrew Thomlyne, his father, and James Bryson, elder.

Galashiels, Decr. 27th, 1742.

Sedurent.

Rols called, and found absent George Hunter, Andrew Bald, Jeams Tomline, and Hugh Scot of Gala.

The sd day George Dun was chosen preses by plurality of votes.

The commission to five for intrants continued.

The sd day John Donaldson continued clerk.

The sd day Hugh Cairncross payed one pound Scots as interest of a bill in our custody.

The sd day found in the hands of George Cairncross present Box Master the soume of thretty-nine pound twelve shillgs. Scots, twenty pound therof in Hugh Cairncros's his hand for which bill.

The sd day George Cairncross continued Box Master, fines the absents as in former sedurents.

The meeting is hereby appointed to be in John Sanderson's next St. John's Day.

Then ordered that the Box Master shall pay presently to widow Cairncross the soume of three pound Scots now, which soume shall be allowed at counting in at the lodge.

Sedurent of Masons at Galashiels, Decr. 27th, 1751.

Rols called found absent Hugh Scot of Gala.

The sd day John Dobson was chosen preses by plurality of votes.

The comission to five for intrants continued, and the intrants to pay for his entry six pound Scots.

The sd day John Donaldson continued clerk.

The sd day George Hunter was appointed Box Master till next St. John's Day.

The sd day Hugh Cairncross payed into the Box Master one pound Scots money as intrest of a bill in our custody.

The sd day George Cairncross is ordered to pay in presently to widow Cairncross the soume of six pound Scots which is this day allowed out of the money now in his hand.

George Hunter.

The sd day there is found in the hands of George Cairncross, former Box Master, the soume of ten pounds twelve shill. Scots after deduction of the former six pounds.

The sd day there is found in the hands of George Hunter present Box Master, one pound Scots.

The next meeting to be at John Donaldson's, Memorandum that John Butler's apprentice is to be entred as usual.

Decr. 27th, 1752, sedurent of Masons at Galashiels.

Rols called found absent George and Hugh Cairncross, John Dobson, George Dun, George Hunter, John Butler.

The sd day James Tomline was chosen precess with plurality of votes.

The sd day James Bryson, yr., is chosen Box Master, and ordered to do all endeavours to get the money belonging to the lodge, and report next St. John's Day.

The commission to five for intrants continued, John Donaldson continued clerk.

The sd day Thomas Smith and William Halton were admitted in comon form, and payed into

Jeams Bryson, yr., present Box Master, each of them ten shillgs. sterling for their entry.

The meeting is to be at William Craig's next St John's Day, at which time reports are to be given in.

The lodge hereby appoints Jeams Bryson, yr., and Jeams Tomline to instruct the intrants both as apprentices and Fellow Craft.

The sd day Jeams Bryson, Box Master, is ordered to pay widow Cairncross five shillgs. sterling to supply present necessity, and if upon his finding that the sd widows straits are reall, he is further impoured to give other five shillgs. which shall be allowed by the lodge, in the meantime ordered to report next St. John's Day.

The sd day Gala sent two shillgs. to drink his health, but upon consideration there was one shillg. sterling given to the Box Master for strengthening the Box out of the two*

James Tomline.

(To be Continued).

EARS OF WHEAT FROM A CORNUCOPIA.

By Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, A.M., *Masonic University of Kentucky, U.S.; Hon. Corresponding Member of the Union of German Freemasons, and of the Rosicrucian Society of England; Hon. Fellow of the London Literary Union; one of the Grand Stewards in the Grand Lodge of Scotland; P.M. Lodge Scarborough, Tobago, West Indies; author of the "History of Mother Kälwinning," etc.*

DEUCHAR CHARTERS.

Our friend and brother, Wm. J. Hughan of Truro, has been made the medium of conveying the information "that there are several Deuchar warrants still in existence in Scotland, and which are still used to authorise the working of the degree by certain encampments in that country." It is right that the Craft should also know that persons dubbed under any such authority are not recognised as K.T.'s by the Grand Priory of Scotland.

These warrants were designated "Deuchar Charters," on account of Bro. Alexander Deuchar having been the chief promoter of the Grand Conclave and its first Grand Master. To his exertions also the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland may be said to have owed its origin. Bro. Deuchar, who was a distinguished member of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), appears

* An example worthy of imitation by our modern Masonic convivialists, (R.S.)

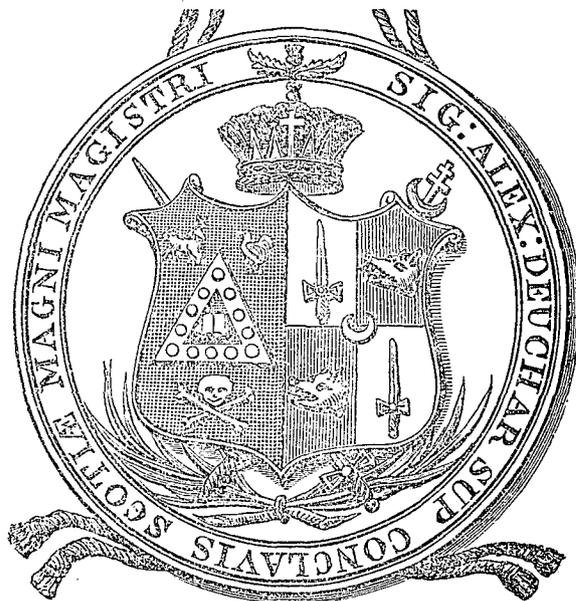
to have become acquainted with Knight Templary early in the present century through brethren who had been dubbed under a warrant emanating from Dublin and which was held by fraters serving in the Shropshire Militia. The members of this corps were quartered in Edinburgh in 1798; and in all probability it was through their instrumentality that the first Grand Assembly of Knights Templar was first set up in Edinburgh. Subsequently this gave place to the Grand Assembly of High Knight Templars in Edinburgh, working under a charter, No. 31, of the Early Grand Encampment of Ireland, of which in 1807 Bro. Deuchar was Grand Master. The Deuchar charters authorised Encampments to instal "Knights Templars and Knights of St. John of Jerusalem,"—one condition on which these warrants were held being "that no communion or intercourse shall be maintained with any chapter or encampment, or body assuming that name, holding meetings of Knights Templar under a Master Mason charter." In 1837, the most of these warrants were forfeited, and the encampments erased from the roll of the Grand Conclave, on account of not making the required returns.

May the reported working under these cancelled charters not be connected with the unauthorised and unrecognised Mason-making that is being carried on within the province of Glasgow and other places in the west of Scotland!

The following is a fac-simile of the seal which is attached to a charter at present in our possession.



It is of a more elaborate design than that of the Grand Priory, and bears at least one emblem with which brethren who have been dubbed under the modern system are unacquainted:—



THE GRAND PRIORY AND THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The nature of the connection which in Scotland subsists between Templars and Red Cross Knights will be understood when we mention that our priories or encampments are empowered by their charters to confer the following degrees, viz. :—
 “. . . *Primo* : To create Esquires of the Order, and instal Knight Templars. *Secundo* : To confer the Masonic degrees, first, of Knight of St. John of Jerusalem, now usually called Knight of Malta, with the preceding step known by the name of the Mediterranean Pass or Knight of St.



Paul; secondly, of Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine; and thirdly, of the Priestly Order of the Temple.” In the face of this authority we

were a few years ago favoured with a semi-official recommendation to refrain from conferring the Red Cross and Priestly degrees under the Knight Templar warrant. Seeing, however, that the charter authorises our working these degrees, and that although a member of the Grand Priory we have had no opportunity of expressing an opinion on any proposal to eliminate from the Priory's work either or both of the degrees in question, the Ayr Encampment continues conferring them as opportunity occurs.

While it is obligatory upon encampments to have the names of their intrants as Knight Templars recorded in the books of the Grand Priory, that body takes no cognisance of the other degrees farther than enacting that "When a Knight receives in addition the degrees of the Mediterranean Pass, Knight of Malta, Red Cross of Constantine, or Priestly Order of The Temple, the Secretary of the Encampment in which these are conferred shall write an attestation, that the candidate has obtained these, on the back of the certificate of registration." The sum of 5s. is charged for each additional step after that of K.T., and such admissions are recorded in the ordinary minute-book of the Priory. The preceding is a fac-simile of the seal of the Grand Priory of Scotland.

MASONIC JOTTINGS.—No. 28.

BY A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.
THE END OF ANCIENT MASONRY.

The end of Antient Masonry is thus described by Bro. Findel in his valuable history:—"Here then we are at the end of Ancient Masonry. The Operative Masons who for a long time past, had been gradually decreasing in numbers, now acknowledged that it was out of their power to continue the existence of their Fraternity any longer; they had fulfilled their mission by carefully preserving their Ancient laws, traditions and ceremonies, and transmitting them as a heritage to the Grand Lodge of England."

[See the Jotting FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, vol. 22, page 108.]

MYSTIC PANTHEISM.

To the poet, Mystic Pantheism is fascinating; to the Philosopher and true Freemason, it is insubstantial.

PROTOTYPE.

A young Masonic Student writes, that the old Lodge of Strasburg was the Prototype of the English Grand Lodge of 1717.

THE 1717 LODGE.

A Brother thinks that the authors of what was new in the 1717 Lodge, were the "Accepted Masons"—the Masons whom the Germans call Amateurs—Masons members of the old Operative Masonry Lodges.

A VALUELESS TRADITION.

A tradition of which there is no trace until a time when no living person could possess any reliable knowledge of the matter to which the tradition relates, is a valueless tradition.

THE UNION 1813.

The proceedings at the Union A.D. 1813, make part of our English Freemasonry.

BRO. FINDEL'S HISTORY.

A learned member of Grand Lodge, who has just read Bro. Findel's history, writes praising it highly, but not beyond its merit. Nevertheless, my correspondent thinks that the Germans will ultimately find the origin of Masonry, where they have found the origin of their language—in the far East.

FAITH—DEMONSTRATION.

There are some matters in which Faith necessarily supplies deficiency of Demonstration.

FREEMASONRY IN DENMARK.

(From a Correspondent.)

A rare occurrence recently took place viz., the celebrating the initiation of Bro. the Prince Bentheim into Freemasonry in the Zerubabel and Frederick Lodge at Copenhagen. After an initiation had been performed by the W.M., Bro. O. F. Olsen, the M.W. Grand Master for Denmark, Bro. Bræstrup, then entered the lodge, who was received in a most hearty and welcome manner. The M.W.G.M. acknowledged the compliment. He then drew the attention of the brethren to the very unusual circumstance of celebrating Bro. Prince Bentheim's initiation into Freemasonry in this lodge sixty years ago—a circumstance so very unusual, that he could not refrain from being present, although labouring under severe indisposition.

