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LONDON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1870.

## A MUSICAL LODGE.

We are pleased to learn that, following up the example of the Mozart Lodge at Philadelphia, and other lodges in America and India, the new lodge recently consecrated under the name of Asaph Lodge (No. 1319) will be a "Musical Lodge."

The meetings of this lodge are fixed at a time which will suit the convenience of those brethren connected with the musical, theatrical and other kindred professions; whose accommodation is the mainspring and chief object of its establishment, the avocations of these gentlemen being such as to almost interdict their presence at the meetings of the greater number of our lodges. The Lodge, however, as we are informed, will not be exclusively confined to professional brethren, such exclusiveness, indeed being contrary to the landmarks of the order, but otherwise duly qualified gentlemen of other professions will be hailed with fraternal reception.

The great success with which the new lodge commences its career augurs well for its eventual prosperity. Of those who partook in the consecration ceremonies, we have only to mention the names of Bros. Coward, Grand Organist, Chas. Coote, G. W. Martin, J. W. Chamberlain, Buckland, G. T. Carter, Dawson, Jekyll, and Thaddeus Wells, to assure our readers that the proceedings will be conducted with an *esprit* seldom before witnessed. To further show the high appreciation of the movement, no less than eighteen

brethren candidates for joining, and six gentlemen will offer themselves to the ordeal of the ballot for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge. Messrs. Broadwood, and Chapell have, respectively, kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren, a magnificent pianoforte and harmonium. Several of the brethren gave a foretaste of what might be expected in the display of their skill.

The lodge will have but one banquet a year. This economy will be practised with the avowed intention, of increasing the ability of the lodge to contribute to the support of the Masonic charities.

The remarks of the W.M. in explanation of the objects of the promoters were very appropriate. He said, *inter alia*, that "music as well as rhetoric, could recite deeds of heroism to inspire with ardour, and by its soft influence tranquilize, calm, and soothe the human passions, where then could such an art be better exercised than in a Freemasons' Lodge, in which the brethren meet in virtue, and are united in the bonds of love and harmony?"

Where indeed? we repeat, and we hail with the greatest satisfaction the appearance of this new star in the Masonic firmament, as the first realisation of one of our fondest dreams with the fervent hope that it may ere long become the fixed star of a brilliant constellation.

## FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH WALES.

By BRO. J. C. MANNING.

Nearly a century ago, the first and only Freemason's Lodge in Swansea was consecrated. In the course of a week or two from the present date, the second Freemason's Lodge in Swansea will receive consecration at the hands of those whose duty and whose pleasure it is to do these things. Freemasonry is a plant of slow growth. I once saw a cactus that bloomed but once in a lifetime, and that one bloom I beheld in all its glory of colour and perfume. Masonic Lodges in Swansea remind me of this slow-flowering characteristic; they bloom but once in a hundred years. And it is of this centenarian Masonic blossom, just now opening on the banks of the Tawe, that I wish to speak.

Don't shrug your shoulders, my brother, nor point so suggestively to your under lip. I am not

going to disclose the secrets of the mystic organization to which you and I feel proud to belong. I have too solemn a recollection of a dark chamber in which I tremblingly stood long ago in the far past; and the solemnity deepens as I remember how, from the black stillness, peals of mournful music fell upon my ear in sacred harmony, and how, as the last peal died away, an earnest, manly voice, tremulous in its deep-toned sonorousness, gave out the dread alternative that sealed my lips for ever save to brotherly converse, and left my heart to throb with its latest beat for the noble system of religion I had that night solemnly espoused. No, my brother: do not fear for Masonry from me. I love it too dearly to depreciate it, and would not so much as breathe upon the fair surface of our Craft, to tarnish, but for an instant, its brightness, or moderate by a degree its beauty; or, its worth by words of indiscretion. It takes its stand upon the Book of books; and, like a tree that puts forth its foliage in the fulness of joy, it clothes itself with the bright blossoms of Truth, propounded by the Preacher of Galilee, and, looking upwards always, yearns towards the light as the sole and glorious attribute of the Great Architect of the Universe, whom all are taught to revere.

Then come along with me, and I will give you a peep into a Freemason's lodge. You find yourself in the principal entrance to the Mackworth Hotel, at Swansea; and as you pass by the bar to the right, you cannot help fancying that that same bar looks like an uncommonly big glass case, the purpose of which is not made at all apparent in the daytime, except it be to display to advantage the pair of bright eyes and rosy cheeks that I see bending over a ledger inside, and which,—the eyes, not the ledger—I suppose, are searching out the items that are to make up the bill of "number 14," or some other number between one and fifty, of the commercial travellers who daily make this comfortable and high-class hostelry their home. The life of a "commercial" must be a jolly life; and oh! for the special privilege of strolling in and lounging about that uncommonly big glass case, when a good fat order-sheet has just been despatched to "the house," when a bulky draft at sight is known to be on its way in the same direction, and when all is made taut for the night. Jolly prospect!