The Secretary then read the minutes from the lodge books, A.L. 5810, recorded at that time, viz., notice of motion, &c., and initiation. The M.W.G.M. then briefly conferred upon the Prince the tenth degree, when the Prince acknowledged the honour in a short pathetic manner. The M.W.G.M. then retired. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. then drew the attention of the brethren to the presence

of a visitor whom they were, and he believed they always would, be pleased to see amongst them one whom they must acknowledge as representing the Grand Lodge of England, viz., Bro. John Denton, of Leeds. He then called upon the brethren to assist him in giving Bro. D. the usual Masonic hearty welcome. Bro. D., in responding on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England and himself, stated it was highly gratifying to him to be present on such an unusual occasion. Probably no brother now here would be able to assist at another such festival. For the eulogium paid to the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. D. thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the high compliment to it; and as British institutions were the pioneers of great and good works, so he trusted would all those be good and wise who trod in their steps. As time was fast advancing, and the banqueting hall was awaiting their presence to partake of the good things provided for them, he would not detain them by any lengthy remarks, but there was one circumstance which had come to his knowledge that evening, and which he considered it his bounden duty to bring before their notice—a circumstance which appeared to him so vital to the whole Masonic body that he could not refrain from dwelling upon the subject, and without further preface. Some three or four years ago an initiation took place in this lodge. The brother received a certificate, travelled to America, was never able to obtain admission into a lodge, although armed with a proper certificate. And why was he not able to get admission into a lodge? Because, according to this system, the initiate receives the word in the 2nd. According to the practice in England, America, India, China, Japan, Australia, the Cape, and and some parts of Europe, &c., and the initiate's certificate shows him to be only an initiate, although by his actions it would appear that he was already advanced to the 2nd, apparently demonstrating him to be an impostor. We as Masons state that Freemasonry is universal; if so, then the S's, T's, and W's should be one and the same throughout the habitable globe. Bro. D. then entreated their Grand Lodge and those working under this constitution to commence in good earnest to adopt the English system of S's, T's, and W's. As they all would acknowledge, Freemasonry was transplanted from England to the Continent during the last century—to some kingdoms earlier than others. He would ask how it was that this dissimilarity arose? Why it arose partly in this manne. Just one person, then another, introduced a system of working according to his fancy. Adherents were, hence the different systems arose. He would state in Hamburg alone there were three different systems worked; and in conclusion thanked them for their kind indulgence in paying such marked attention to his remarks.

The lodge was then closed by uniting in one unbroken chain.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

Notes and Queries of last week contains several items relating to Masonry and kindred subjects, which we reproduce:—

MASONS' MARKS.

At the last meeting of the *Suisse Romande Historique*

Society, held at Lausanne on the 9th June, an interesting paper was read on this subject. A number of sketches were produced, taken from old houses at Geneva and in Savoy, &c. Some of the cuttings were in the shape of armorial bearings, the shields being generally divided in four parts. But the majority of the marks were only lines resembling the signs made by the sails of the old telegraphs.—JOHN HENRY DIXON, in *Notes and Queries*.

KNIGHTHOOD.

Has it ever been suggested to carry out the publication periodically, in one of the principal European capitals, of an official international record of all recognised orders of knighthood, the reliability of which should be guaranteed by the various governments, and in which dormant and extinct orders should, as such, also be included, so that others beyond this record should be clearly defined and separated by the fact of their not being named? At present there is much confusion of ideas on the subject, and very frequently we see an inferior but critical mind reject that which the superior in all moral respects accepts, with an ingenuous faith that contasts strangely with the business habits and usual shrewdness of the decorated. Most works on this subject are singularly inaccurate, and in one (Clark's), at least, even "The Round Table" is seriously given as an "ancient order," along with a list of knights who never existed but in the romances of chivalry. Just as though, in a "History of Naval Commanders," or "Celebrated Voyagers," we should find, beside Columbus, Vasco de Gama, &c., Sindbad the sailor.—SP. in *Notes and Queries*.

ST. ALBAN AND FREEMASONRY.

Can any of your Masonic readers tell me where I can find any information confirmatory of the supposed connection between St. Alban, the proto-martyr of England, and the Freemasons? In the Book of Constitutions, compiled by order of the Grand Lodge in 1784, it is mentioned that St. Alban aided Carausius in building Verulam, and that he obtained from the king a charter for the Freemasons to hold a general council, and was thereat himself as G. Master, and helped to "make Masons, and gave them good charges and regulations."—E. A. H. L. in *Notes and Queries*.

BARON HOMPEsch.

The Baron was the last Grand Master of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and the Maltese Cross of the 60th Rifles displays the knightly badge of its first colonel. In the chivalrous spirit of feudal times this corps would possibly have been preferred as the legitimate representative of the Order—considering the genuine nature of its encampment and military services—to any of those recent *langues* that have assumed the representation.—S. in *Notes and Queries*.

MARTINISME.

I am not sure of the date of the work of Xavier de Maistre; but if it appeared during the reign of Louis XVIII., the term Martinisme was probably used to designate the revelations and prophecies of the peasant Martin, which he detailed in his interview with the king in the year 1816. The reader is referred to two works, very curious and interesting on the subject:—"Relation des événements qui sont arrivés à Thomas Martin, laboureur à Gallardon, en Beauce,

dans les premiers mois de 1816." Paris, L. F. Hivert, 1831. And "Le Passé et l'Avenir expliqués par des évènements extraordinaires arrivés à Thomas Martin," &c. Paris, ed. Bricon, 1832.—F. C. H.

Allow me to quote myself:—"Martinisme, the name given to a sect or society of mystics, who acknowledged as their chief a Portuguese Jew named Martinez de Pasquilis (1710-1779). The most distinguished of the Martinists was the Frenchman Louis Claude de St. Martin (1743-1803), who styled himself 'le Philosophe inconnu.' He has left several works. See M. Caro's 'Essai sur la Vie et la Doctrine de St. Martin,' Paris, Svo, 1852; and M. Matter's 'St. Martin, sa Vie et ses Ecrits,' Paris, Svo, 1862."—Clarendon Press Series, "French Classics," v. 250.—GUSTAVE MASSON, Scholæ Hergensis Bibliotheca.

BOOKS ON MAGIC AND SECRET SCIENCES.

[From the catalogue of the *Librairie Bachelin-Deflorenne*.]

Boissardi (Jani Jac.) De Divinatione et magicis præstigiis. *Oppenheimii* (1615), in-fol. avec un grand nombre de belles gravures par Joh. Th. De Bry. Veau anc.

Cedula ritrovata nelle scritte di Andrea Ognibene dopo la sera mort, de verbo ad verbum, acqua secreta. Anno millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo secundo (1522) in-4 demi-rel. maroquin vert. [A curious MS. on fifty sheets of paper.]

La Clavicule de la science hermétique écrite par un habitant du Nord dans ses heures de loisir. *Amsterdam*, 1751, in-12, veau, doré sur tranche, orné de 63 dessins à la sépia de sujets alchimiques et emblématiques très-bien exécutés.

Gli Documenti chimici in cui si vedon li Miracoli di questa grand arte in ogni e qualonque genere chiaramente si dimostrano, in-4, veau. (Alchymical Manuscript, 16th century: "Delicie storiche e stupori (stupori) di natura del Maidelechino trovati in Venetia.")

Livio (Agrippa). Tre Tavole, una per sapere quali sono gli anni climaterici, l'altra per sapere qual planeta domina, canto l'hore della notte, &c. In-fol. d.-rel. n. rogn. (16th century MS.)

Magia criptographica de clandestina scriptione, solvitur aqua allumen, &c., in-4, maroquin vert ancien. (Manuscript of 100 pages of the 16th century.)

Marchi (Capit. Francesco de). Della Architettura militare, nelli quali si descrivono li veri modi del fortificare. *Brescia*, 1899, gr. in-fol. veau marbré, dent. *Le dernier feuillet a un léger raccommodage*).

Himmels Lauf, Wickung und natürliche Influenz der Planeten, Gestirn und Zeychen auss grund der Astronomiei. *Franckfort. Egenolph* 1564, in-4, orné d'un grand nombre de figures sur bois, d'astronomie, &c., dans le genre de Josse Amman, br.

THE GERMAN THEORY—CERTAIN WORDS.

Brother J. C. L.—Although all devoted to Masonic literature do not adopt the German theory, yet all condemn and deplore what must be considered the vulgar, because trite, contemptuous, and in such a case altogether unfitting words which, not very long ago, were used in relation to it.

In future discussion it will be well for all to bear in mind that words are thought to betoken the class to which the individuals employing them belong.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

SOME THINGS WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE FREEMASONRY WHICH IS UNIVERSAL, ABSOLUTELY.

The ensuing is a copy of one of the many papers prepared by me for the columns of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, but which, in consequence of the want of room, were never inserted.* The paper was occasioned by passages in sundry numbers of our periodical, † 1868, 1869, which had attracted the attention of a very distinguished brother. It is in compliance with his request that the paper is now made public.

My answers to the nine questions of Bro. * * * :—

1. The use of the Sacred Books of a Positive Religion at the Ceremony for the Establishment of a Freemasonry is inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely.

2. The designation in the said ceremony of the Sacred Books of a Positive Religion as "the Light of our Faith," is inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely.

3. The official services in the said ceremony of Ecclesiastics of a Positive Religion is inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely.

4. The solemn and reverend exposition in the Lodge of the Sacred Books of a Positive Religion is inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely.

5. The recommendation of the Sacred Books of a Positive Religion to the most serious contemplation of the newly initiated, and the charge that he should consider them as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and regulate his actions by the Divine precepts that they contain, are inconsistent with the Freemasonry, which is universal absolutely.

6. The institution of the Ecclesiastic of a Positive Religion as Lodge Chaplain is inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely.

7. Processions to the Sacred Edifices of a Positive Religion to join in the prayers of a Positive Religion, and to hear the discourse of an Ecclesiastic of a Positive Religion, and the sacred music of a Positive Religion are inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely.

8. The teaching in the Freemasonry schools of any religion except Natural religion is inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely.

Lastly—The solicitation, accumulation, and appropriation of monies for the erection and support of schools in which any religion except natural religion is taught are inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely.

There was appended to this paper a statement of the Obligation pronounced by Dr. Hemming, and repeated by the whole fraternity with joined hands on the occasion of the Union, A.D. 1813. The statement bore the date, December, 1813, and was followed by numerous remarks, ascertained to be those of a brother who died, at an advanced age, nearly fifty years ago. Search has been made for the statement and

* All these papers were some time ago added to my Masonic Collection in the Library of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn.

† Contrary to my usual practice, I have made no memorandum of the numbers.

remarks, but without success.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

[We now insert the above at the special request of our R.W. Bro., and solely as the opinions of Bro. C. P. Cooper.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents

APPOINTMENT OF PROV. G. STEWARDS.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—On reading the report in the *Magazine* last week of the installation of Earl Ferrers as W.M. of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge (No. 779), I was much gratified to learn from the speech of the Prov. G.M. for Leicestershire and Rutland that "It was his intention in future to allow each year six of the lodges in the province in rotation to nominate one of their members to him for appointment as Provincial Grand Steward" I trust such an agreeable regard for the wishes of members of lodges will be duly appreciated, and that the example will be followed by other Provincial Grand Masters.

As the Steward's apron is frequently followed by the purple [?], I am sure the brethren of lodges in many provinces would feel more satisfied than they do now with the distributions of the purples, could they have some little influence when the selections are made for these honours, or could have a voice in their bestowal. In many instances neither the Provincial G. Master nor his deputy visit the lodges under their *guidance* for several years, and the consequence is that they know nothing of the qualifications of the Masters, the purples are bestowed without regard to Masonic proficiency or the wishes of the members of lodges, and uniformity of working is not observed.

This latter might be done to a far greater extent did the brethren in authority more frequently visit the lodge under their control, and did the Provincial Grand Masters give the lodges generally an opportunity of recommending brethren for provincial honours.

Yours fraternally,

July 11th, 1870. A. P.M. Province of Kent.

MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

At the Grand Lodge banquet at New York on the evening of the great Masonic celebration, 8th ult. the toast of "Masonic Sovereignty" was ably spoken to by M.W. Bro. Richard Vaux, P.G.M. of Pennsylvania, who asserted that those who would dare to invade the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge ought to meet the fate of the Grand Orient of France. He referred to the troubles in Canada, and trusted and implore the Grand Lodge of New York to consider well their action before deciding a question of so great an importance as the disruption of a sister Grand Lodge.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held at the Apollo Hall on the 7th ult. On the officers taking their places, St. Cecile Lodge sang an ode to the tune of "God Save the Queen." On motion, all Master Masons in good standing were admitted. The Grand Master's address touchingly alluded to the death of Bro. R. D. Holmes. It was announced that seven dispensations for new lodges had been granted, while seventeen applications had been refused. One part of the address disposed of a fallacy which many believe who are inimical to Masonry, namely, that a Mason will try to screen a brother, no matter what his crime. The Grand Master said, "In a certain case in this State a Mason was called as a witness, and he stated on oath that the character of the 'brother' and of his wife were such that he would not believe them under oath. For this his lodge suspended him, and he appealed to the Grand Master, who held that the brother did right. He told the truth, and his lodge suspended him; had he told a falsehood he would also have been suspended, so that he stood between two fires. The action of his lodge was reversed, and he was restored to his rights." The Grand Master took occasion to say that nothing in Masonry caused a man to go behind his duty as regarded the laws of the land. Many believed that a juror who was a Mason should not find a brother guilty. This was not the case. A king of France once said, in reply to a deputation of nobles who came to him to beg the life of one of their fraternity condemned to death for crime, on the ground that it would disgrace the nobility, that the disgrace was in the crime, not in the Order, and the noble was executed according to his sentence. This should be the way with Masonry; the crime was the disgrace, and had had its own punishment; the fraternity could not be disgraced by a criminal. A question was submitted as to the right of an alien to be initiated even if he had been in the country the necessary twelve months. The decision was in the affirmative. The Grand Master concluded his address by remarking that the relations with sister States were satisfactory, although they still held no communication with the Grand Lodges of France and Hamburg.

The Secretary's report showed receipts 65,598 dols.; lodges in good standing, 643; initiates during the year, 7,609; whole number of members, 74,070.

The Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund presented a cheering report. Some amendments to the constitution were introduced and adopted.

Bro. John H. Authon was elected Grand Master by a large majority.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana is in debt to the amount of 100,000 dols., for which "Grand Lodge Bonds" have been issued.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

** All communications to be addressed to the EDITOR, at No. 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, W.C.

MASONIC MEMS.

THE first meeting of the Keystone Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 109), is announced to be held in the Masonic Hall, Back-street, Newport, Monmouthshire, on Monday, the 28th inst., at 2.30 p.m.; Bro. the Rev. Charles Lync, D. Prov. G.M., is the W.M. designate, and Bro. W. Williams, Secretary. The business will include the consecration and dedication of the lodge, installation of W.M., the appointment and investiture of officers and the advancement of candidates. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary. Six names are on the summons as joining members, and twenty-eight candidates for advancement. The brethren are desired to appear in Masonic mourning for the late R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Rolls. A banquet will be held at 5.30 at the Kings' Head, Hotel.

THE Hervey Chapter has been removed from the George Hotel, Walham-green, to the Britannia, Fulham-road.

THE fifteen sections were worked in the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (No. 174), held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Railway Station, on Monday, the 11th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. Barnes, W.M. 554, P.M. 933, at 7 p.m.

THE next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at the Bull Inn, Dartford, on the 27th inst.

THE meeting of Supreme Council will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday next. Further information can be obtained at 33, Golden-square.

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

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL will be held at the Concert-hall, in the new Public Rooms, at Truro, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at ten o'clock in the morning, when the business of the province will be transacted. At twelve o'clock the brethren will walk in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a sermon is to be preached by Bro. the Rev. F. B. Paul, Prov. G. Chap. After the service the procession will be re-formed and will proceed to the Masonic Hall, which will be dedicated in ancient form by the R.W. Bro. Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M. There will be a banquet in the Concert-hall at three o'clock. Brethren attending from distant places will be able to travel over the Cornwall and West Cornwall lines at single fare for the double journey.

THE following is the order of the business at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, to be held at Dartford, on Wednesday, the 27th inst.:—To confirm the minutes of last Provincial Grand Lodge; the election of Prov. G. Treasurer; the appointment of the Provincial Grand Officers for the year ensuing. The following notices of motion have been received:—A grant of £50 to the Royal Benevolent Institution Female Fund, and two grants, of £5 and £20 respectively, to distressed brethren; that by-law No. 14 be altered by adding after the words "make enquiry," in line 4, the following words, "in writing of the W.M. of the lodge;" and after the word "under," in line 6, the words "who is to reply in writing."

TYLERS of Lodges, Janitors of Chapters, Equerries of Encampments, &c., in England, Scotland, and Ireland, are requested to forward their names and addresses to the Publisher of THE FREEMASONS'S MAGAZINE, so that a complete Register and Directory may be compiled.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ANNUAL SUMMER FETE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Annual Summer *fete* of the above Institution was held in the School Grounds and Buildings, Wood Green, Tottenham, on Friday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

A variety of amusements were provided in the grounds, but owing to the excessive heat of the weather they did not attract any of the guests till the evening, and from the same cause, no doubt, the athletic sports by the boys were also deferred.

All seemed to prefer examining the interior arrangements of the building, every part of which was deliciously cool. During the morning a selection of airs was played by the band kindly provided by Bro. Capt. G. Plucknett, *V.P.*

The cheerful, cleanly, and well-conditioned appearance of the boys was the theme of universal admiration, their happy and contented mien contrasting strongly with the usual appearance of the inmates of charitable institutions.

The first part of the programme consisted of an overture and a march on the organ in the dining hall.

Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution, said he hoped it would not be considered out of place if, on behalf of the committee of the Institution, he made a few introductory remarks. He expressed the great gratification they felt at the large number of ladies and gentlemen who were there on the present occasion. Coming year after year, they feared that the monotony, to a certain extent inseparable from such affairs, would cause a considerable diminution in the numbers attending, and it had been a subject of considerable anxiety to the committee how to vary their arrangement. However, the brilliant gathering, they witnessed notwithstanding the heat of the weather, and the season of the year being unfavourable, was a gratifying proof to them that their exertions were not entirely unappreciated. Their young friends were now about to separate, and proceed to their homes in various parts of the country, some of them for the last time, and it was to be hoped that the benefits they had received while in the Institution would have an enduring and beneficial effect upon their future career. It was the object of the Institution to provide a sound education for the sons of brethren who had died, or whose circumstances rendered them unable to provide it from their own means. It was a source of gratification to the committee, as it must be to the brethren and subscribers generally, to witness the steady progress made by the pupils. This progress, he said, was a convincing proof of the efficiency of the present staff of the School, and they could not do less than express a sense of gratitude to the head master and his assistants. Last year, he said, they were, through sickness and other untoward circumstances, only able to send three boys to the Cambridge local examination. Out of these one passed with honours, and the other two met with the commendation of the examiners. This year they had adopted the bold course of submitting to the Oxford local examination the whole of the first-class boys, nineteen in number, out of which no less than fourteen passed with honours, a clear evidence that the "cranning" system had not been resorted to, whereby the larger portion of the pupils are neglected in order to make a brilliant show in one or two instances. Bro. Binckes felt it necessary to make some apology for his constant appearance before the Craft for the past nine years. It was, he felt, his duty to constantly pursue one point, and to persistently dilate upon one theme. He had but one subject to speak upon—that was to provide the means wherewith to render this school efficient. The want was urgent, and the glorious result he believed could never have been accomplished if he had not been persistent; and both himself, the

committee of the Institution, and the brethren generally, might join in mutual congratulations at the success which had attended their endeavours.

Bro. Binckes then presented the boys entitled to receive the prizes awarded in the classical department, which were presented to each recipient by the chairman, Col. Francis Burdett, with a few appropriate words of commendation and advice in each instance.

In the upper form prizes of the value of 21s. each were awarded for Classics to G. W. Martin; Mathematics, to W. Rumblow. G. W. Martin also took the prizes for Modern Languages and English.

In the first class, three prizes value 15s. each, were awarded to W. B. Redgrave for Classics, Mathematics, and Modern Languages; and to A. F. Wallbridge for English.

In the second class, J. Spicer carried off prizes for Classics and Modern Languages, while E. E. Earle took those for Mathematics and English.

Bro. Binckes then announced that to relieve the monotony of the proceedings, Madame Thaddeus Wells (who had generously given her services gratuitously) would sing the Romanza, "Non è ver"—Tito Mattei. Francis Treleaven, one of the pupils, gave a recitation, "The Arab to his steed." Madame Thaddeus Wells then gave in exquisite taste, Bro. Ganz's celebrated "Nightingale's Trill," and the interlude concluded with a recitation in French by two pupils—E. Price Jones taking the part of La Rissolle, and W. A. Glass that of Martin. Their pronunciation was clear and well-defined, and the humorous sketch was given with good effect, which showed that they had not only got the words by rote, but were able to enter into the spirit of the author.

Bro. Binckes then came forward and announced that the prizes in the Commercial Department would now be distributed. He proceeded to explain the reason which induced the committee to separate the school into divisions—classical and commercial. This course, he said, was adopted to meet the views of different brethren, and also to give the boys an opportunity of improving themselves in those branches of education for which, by their natural talents, they were best adapted. The prizes in the Commercial Department were then distributed as follows: |

First Class.—Prizes 10s. each. Those for arithmetic and writing both fell to C. F. H. Palmer; while two prizes for history and geography, and another for English were awarded to O. Smith.

Second Class.—Prizes value 7s. 6d. To J. Marjason fell that for arithmetic; to A. M. Barnes, two prizes for history, geography, and English; and to J. E. Stead for writing.

In the Preparatory Class, A. J. Walkington took the prize of 5s. for general proficiency; and F. Treleaven the silver medal for good conduct (presented at the Anniversary Festival in March last by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales). The prize for efficiency as a monitor, of the value of one guinea, was gained by a rather diminutive pupil, who had previously taken the prizes in the first class—W. B. Redgrave.

Bro. Chevalier de Kontski then took his seat at the piano, and delighted the audience with one of his truly wonderful performances on the piano, giving an "Andante" variation of Beethoven.

Bro. Braid, S.W. of Urban Lodge No. 1,196, sang the Death of Nelson, accompanying himself on the piano.

E. P. Jones gave a recitation in German, "Ritter Paris."

Bro. Chevalier de Kontski again seated himself at the piano, and with Bro. Edersheim, P.M., Leigh Lodge No. 957, on the violin, gave a most charming duet.

In introducing the recipients of the special prizes, presented

by private donors, Bro. Binckes introduced H. Powell who had gained the "Canonbury Gold Medal," value £4 4s., the gift of Bro. Rev. Dr. Cox, (presented at the festival). This prize it was explained was believed to be unique. It is awarded by the boys themselves as a token of their respect and admiration of their fellow pupils, the election being entirely un-biased. It was gained by the present recipient by a large number of votes.

E. P. Jones, then came forward to receive the prize of £5 5s., given by Bro. W. Winn, V.P., to the pupil who passed with the greatest credit at the Oxford Local Examination in June, 1870. The same pupil also returned to receive Bro. Dr. Cox's prize of 21s. for proficiency in German, and also two more prizes given by Dr. Goodwin for Latin and French respectively, value 21s. each. The repeated approach of this youth to the chairman's table was greeted with cheers and applause both from the audience and from his fellow pupils. The prizes for drawing, appropriately consisting of two boxes of colours, and a case of drawing instruments of the value of 21s. each, were awarded to R. Tippetts Richardson for painting, G. W. Martin, for shading, and W. Dawson for architectural drawing.

Bro. Binckes, drew attention to the specimens of the skill of the pupils with which the dining hall and school rooms were decorated. When it is taken into consideration that but two years have elapsed since drawing was first taught in the school, and also that only two or three hours weekly are devoted to instruction in this branch of education, the whole of the specimens were creditable alike to master and pupils. Bro. Silvester the drawing master, had informed Bro. Binckes that during the whole of his experience he never met with more apt pupils, and it was worthy of notice that the drawing master himself gave these prizes. Among the water colour drawings the most noticeable, were views of the schools, copied from the chromolithographs, published by Bro. Lewis and M. Mason, by Hamson, Dawson and Packer. A sea piece by Dawson, also attracted favourable notice. Some floral sketches were very well executed, as were some appropriate and tasteful mottoes and devices, to which the names of Graham, Isborn, Jones and Hanham, were appended.

The prizes for writing, it was explained, were usually two in number, of the value of 21s. and 10s. 6d. respectively, but on this occasion, it was explained, that so diligent had been many the pupils that the Master was unable to select the best from as many as six specimens. Finding himself in this difficulty he felt it would be better to refer to the committee, who were equally unable to make any award. It was, therefore, deemed that the only equitable way to get out of the difficulty was to award prizes of 21s. each to the whole of the six candidates whose specimens were selected. There were accordingly awarded to E. C. Isborn, C. F. H. Palmer, W. R. Gondre, E. E. Earle, G. W. Martin, and W. B. Redgrave.

E. P. Jones took the first prize of 21s., for dictation; the second (10s. 6d.) falling to the share of E. C. Isborn. In history, A. T. Wallbridge took first prize; and E. P. Jones, second. Geography and mapping, Geo. Martin first, and E. P. Jones, second. Attention to studies, W. A. Glass took first prize, and J. R. Martin second. For general proficiency, E. P. Jones took the prize, and also first prize for mental arithmetic; the second being awarded to G. H. Denton. Two prizes were given for proficiency in drill, which were awarded to J. R. Martin and O. Smith.

The selection of the various prizes reflected the greatest credit upon the taste and judgment of the committee, and being spread out on a table for the inspection of the visitors, elicited the admiration of all.

After the prizes (except that for elocution) had been distributed, Claudius J. Jones and W. R. Glass gave a recitation from Julius Caesar, Act, i., sc. 2, the former taking the part of Brutus, and the latter that of Cassius.

The prize for elocution, value £2 2s., presented by Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, V.P., was then awarded. The selection of the winner was left to Bro. Binckes, who announced the name of Percy Banks, which was received with considerable signs of approbation.

At the conclusion of the distribution, Bro. Binckes remarked that amongst the list of prize takers there was one name more prominent than all others—that of E. P. Jones—who was just about to leave the Institution. Although his young friend had taken so many prizes, he felt assured that his success had ex-

cited no feeling of envy amongst his fellow pupils. The fact was he might have won many more; but, with a manly spirit, he had withdrawn from competition in several subjects, considering it scarcely fair to others who were not equally qualified. He had acted with a noble spirit, which, he was happy to say, prevailed in the school, and which he hoped ever would. Although he had gained so many prizes, the committee could not do otherwise than award him the prize for general efficiency in every branch of his studies. He hoped the encouragement he had that day received would excite this talented youth to still greater exertion, in whatever position in life he might be placed.

Bro. Col. Burdett then thanked the committee for having placed him in the position of chairman on the present happy occasion, although he would have preferred that some one more competent than himself had undertaken the important duties which had devolved upon him. He stated that although the Institution was not new to him in name, this was the first time he had visited it. He had examined carefully into the interior economy of the Institution; he had visited the dormitory, the kitchen, the laundry, and had found the greatest order throughout all; and so far as consistent with the comfort of the pupils, the strictest economy in all the details of the management. He considered that great credit was due to the committee. He was also pleased to see the excellent discipline observed, without which, he said, so large an establishment could not be successfully conducted with order and regularity. He was pleased to see the progress the pupils had made in their studies, and particularly so with the excellent writing of the pupils—a branch of education which he considered most important. They had, he observed, been instructed upon what he considered the correct principle; they were first taught to write legibly, then, afterwards, rapidly and beautifully. Their religious instruction, he was pleased to see, had not been neglected. Education was nothing without moral training, and sometimes education without religion proved a curse instead of a blessing. He could not conclude his remarks without expressing his thanks to the musical brethren, and to Madame Thaddeus Wells. Their services, so kindly and freely given, had added much to the pleasure of the day. Although his time was much occupied by his magisterial and other duties, he intended to frequently repeat his visits to the Institution in which, from this time, he should ever take a special interest.

Bro. Head, V.P., proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, and carried by acclamation. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Dr. Goodwin for the interest he had taken in the School.

The Rev. Dr. Goodwin thanked the ladies and gentlemen present for the kind approval of his services. He had taken a great interest in this school. He could tell them with pleasure that there was no similar institution in the country in which the standard of education was higher than within these walls. He had for three years past examined the boys in different subjects—the first year in arithmetic and mathematics, the second in English and composition, and the present year in Latin and French, and in all the subjects he found they were proficient, and the result was a pleasing reward for his services—a reward even greater to him than their present kind appreciation of his services to the Institution.

Bro. Head then rose to propose a vote of thanks to the head master, Bro. Furriar, and his staff of assistants. As a member of the committee, he could say that for many years they had great trouble with their head masters; but he was pleased to say that since the accession of the present occupant of that office for the past three or four years they had not one word of complaint to make. He therefore considered that Bro. Furriar and his assistants deserved the sincere and hearty thanks of the committee and also of the subscribers to the Institution.

Bro. Furriar replied on behalf of himself and his assistants. He had worked hard to promote the efficiency of the School, and he had been rewarded with success. That success, he said, would form the basis of a higher standard for the future, and he would work harder and harder still to merit their continued approval. On behalf of himself and his staff of assistants he returned thanks.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed that the thanks of the company be presented to the matron, Miss Hall. That the boys looked so happy and so contented he said was a source of the greatest pleasure to the committee, as also to the whole of the Craft. He had seen so much of the kindness of Miss Hall to those under her charge that he had no hesitation in proposing a

vote of thanks to that lady for the efficient manner in which she had looked after the welfare of the children.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. F. Binckes, said that brother had performed his duties on the present occasion, as he always did—energetically. His exertions to remove the incubus of debt under which the Institution laboured were such that it would be a gross dereliction of duty on his part if he did not tender his best thanks to Bro. Binckes for his great perseverance.

Bro. Binckes briefly replied. The time for retiring to the collation was near at hand, and he would not now detain them, but he purposed to enter more into detail at a later period in the day.

The company then adjourned to an elegant cold collation which had been tastefully set out in the Gymnasium, and which included every delicacy of the season; in proof of which it is only necessary to say that it was served by Bro. Gosden, of the Masons' Hall Tavern.

On the removal of the cloth, the Chairman proposed "The Queen and the Craft." Her Majesty had for many years been a patron and a liberal subscriber to the Institution. The ladies, he was sure, would join heartily in the toast, and he was sure, with their support, the toast would also be heartily drunk by the gentlemen.

The Chairman then proposed "Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." His Royal Highness, he said, was not only one of the Craft, but he supported it by his presence at the various institutions.

The toast was cordially drunk.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart then rose to propose "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Col. F. Burdett," a brother who had taken a deep interest in the prosperity of the Institution. He was proud to see him in the position of chairman to this distinguished assembly. He considered that Bro. Col. Burdett could not have done a wiser thing, as Provincial Grand Master of the important province of Middlesex, than identify himself with this noble Institution, by taking the chair on the present occasion, the more so as the Institution was situated within his province. He considered the Grand Master had made no mistake in placing the brother who occupied the chair that day to preside over so important a province as Middlesex. He was assured that he would conduct the affairs of the province upon the right principle. He knew that it was his intention to request the lodges within his province to be careful as to whom they admitted into the Order. By so doing there would be less distress amongst Masons, and they would then be enabled to give relief whenever called upon.

The Chairman, whose rising was the signal for hearty and continued cheering, said that the difficult duties he had to perform that day were trifling in comparison to that which now he had to perform—to return thanks for the kind manner with which they had received the toast of his health. He had come that day with a sincere desire to benefit the Institution, and he was assured that all had done so with the same design. This was the first time he had visited the institution, which, however, was not new in name to him. He had for many years supported it as a subscriber, but his many occupations—parochial, magisterial, &c.—had prevented him from visiting the establishment before. He was highly gratified with the appearance of the boys, and he hoped that their eventual position in life would be a credit to themselves and to the Institution from which they obtained their education. He hoped that those about to leave the School would not relax their endeavours, and he felt that if they carried forward in their career through life the same energy and perseverance, he could not despair of seeing some one or other of them attaining the highest positions in the social scale.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox then rose to propose "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." In doing so he hailed with delight the appearance amongst them of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. He fully endorsed the good wishes of that worthy brother for the welfare of the children in the school, and he desired to see them fitted to take that position in life to which they would have been entitled had the parents been spared, or had not fallen into indigent circumstances. He had long taken a deep interest in the School, and he was happy to say that early in the career of the Institution he saw the necessity for improvement, and the desirability of gathering together the pupils under one roof. They had many obstacles and difficulties to contend with; he had the pleasure of witnessing the laying the foundation stone of the

present noble pile of buildings. Great, however, as had been the success of the Institution, he was not yet satisfied with what had been done. They had incurred a heavy debt, but he hoped that in a very short time they should be in a position to declare themselves free from every obligation except that which every Mason in his heart had sworn to fulfil. They had seen to-day that some of their pupils were gifted with talent in no ordinary degree, and it was his wish that they should have the same scope for their abilities which their former position in life would have afforded them. He would, he said, give no rest to his eyelids, nor to the soles of his feet until funds had been raised to found exhibitions to the two Universities, and thus give a practical exemplification of the fact that there is something more in Masonry than a mere name, and that is based upon the volume of the Sacred Law, and that the foundations of its principles are brotherly love, relief, and truth. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of this praiseworthy and excellent Institution.

Bro. Binckes, in replying, said that as he had during the proceedings in the dining hall, when his name had been mentioned in the dining hall, he had promised to treat them gently and make his remarks brief on that occasion, that promise might be held out as a threat. But his feelings had been since considerably mollified, and he would try to be gentle now. After all said and done, this annual gathering was a source of joy and gratification. He was pleased to hear his good friend Bro. Cox, in his speech full of suggestions as to the well being of the Institution. Bro. Binckes disclaimed any intention of diverting funds from the sister Institution—the Girl's School—and he firmly believed that his exertions, large as had been the result, would have no prejudicial effect upon the support given to the other Masonic Institutions. On the contrary, he believed that the prosperity of one Institution added to that of the other, for when he induced a brother to subscribe for the first time, that brother would naturally look around him to see what other institutions there were that he could subscribe to. He could cordially agree with the suggestions that had been thrown out as to the indiscriminate admission of candidates into the Order. They could not reject cases which were duly qualified for candidature by the laws of the Institution, but it behoved the Masters of lodges to be more careful as to the admission of candidates for initiation. The candidates for relief would thus be rendered less numerous, and they might then be in the position to afford relief to every worthy applicant. The Institution had enjoyed great prosperity for several years. In 1869, they had subscriptions amounting to no less than £12,200, while again in 1870, under Royal patronage, the amount released was not quite so large, but it nearly reached £11,000. He was already looking forward to the next year. He would not relax his exertions—he should never be satisfied until the Institution was entirely clear of debt, nor until at least two exhibitions at the Universities should be founded. He was pleased at the success of his young friend and protégé, the pupil who had carried off so many prizes that day, and he was convinced that in the future no year would pass without some boys being qualified for honours at the Universities. He hoped to be spared to see a boy educated in this school, occupy the exalted position of Lord Chancellor or the Bishop of a Diocese. He was pleased to see so many friends present, and although many were absent who they might have expected to see, he was sure it was from no lack of interest. He had appeared so often before them, that he might be blamed for his frequent appeals, but he found that notwithstanding his constant demands, his appearance was as warmly welcomed as when, nine years ago, he first commenced his crusade. He might be considered too persistent—but would rather that 99 should blame him for his persistence, than that one should say that the Institution lacked funds through his want of perseverance. He was grateful to them all for their kindness and indulgence, and he returned thanks, he could assure them all never more sincerely than on the present occasion.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave the toast of "The Ladies," who, he felt sure, always took a deep interest in the Institution and its inmates.

Bro. A. O. Brown, D. Prov. G.M. for Leicestershire and Rutland, being called upon to reply said he did not know upon what principle he was called upon, that duty generally devolving upon a bachelor. Having taken to himself a wife, he did not know why he was required to reply, unless it was for the reason that he now knew more of them and their good qualities. The ladies of his province he could assert took great in-

terest in the Institution, and on their behalf, and that of the ladies generally, he acknowledged the toast.

The company then rose from the table and adjourned to the grounds, where they thoroughly enjoyed the sports prepared for them.

In the cool of the evening an *al fresco* ball was organised, (Bro. Chancellor volunteering to act as M.C.), which was kept up with considerable spirit. The light dresses of the ladies contrasting with the sombre tone of the newly-mown field rendered the scene most charming.

Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. J. G. Chancellor, Head, Rayham W. Stewart, G. Brown, D. Prov. G.M. Leicester; G. St. Clair, S. May, W. Paas, C. Moutrie, S. Rosenthal, W. Roebuck, Wilson, A. Day, G. St. Clair, E. J. Cox, E. Farthing, Farthing jun., Clarke, Munday, T. B. Lemaitre, Dr. Pettifor, Bray, Hill, Edwards, Brodie, Seaborn, Hinks, H. Hodges, Currie, Paisley, Robins, Tanner, Captain Kane, Adlard, Cubitt, J. P. Wolpert, Buehl, and Gosden.

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ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

METROPOLITAN.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 1,097).—*Summer Festival.*

The annual summer festival of the members of this lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Joynt's, the Prince of Wales' Hotel, East Moulsey, near Hampton Court, under exceptional and favourable circumstances. For many years it has been the custom to have a day out at this time of year, but upon no former occasion within the recollection of even the oldest member of the lodge has the meeting been attended with so much success as on the present. This must have been a source of congratulation to the urbane W.M., Bro. J. R. Poulger, who, for some six months, has presided over this, perhaps the largest, lodge in England, and one certainly not ranking the least in the Grand Lodge books. It having been resolved to have this *réunion*, the following brethren were appointed a Committee of Stewards to carry out the arrangements:—Bros. Walford, S.W.; Ferguson, J.W.; Kent, J.D.; Bird, Chubb, E. B. Clarke, and Potter, P.Ms.; Smith, Treas.; Brett, G. Purst.; and Charles E. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

It was originally intended that the ladies who might accompany the brethren should join the company at dessert; but it was eventually determined to invite the ladies to grace the festive board by their presence, and as they accepted the invitation, that exceptional circumstance in Masonry and the fineness of the weather rendered the whole affair a brilliant success.

Bro. Walford (the S.W.) faced the W.M. at the lower end of the table, and amongst those assembled we noticed Bros. Henry Carpenter, P.Z., P.M. Industry Lodge (a veteran in Masonry); Joseph Hodding (Great Eastern Railway); Walter Joyce (Strand Theatre), Southern Star Lodge; H. Potter, P.M. 1158, 177, 25, &c.; Tims, S.D.; Willing, jun., A. Treadwell, Bird, Chubb, Churdleigh, Wignore, Goodfellow, Ford, (Barley Mow Hotel, Salisbury-square), Fountain (White Swan), Evans, Joynt, Chas. E. Thympson, S.W. 1158; and many others. There was a brilliant company of elegantly attired ladies present.

The W.M. having sounded his gavel, grace was said, and an excellent dinner partaken of. When the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, but without the "honours," in consequence of the presence of the ladies. Included in the toasts were "Earl de Grey and Ripon, G.M., Earl Carnarvon, D.G.M., and Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M.

The W.M. in proposing the health of "The Visitors," remarked that as old and good Masons they must regard the presence of ladies as an unlooked for pleasure. He expressed the gratification to other members and himself felt at the company of visitors. The toast was well received.

Bro. Carpenter returned thanks, and said he was indebted to Bro. Thompson the Hon. Sec. for his visit, and he might be allowed to remark that he thought on occasions like that when no Masonic business had to be transacted, the ladies should be allowed to partake of the pleasures of the day.

Bro. Ford also expressed his thanks for the treat he had enjoyed, and stated his intention of rejoining the Domatic Lodge.

The W.M. then proposed what he ventured to call the toast of the day, viz.: "The Health of the Ladies." He sincerely hoped they would be invited next year, and he felt that their meeting to day had been such a wonderful success, that he did not doubt a motion for the admission of the ladies would be easily carried. The toast was one which required no recommendation from him to induce them to drink it with enthusiasm, and he begged to couple with it the name of Bro. Willing.

The toast was drunk with every demonstration of respect and good feeling.

Bro. Willing, in responding, said that ladies took a very great interest in Masonry because they believed it to be good, and because of the support it gave to so many charities. He believed Masons to be thorough "bricks," and that the ladies were willing to become "mortar," and stick to them through thick and thin. On behalf of the many handsome ladies present, he begged to tender their sincere thanks for the compliment paid them.

Bros. Walford and Tims returned thanks for the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge."

"The health of Bro. Charles E. Thompson, the Hon. Sec.," was made a special toast, and in its proposition a high compliment was paid him for the trouble he had voluntarily taken upon himself in accepting the office of Hon. Sec., and for the way in which he had carried out the arrangements.

Bro. Charles E. Thompson, S.W. 1,158, assured the brethren that if his poor services had in the slightest degree tended to their comfort, he was sufficiently repaid. Undoubtedly he had been put to some trouble, for the Domestic Lodge numbered something like 150 members, but with him it had been a "labour of love." Twice had he proposed that the ladies should dine with the brethren, and he trusted for the future the presence of their fair friends at the festive board would be a recognised institution.

Bro. Potter responded to the toast of the "P.M.'s;" Bros. Treadwell and Joynt to those of the "Lay Members," and "The Host."

After some excellent songs, brought to a close by "Twelve bottles more," by Bro. Carpenter, and a recitation by Bro. Joyce, the company returned to town highly pleased with the proceedings of the day.

THE HARROW LODGE (No. 1,310).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The following brethren were present:—Bros. George Coutts, Assist. G. Pust., W.M.; G. Cattell, S.W.; W. H. Green, J.W.; Edward Harper, S.D.; S. Home-wood, J.D.; Geo. Pymm, W.M. 749, I.G.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; John Smith, W.M. 157; J. C. Hall, F. Harrison, and J. Harrison. The business done was to pass Bros. Cawson and Clare, and to raise Bros. T. Darke, Tyas, and Devereux, all of which ceremonies was done in a most able manner by the W.M. The brethren then proceeded to elect their W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. George Pymm, W.M. 749, was elected to that office. It was proposed by Bro. Walters, P.M. and Sec., that all the brethren of the lodge be entitled to attend the audit meeting. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and returned to town by an early train, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

PROVINCIAL.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

WHITEHAVEN.

Installation of the W.M. of Sun Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, College-street. The following were present—Bros. Patrick Quin, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. and Treas.; Geo. William Kenworthy, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. Barr, P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; J. McKelvie, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D.; J. Slade, P.M. and Sec.; W. White, P.M. and Prov. G. Treas.; P. Horan, S.W.; Wm. Sandwith, J.W.; J. Tyson, Chap.; T. Cook Windross, S.D.; E. W. Henry, J.D.; W. Pagen, I.G.; J. Cooper, Org.; H. B. Lindsay, J. Ross, F. W. Wicks, G. Ryrie, J. Little, E. Tyson, J. Rothery, P. Glover, I. Anderson, J. Frears, W. Cragg, W. B. Renwick, J. Danson, H. G. Carson, T. Richardson, H. Hampton,

Jun., J. J. Brydon, W. Cowie, J. Huggins; John Spittal, P.M. and Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; J. Robertson, W.M.; R. Foster, S.W.; W. Gill, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; T. Atkinson, I.G.; G. Fitzgerald, Tyler; T. Dalzell, T. Brown, and J. Huddleston. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. Crossley, 872; J. Swan, 119; J. Nicholson, P.M. and Prov. S.G.W.; J. Graham, W.M.; J. R. Tickle, J. Lucock, W. G. Wallis, J. Price, P.M.'s; W. Jones, J.W.; J. Gardiner, S.D.; W. H. Tickle, G. M. Tickle, P. de Eggesfield Collin, T. Duncan, J. H. Banks, and O. Moore, of Lodge 371, Maryport; Bros. J. Wilson, W.M.; Adam Brown, P.S.W.; J. Rothery, Treas.; I. Selby, J.W.; W. Carlyle, Sec.; J. W. Young, I.G.; H. Dixon, G. Brooker, T. B. Roxby, John Key, J. Dick, R. Barnes, W. Carlyle, N. Toppin, A. Wedgewood, W. Edkin, and T. Dineen, of Lodge 962, Workington; and Bro. J. W. Miles, of Lodge 886,

The ceremony of installation took place at three o'clock, and was performed by Bro. Kenworthy, who installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. E. Fearon in a most impressive manner. The newly installed Master then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz.:—Bros. White, I.P.M.; Windross, S.W.; Henry, J.W.; Gibson, Treas.; Brydon, Sec.; J. Tyson, Chap.; Pagen, S.D.; Frears, J.D.; E. Tyson and Hartness, Stewards; Peile, Dir. of Cers.; Renwick, I.G.; and Quin, Tyler. After which, Bro. Kenworthy addressed the new officers as to their respective duties. This concluded the business of the day. The brethren, to the number of 80, then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a cold collation had been laid.

The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M., supported on the right by Bros. Gibson, Kenworthy, Barr, Robertson, Tyson, Lindsay, and Ross; and on the left by Bros. White, Slade, Nicholson, Tickle and Wicks.

The vice-chairs were respectively occupied by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Henry and Windross, supported by Bros. McKelvie, Horan, E. Tyson, Dick, Sandwith, and others.

The usual loyal toasts having been given.

The chairman proposed "The Grand Master of England, the Earl De Grey and Ripon," and said that although his lordship had only recently been elevated to that high and dignified position, he felt satisfied that no better person could have been selected to fill that office. He had served as Deputy Grand Master under the Earl of Zetland for a great number of years, and had done his duty so diligently and so entirely to the satisfaction of the brethren at large, and they had no hesitation in choosing him as their chief.

The chairman next proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers;" and remarked that his lordship was not so well known by Masons in this neighbourhood as the Grand Master, but we might rest assured that his having been chosen from amongst so many who were eminently qualified to fill the post that he was "the right man in the right place."

The chairman next gave "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland, Lord Kenlis," who, he said, from the very day he became a Mason had taken a lively interest in Masonry; and since his elevation to the head of the province, had by his kindness to all, and his diligent attention to the working of the Craft, made himself beloved by every Freemason. He (the chairman) called upon them to drink his lordship's health in bumpers.

Vice-chairman Bro. E. W. Henry then proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Whitwell." Bro. Whitwell was a brother of whom they had indeed reason to feel proud. Warm-hearted, kind to a fault, reminding them of one born to works of charity, he at the same time possessed qualities of mind such as few gentlemen could lay claim to, for not only was he an accomplished scholar, but an apt and eloquent speaker. He (Bro. Henry) had had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Whitwell on different occasions, and he could assure them that that gentleman's kindness towards himself and other members of the Craft had endeared him to his memory in no ordinary manner.

The chairman then gave "The rest of the P.G. Officers," and with it the names of Bro. Nicholson, of Maryport, the S.G.W., and Bro. White, P.G. Treas.

Bro. Nicholson, in responding, gave some interesting statistics, showing the progress of Masonry in this province, and remarked that when he was first made a Mason, he had seen a provincial lodge meeting at which there were not half as many present as on this occasion; and it must be gratifying to the chairman

to find such a goodly array of brethren to do honour to his installation.

Bro. White also responded.

Bro. Gibson rose to propose the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. Fearon, the newly-installed W.M." He said it must be a source of great pleasure to know that in selecting Bro. Fearon to preside over them for the ensuing year, they had in him a patient, diligent, and skilled Craftsman, and one who was able and willing to perform the duties devolving upon him. He had carefully watched Bro. Fearon's conduct from the time he first joined their body, and he felt satisfied that the brethren would never regret the choice they had made.

The Chairman responded, and in the course of a very feeling speech, remarked that it would always be his great object to further Freemasonry as much as he possibly could; and as to his duties as Master, as punctual attendance and careful attention on his part would be necessary to the proper conducting of it, he would take care that they were not wanting.

Bro. F. W. Wicks said he had been requested by the chairman to propose the next toast—namely, "Prosperity to the Lodges in the Province." He could say that he had never regretted joining the Freemasons, and that he was always glad to meet the brethren, and especially so on the present occasion. He felt convinced that the lodges in the province were in a very flourishing condition, as the numbers present to-day from the neighbouring towns abundantly testified; and it must be very gratifying not only to Bro. Fearon, but to the members of Lodge 119 generally, to see such a muster from other lodges. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Graham, W.M., of Maryport; Wilson, W.M., of Workington; and Jas. Robertson, W.M. 872, Whitehaven.

Bros. Graham, Wilson, and Robertson severally responded.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of Bro. Kenworthy, the Installing Master," but for whom he (the chairman) could not this day have occupied the position he now did. Bro. Kenworthy had performed the ceremony in such a manner as very few were capable of doing; in fact, he might say that the ceremony had seldom if ever been conducted better. He had, therefore, great pleasure in giving them the health of Bro. Kenworthy—a toast which he felt satisfied would commend itself without further comment.

Bro. Kenworthy briefly responded. While lacking, as they all knew, the ability to make a speech—and if there was one thing he disliked more than another it was being called upon to make the attempt—he, nevertheless, was an ardent admirer of the principles of Masonry, and should always be found ready and willing to give all the assistance in his power to further those principles. It had afforded him very great pleasure to have had the opportunity of performing the ceremony of installing of his much-esteemed friend, Bro. Fearon, who, he felt confident, would discharge the duties devolving upon him to the satisfaction of all parties.

"The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was then drunk, and duly responded to by Bro. Lucock, P.M., of Maryport.

"The Newly-elected Officers" was then proposed and duly responded to.

The evening's entertainment was much enlivened by duets and songs, accompanied on the piano by Bro. Cooper. The room was tastefully decorated with flags and banners.

KENT.

DARTFORD.—*Emulation Lodge* (No. 299).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Bull Inn, Dartford. Present: Bros. W. Tinkler, W.M.; Mackney, I.P.M.; D. R. Adams, Martin, Catt, Quait, and Harvey, P.M.'s; Andrews, S.W.; Miles, J. W.; Tyler, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Tibay, I.G.; Bray, Stone, Davison, Burghall, Perry, and others. The emergency meeting was called for the purpose of electing as joining members Bros. W. J. Palmer, P.M. 913; P. G. J. Daw; and J. Aillad, P.J.W. 913; and to initiate Messrs. Batt, E. S. Seadds, and H. J. Young. The charge was given by the W.M. in a manner that gave satisfaction to all present. The W.M. informed the brethren that the Prov. G. Festival would be held at Dartford on Wednesday, July 27. That the arrangements were as follows:—Breakfast to Prov. G. officers, past and present, and W.M.'s and Wardens of Lodges, at the Bull Hotel, at 11 o'clock; lodge at Wesleyan School-room, Spital-street, Dartford, at 12.30; service at parish church at 1.30; banquet at Bull Hotel at 3.30.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

MARINERS LODGE (No. 249).—On Thursday, the 7th inst., Bro. Joseph Keltet Smith, M.D., was installed as the W. Master of this prosperous lodge, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street. The ceremony of installation was performed in a highly effective and efficient manner by Bro. Hamer, Prov. G. Treas. The usual banquet took place in the evening, at the Stanley Arms Hotel, Roby, at which about 80 brethren were present. The dinner was exceedingly *recherché*, and served in excellent style. It may also be stated that the bill of fare and toast list—the production of Bro. G. G. Walmsley—was a model of artistic taste, and universally admired. After dinner, the W.M. proposed in happy terms the loyal toasts, which were received with true Masonic enthusiasm. "The Earl de Grey and Ripon, M.W.G.M., England, and Earl Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., England," was the next on the programme, proposed by the W.M., and elicited the enthusiasm which the names of the principals of Masonry always secure. The W.M. next proposed "Sir T. T. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, W.D. Prov. G.M., and the officers of the Prov. G.L.," which was responded to by Bro. Hamer, Prov. G. Treas. In the course of a few opposite remarks he alluded to the affability and kindness of the subjects of the toasts. The toast of "The West Lancashire Masonic Institution for the Education, &c., of Children of Deceased and Distressed Masons," proposed in becoming terms by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. R. H. D. Johnson, one of the life governors, who referred to the very great benefits which had been conferred during its many years' existence, and spoke in high terms of the advantages the institution had derived from the late Sir Joshua Walmsley, than whom a kinder-hearted man and better Mason never existed. He (Bro. Johnson) said that institution was one of the brightest gems of Freemasonry, and called upon all the brethren to give it their hearty and liberal support. "The G. Masters of the adjoining provinces," introduced by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Hill, who alluded in feeling terms to the late Bro. Stephen Blair, one of the stars of Masonry, whose magnificent charities made him a bright example to Masons throughout the universe. He also paid a high compliment to Bro. Lord de Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M., Cheshire, whose courtesy and homeliness had recommended him to every Mason. Bro. Philip Pinnington, the immediate P.M. of Lodge No. 249, next proposed "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so said he could conscientiously affirm that in Bro. J. K. Smith, as W.M., they had the "right man in the right place." He had been known amongst them for some time, and during that acquaintance he had well earned the honour of being considered a perfect specimen of an English gentleman. In all his (Bro. Pinnington's) dealings with the W.M. he had found him straightforward, and therefore had much pleasure in proposing the toast.—The brethren present received it with much enthusiasm and Masonic honours. Bro. Smith, W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren very heartily for the honour conferred upon him, and assured them that in selecting his officers for the current year he had had in view the furtherance of the interests of the lodge, hoping that at the end of the year he would merit their good opinion. "The Installing Master" was responded to by Bro. Hamer, who expressed his willingness to do everything in his power for the furtherance of the interests of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.P.M.'s of Lodge 249," and in the course of an excellent speech referred to the highly efficient manner in which Bro. Pennington had performed the duties of W.M. during the past year. It was also his (Bro. Smith's) pleasant duty to present Bro. Pennington with a Masonic jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Mariners' Lodge—an honour and distinction which all P.M.'s did not receive—as an indication of the feelings with which they looked upon his services. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Philip Pennington, P.M. at the expiration of his year of office as W.M., by the brethren of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, of Free and Accepted Masons, Liverpool, 7th July, 1870." The toast was received and drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Pennington, P.M., in responding, referred to the position of the lodge, thanked the brethren for their handsome testimonial, and said he should always look upon it as a sincere mark of the esteem and regard of the brethren of the lodge. "The Officers of Lodge 249" (responded to by Bro. Pearson, S.W.), "The Visiting Brethren" (acknowledged by Bro. Sheldon, P.M.), and "Poor and Distressed Brethren" were the remaining toasts on the list. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros.

Ashmore, Washington, &c., and the brethren separated at an early hour, after spending a very pleasant evening.

SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

On the 9th inst a meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Surrey took place at the Grand Stand, Epsom Downs. Present: The Prov. G.M. Alexander Dobie, P.G. Reg.; Bros. James J. Blake, P.G.D., Deputy P.G.M.; C. C. Dumas and Frederick Durant, Prov. G. Wardens; George White, H. J. Strong, M.D., W. L. Webb, Charles J. Smith, James Knight, W. J. Meymott, and R. Cartwright, P. Prov. G. Wardens; Rev. L. H. P. Maurice, P.G. Chap.; George Price, P.G. Treas.; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; Henry Parsons, W.M. of the Grove Lodge, Ewell; Mitchell, W.M. of the St. George's Lodge, Chertsey; Dasell, W.M. of the East Surrey Lodge, Croydon; William Cookson, W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, Guildford; William Pearce, W.M. of the Dobie Lodge, Kingston; Thomas Wood, W.M. of the Dorking Lodge, Dorking; and many other brethren from the various lodges in the province. Visitors: Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec.; Horne, W.M. of the Moria Lodge; and several other brethren.

The P.G. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last P.G. Lodge held at Dorking were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts, as audited, were read and confirmed, showing a balance in his hands. The sum of £10 10s. was voted in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £5 5s. to the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and £5 5s. to the Widows' Fund.

Bro. George Price, of Croydon, P. Prov. S.G. Warden, was re-elected Prov. G. Treas.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed the following brethren as his Prov. G. officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James J. Blake, Prov. G.D., D. Prov. G.M.; Henry Parsons, Prov. S.G.W.; Thomas Wood, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. L. H. P. Maurice, Prov. G. Chap.; William Pearce, Prov. G. Reg.; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; William Cookson, Prov. S.G.D.; E. A. Baber, Prov. J.G.D.; Alfred Clayton, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Thomas Styles, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Shearburn, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Henry Botting, Prov. G. Purst. Bros. Gower, King, Elsam and Harrison were appointed Prov. G. Stewards; and Bros. Blenkin, Webb, strong, White, and Dumas were appointed the Finance and Audit Committee.

The special thanks of the Prov. G. Lodge were given to the Managers and Committee of the Grand Stand for their kindness in placing the building at the service of the Prov. G. Lodge. After transacting various matters connected with the province the lodge was closed.

The banquet, which was served *à la Russe*, by Bro. Hart, of Radley's Hotel, took place in the large room, which was most elegantly fitted up. The whole neighbourhood must have been laid under contribution to supply the flowers which adorned the table, in the centre of which a fountain, surrounded by water-lillies, threw up its cooling spray.

The Prov. G. Master was in the chain, supported by his Wardens and some 70 brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The reception and entertainment of the Prov. G. Lodge was undertaken by the Grove Lodge, Ewell, and great credit is due to Bro. Parsons, the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge for the admirable and efficient arrangements made. Mrs. Parsons, of Ashstead, the wife of the W.M. of the Grove Lodge, and several ladies of the neighbourhood, took great interest in the meeting; to them must be ascribed the tasteful and elegant arrangement of the flowers on the table. The band of the Surrey Volunteers played a selection of music during the banquet. The musical arrangements were under the charge of Bro. D. Dyson.

SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION.

GLASGOW.

GLASGOW.—Lodge of *Glasgow St. John* (No. 3 bis).—The meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the usual hour. In the absence of the Master, the chair was filled by Bro. Craig, P.M., Bro. Fletcher acting S.W., and Bro. McAulay acting J.W. The lodge was duly opened, after which a candidate was initiated by Bro. Bamber, Sec. The R.W.M. thereafter entered and took the chair, upon which the minutes were read, and after some comments passed. The Sub. M. then

proposed that a committee of the office-bearers of the lodge should be appointed to wait upon the editor of the *Glasgow Herald*, in order to get, if possible, the name of the individual who was writing concerning the lodge under the signature of "Masonicus;" so that, if possible, legal proceedings should be taken against him for his remarks. This motion was seconded by the Treasurer and agreed to. The lodge was shortly after closed in due form.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

BRITANNIC CHAPTER (No. 33).—The usual convocation was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 8th inst., the M.E.Z., Comp. Dr. Woodman, supported by Comps. J. Strapp, and W. Batinge, P.Z., in the chairs of H. and J. Comps. Lewis Crumie, P.Z., Treas.; W. Smith, C.E., P.Z. The visitors were Comps. W. Watson, P.Z. 25; F. Walters, P.Z. After the chapter was opened, the companions were admitted, amongst whom were Comps. J. Glegg, W. F. Shields, C.E., Prin. Soj.; J. Wood, C. Bennett, Browning, D. Hodge, D. Parker, Bannister, C.E., and others. The elections for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Principals and other officers then took place, when the following were duly elected and installed:—Comps. John Strapp, C.E., as Z.; J. Glegg, H.; J. Glaisher, J.; L. Crumie, P.Z., Treas.; M. Ohren, Scribe E.; Dr. M. Wilson, N.; J. Wood, Prin. Soj.; and Speight, Janitor. Comp. Wood appointed Comps. C. Bennet and Browning as his assistants.

HERVEY CHAPTER (No. 1,260).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held at the Britannia, Fulham-road, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., being the first meeting since consecration. The chapter was opened in due form, and the companions admitted. The ballot was then taken for the exaltation of Bros. W. Wigmore, S.D.; P. H. Jones, S.W.; J. Way, J.W.; T. B. Ayshford, Treas.; and Dr. T. Godrich, all of the Hervey Lodge; J. Palmer, Egyptian Lodge; W. Dawson, Industry Lodge; E. L. Hickey, Polish National Lodge; R. C. Davies, Prince of Wales Lodge; and G. Reeves, St. Luke's Lodge, which in each case proved unanimous. Bros. Wigmore, Jones, Ayshford, Dr. T. Godrich, R. C. Davies, and G. Reeves being present, were exalted into R.A. Masonry. The whole of the ceremonies were worked by the officers in a highly satisfactory manner. Comp. W. Wigmore was elected Treas.; and Comp. T. B. Ayshford appointed W.S. Six names were then proposed for the ballot next meeting, and the chapter was closed in due form. After partaking of some light refreshment, the companions separated highly delighted with the working.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

A Provincial Grand Chapter was held by special appointment, in the Britannia Chapter, Whitby, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Present:—M.E. Comp. John Pearson Bell, M.D., G. Superintendent of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, Z.; E. Comps. John H. Lawson, 312, Prov. G.H.; W. T. Farthing, 200, Prov. G.J.; M. C. Peck, 250, Prov. G. Scribe E.; George Hardy, 250, Prov. G. Scribe N.; H. A. Williamson, 200, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; William Wood, 312, Prov. G. 1st Assist. Soj.; Thomas N. Marwood, 312, as Prov. G. 2nd Assist. Soj.; W. Cowling, 236, Prov. G. Treas.; William Lawton, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Tesseyman, 57, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; D. R. Ramsay, 312, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; G. Balmford, 236, Prov. G. Org.; Comps. John Ward, 236, Prov. G. Inner Janitor; W. Johnson, 57, Prov. G. Outer Janitor. Prov. Grand Stewards:—Comps. W. H. Bee, 57; G. H. Walshaw, 200; J. H. Emes, 250; and G. Buchanan, 312.

There were also present:—E. Comps. W. T. Farthing, Z.; H. A. Williamson, H.; W. Peacock, J.; J. F. Spurr, P.Z.; W. F. Rooke, M.D., P.Z., of the Old Globe Chapter, 200, Scarborough. E. Comps. W. Lawton, P.Z., Z.; T. Cooper, P.Z., J.; W. Cowling, P.Z.; Rev. J. E. Mayne Young, M.A., P.Z., of the Zetland Chapter, 236, York. E. Comps. G. Hardy, H.; C. Foster, P.Z.; M. C. Peck, P.Z., of the Minerva Chapter, 250, Hull. E. Comps. J. C. Miller, Z.; W. H. Marwood, H.; W. T. Clarkson, J.; J. N. Lawson, John Green, M. L. Simpson, S. Reed, T. Turnbull, W. Wood, W. Stonehouse, W. Falkingbridge, P.Z.'s, of the Britannia Chapter, 312, Whitby. E. Comp. A. Farmer, J., of the Marwood Chapter, 602, Middlesborough; and E. Comp. J. Marshall, J., of the King Edwin Chapter, 660,

Malton. E. Comp. C. E. Lucas, P.Z., province of Lincolnshire, was present as a visitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in ancient and solemn form, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held 19th May, 1869, were read and confirmed.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent said that although the uniformity of ritual was not yet obtained, he believed the great attention given to the subject would be productive of much good. He was happy to inform the companions that the subscriptions to the Zetland Commemoration Fund from this province had reached the handsome sum of £236.

Comp. Cowling read the Treasurer's balance sheet, but stated that the account was not quite complete, owing to the Provincial Grand Treasurer's illness, and consequent absence from home. The balance sheet, having been audited and found correct, was adopted.

The various chapters then made their returns; the Humber, Constitutional, and Dundas Chapters were, however, not represented, and the Provincial Grand Scribe E. was requested to communicate with them.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent then appointed the following Provincial Grand Officers (with the exception of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, who was re-elected by the Provincial Grand Chapter):—E. Comps. C. Foster, 250, Prov. G.H.; W. F. Rooke, *M.D.*, 200, Prov. G.J.; M. C. Peck, 250, Prov. Scribe E.; Jas. C. Miller, 312, Prov. Scribe N.; Mark L. Simpson, 312, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; Andrew Farmer, 602, Prov. G. 1st Assist. Soj.; J. Marshall, 660, Prov. G. 2nd Assist. Soj.; W. Lawton, 236, Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Emes, 250, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; W. Peacock, 200, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; T. Turnbull, 312, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; T. S. Camidge, Prov. G. Org.; Comps. John Ward, 236, Prov. G. Inner Janitor; and W. Johnson, 57, Prov. G. Outer Janitor.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent directed that the nine chapters in the province should each nominate a Provincial Grand Steward.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent, after expressing his regret at the absence, caused by severe illness, of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, then read a very interesting and masterly paper upon the Royal Arch degree, illustrated by several beautiful photographs of ancient Jerusalem, published by the Palestine Exploration Committee, which was received by the companions with respectful attention and hearty applause. At the conclusion of which, Comp. Lucas, on behalf of the visitors, begged to express the pleasure he had felt in being present, and offered hearty good wishes for the success of the chapters in the province.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent then thanked the companions for their numerous attendance, and suggested that each chapter should obtain the tracing boards of this Order for the instruction of its members.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

A banquet was held at the Angel Hotel the same evening, at which the M.E. Grand Superintendent presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most agreeable evening passed.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

BOLTON.—Provincial Grand Conclave.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Lancashire was held at the Freemason's Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Thursday, June 3, 1870.

The St. James of Jerusalem Encampment was opened at half-past twelve o'clock by Sir Knt. T. H. Winder, E.C., of the Encampment and Prov. G. Sword Bearer, assisted by Sir Knt. Thomas Morris, 1st Capt.; Sir Knt. John Fletcher, 2nd Capt., and other officers.

The officers of the Prov. Grand Conclave entered in procession at one o'clock, and were received under the arch of steel, being marshalled by Sir Knt. Thomas Croxton, P.G. Dir. of Cers., and took their seats according to their respective rank. In the absence of Sir Knt. A. H. Loyds, V.C.P.G. Commander, the Prov. G. Conclave was opened by Sir Knt. W. H. Wright, V.C.D.P. G. Commander, who read a letter from the P.G. Commander regretting his absence from illness, and expressing his good

wishes to the Knights present. The following Prov. G. officers also attended the Conclave:—

Sir Knts. Edward Pierpont, Sub Prior; Rev. J. Radley, Prelate; J. L. Figgins, Assist. Prelate; Thomas Berry, 1st Capt.; William Birch, Reg.; Thomas Croxton, Dir. of Cers.; J. F. Tweedale, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; J. S. Veivers, Supt. of Works; A. W. Creecke, Almoner; James Gaskell, 2nd Expert; Thomas Bertwisle, 1st Standard Bearer; W. H. Pratt, Warden of Regalia; J. S. Hall, 1st Aide de Camp; W. H. Prince, 2nd Aide de Camp; W. H. Hopkins, 2nd Herald; Thomas, Org.; Thomas H. Winder, Sword Bearer; J. H. Sutcliffe, Banner Bearer; and several P. Prov. G. officers, including Sir Knts. Col. Birchall, Stephen Smith, H. S. Alpess, S. D. Lees, W. Roberts, George Barlow, and Richard Radcliffe.

The Committee for General Purposes was appointed; five by P.G. Conclave—Sir Knts. L. Smith, J. M. Wike, H. S. Alpess, Gaskell, and Pierpoint; and four by the P.G. Commander—Sir Knts. Col. Birchall, Croxton, Winder and Galloway. *Ex officio*—A. H. Loyds, D.P.G.C.; W. H. Wright; G. P. Brockbank, Chancellor; W. Birch, Registrar; J. A. Birch, Treasurer, Sir Knt. Watson collected the alms amounting to £2 12s. 10d. It was resolved that the sum of £5 from the Almoner's funds be granted for the relief of Sir Knt. Ledward, an old Mason of 50 years standing, and the oldest Templar in the province.

A committee, consisting of E.C.'s, P.E.C.'s, and 1st Captains of Encampments was appointed to frame by-laws for the P.G. Conclave.

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Prov. G. Conclave be held at Manchester under the auspices of the Jerusalem Encampment.

The D.P.G. Commander, in the name and on behalf of the V.E.P.G. Commander, presented to the E.C. of the Plains of Tabor Encampment, Colne (Sir Knt. F. G. Parker), a complete set of books, handsomely bound, consisting of Minute Book, Subscribing Members' Book, Cash Books, Declaration Book, Equerry's Book, Muster Roll, Registrar, and Receipt Book. Sir Knt. Parker accepted the gift of the P.G.C. with many thanks on behalf of his encampment, and expressed his hope that the generous donor might speedily be restored to perfect health.

A circular letter from the G.V. Chancellor announcing that the Grand Conclave had, at its meeting in May last, made sundry alterations in the fees payable in respect of registry and certificates from Grand Conclave, and also in the annual fees payable thereto. An animated discussion ensued thereupon, and the legality of the notice convening the meeting was questioned, but it was finally resolved to refer the whole subject to the General Purposes Committee to take such action in the matter as might be desirable.

It was resolved that the fact of the banner and abacus of our late P.G.C. being in the P.G. Conclave be inserted on the minutes of proceedings.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last Prov. G. Conclave, held Tuesday, June 10, 1869, were read and confirmed. The muster roll of the encampments within the province was called over by the P.G. Reg., and every encampment was represented except the William de la More, Manchester. The roll of Prov. G. officers was called over, and no valid excuse for non-attendance having been given, several of the officers were fined one guinea each.

The Treasurer's accounts were presented and a report read by Sir Knt. T. H. Winder, who had been appointed to audit the same along with Sir Knt. W. H. Pratt, and the same being satisfactory were duly passed and allowed.

Sir Knt. James A. Birch, of the Jerusalem Encampment, Manchester, was appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks accorded to Sir Knt. J. M. Wike, the retiring Treasurer, for his valuable services during his tenure of office. Frater William Dawson was re-elected Equerry. The Deputy P.G. Commander proceeded to appoint and invest the following Sir Knights as officers for the ensuing year:—Sir Knts. T. G. Parker, Prior; George Galloway, Sub Prior; Rev. T. Radley, Prelate; Rev. J. L. Figgins, Assist. Prelate; J. S. Veivers, 1st Capt.; A. B. Creecke, 2nd Capt.; G. P. Brockbank, Chancellor; Thomas H. Winder, Vice Chancellor; W. Birch, Registrar; J. A. Birch, Treasurer; W. H. Platt, Chamberlain; James Gaskell, Hospitalier; J. F. Tweedale, Dir. of Cers.; Beckett Bradbury, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; J. Bertwisle, Supt. of Works; J. Watson, Almoner; I. J. Hall, 1st Expert; W. H. Prince, 2nd Expert; J. Worsley, 1st Standard Bearer; H. Bulley, 2nd Standard Bearer; Thomas Morris, Warden of Regalia; W. J. Fowler, 1st Aide de Camp; W. H. Hopkins, 2nd Aide de Camp; J. Fletcher,

1st Expert; J. H. Sutcliffe, 2nd Expert; C. H. Bayley, 1st Herald; E. L. Waddington, 2nd Herald; Thomas, Org.; Thomas R. Williams, Sword Bearer; Robert Crossley, Banner Bearer; W. Dawson, Equerry.

The D.P.G.C. was instructed to convey to the V.E.P.G. Commander, Sir Knt. A. H. Roysds, the deep regret of the members of the P.G. Conclave at his inability to take his accustomed place therein, and their earnest wishes for his speedy recovery.

The 2nd Captain of the St. James of Jerusalem Encampment presented to that encampment, as a souvenir of his visit to the Holy Land, a beautifully finished table with marble top, on which, under a glass case, was the stone alluded to in the inscription which was written thereon. This stone was brought from Jerusalem by Sir Knight John Fletcher, in May, 1869. It was the quoin stone in the doorway of the Hospital Chapel (at present in ruins), built by the Knights Templar, situate near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Presented to the St. James of Jerusalem Encampment, Bolton, June 30, A.L. 5874, A.D. 1870, A.O. 752, by Sir Knt. John Fletcher.

Sir Knt. Fletcher explained the circumstances under which he became possessed of the relic, and detailed his difficulties in transit to this country.

Sir Knt. J. H. Winder, E.C. of the St. James of Jerusalem Encampment, accepted the valuable present, and thanked Sir Knt. Fletcher for his addition to the furniture of this already well-equipped encampment.

The Prov. G.C. was then closed at 4.30, and the P.G. officers having retired, the St. James of Jerusalem Encampment was forthwith closed.

The banquet was celebrated in the school-room, which was decorated with banners of Knights Templar. Sir Knt. Wright presided, and the customary toasts were proposed and responded to, and the meeting dispersed by 8 o'clock.

LIST OF LODGE, MEETINGS, &c., FOR WEEK ENDING 23RD, 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, July 18th.

Quar. Meeting Boys's School, at 12. — LODGE.—Pammure, Balham Ho., Balham.

Tuesday, July 19th.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 3. — LODGES.—Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho; Camden, Lamb Ho., York and Albany; Gloucester-gate, Regent's-park. St. Mark's, Horns Tav., Kennington, Surrey. — CHAPTER.—Industry, F.M.H.

Wednesday, July 20th.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3. — Lodge of Benevolence at 7 precisely. — LODGES.—Beacon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich; Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.

Thursday, July 21st.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4. — LODGE.—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd., Victoria-park.

Friday, July 22nd.

House Com. Boys' School. — LODGE.—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday, July 18th.

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, July 19th.

Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail., Victoria Station; Domatic, 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; Metropolitan, George Ho., Aldermanbury. — CHAPTER.—Robert Burns, Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's-lane.

Wednesday, July 20th.

Confidence, Railway Tav., London-street; United Strength, Bull 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., Bishopsgate-street. — CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.

Thursday, July 21st.

Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Easton-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 Whithy Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, July 22nd.

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, Auderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; Hervey, George Ho., Walham-green. — CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

Saturday, July 23rd.

Robert Burns, Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's-lane.

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We shall be glad to receive from brethren any proceedings of Masonic meetings, which shall be duly inserted. Communications should be forwarded so as to reach us as early in the week as convenient—not later than Wednesday if possible. We have to request our correspondents to be particular in writing names distinctly.

Reports of Silurian Lodge, the consecration of Fernor Lodge and other reports, &c., have reached us, but want of space prevents their insertion till next week.