Straight along the tessellated corridor, up a flight of steps, and along a gallery that forms the end of a quadrangular space, with roof of glass, and then halt before the door of the ball-room. Entering the spacious room, you see a door near you to the right.

That is the entrance to the Talbot Lodge, No. 1,323. It is a new Masonic lodge, a centenarian seedling from the old, old plant that has flourished for a century, and still flourishes within a few hundred yards of the spot on which you stand. Beyond that door is a suite of rooms that have been built by the proprietor of the Mackworth Hotel, who in this, as in other things, has evinced a liberal and enterprising spirit that deserves its reward. Don't be afraid; walk in. This is only the shell—the kernel has to come. This is only the anatomy of a Freemason's lodge—the breath of Masonic life has yet to be breathed into it. Just a week or two more, and then.

This is the robing-room. No! We don't wear wigs; nor do we clothe ourselves in useless falderals (whatever these may be); nor make guys of ourselves. Our robes are what they are, and this is the robing-room. It is 22ft. by 15ft., and 16ft. high. Round the walls are hat and cloak pegs, and on the south side is a large counter or side-board, with drawers, for the convenience of members. No! Not to stow themselves away in, my sarcastic friend. There is no treason in a *Freemason's Lodge*; and hiding away from the police is an occupation unknown there. The drawers have a purpose; but no matter. Pass on.

From this room you pass through folding doors covered with red baize, into a spacious corridor or vestibule, out of which, to the right, opens the Tyler's room, or preparing room for candidates. This room is 19ft. by 12ft., and 16ft. high, suitable not only for the preparation of candidates, but for private meetings and committees. Yes, my forthcoming brother, free from the banter of older heads in the Craft, you can go through your first ordeal in comparative comfort in this room, and nobody but yourself and the good-natured Tyler (I have the late poor, old, honest-hearted Probett in my mind's eye) will be the witnesses of the humiliating pass in which you all at once find yourself. Red-hot poker, my suggestive friend? Nothing of the kind! The gridiron then? Worse and worse! No, sir; don't let such nonsense enter your head for a moment. Masonry is far

above such mummery. Submit yourself quietly to the guidance of the Tyler in the sanctity of this preparing-room, and you will be all right. Reserve your banter, my more ancient brother, in the robing-room, till the newly-made comes out of the fiery ordeal, and then—but let him prepare in peace.

Returning into the corridor, you pass at once into the lodge-room—a spacious, well-proportioned apartment, 40 feet by 22, and 16 feet high. At the east end is a raised dais, running the whole width of the room, ascended by three steps, on which is placed the throne of the Worshipful Master, with chairs on either side for Past Masters, Provincial Grand Officers, and those exalted in the craft. On the south and north sides of the room run raised platforms, on which the seats for the members generally are placed, and which will accommodate comfortably between forty and fifty persons. These raised platforms are clothed with crimson drugget, the floor of the lodge being covered by an appropriate carpet of Masonic design. In the ceiling, in the centre, is a handsome sun-light of thirty-five jets, which, when lighted, has a very beautiful appearance. The furniture of the lodge is of dark polished oak, richly carved and ornamented, and it is intended to embellish the walls with appropriate paintings and other artistic garniture. The symbolic jewels are to be all of solid silver, and will be for the most part presented by the brethren who first hold office in the new lodge. The architect, I am told, is Mr. Davies, of Page-street; the builder, Mr. White, of the Strand, both of Swansea; the furniture having been selected and provided by Messrs. Spiers and Son, of Oxford.

The consecration of the new lodge is to take place the first week in December—in all probability on Thursday, the 8th of that month. Brethren from all parts of the province are to be present on the interesting occasion, which will form one of the most brilliant episodes in connection with the craft that has ever been known in Wales. From the great Masonic ability of those who are rearing the structure, the Talbot Lodge, I am sure, will be a model of perfect Masonic work in its internal mechanism, and will come to be looked up to by older lodges in the province as a piece of masonry worthy of their closest study, and a contemplation of which must lead to the ultimate improvement

of a system which those who belong to it have every right to be proud of, and to enhance the beauty and completeness of which should be their daily desire and their continual effort.

The new lodge will be opened by the Worshipful Master of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 364, Neath, assisted by the Past Masters of his lodge as officers. The right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, of Margan (after whom the lodge is named), will then consecrate and dedicate the lodge in conformity with ancient custom; after which he will install the Worshipful Master Designate, the brother selected for this honour being the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Edward J. Morris, whose exertions on behalf of the Craft in this province are without precedent, and whose selection as Worshipful Master of the new Lodge is a graceful recognition of the efforts which he has made in that direction for many years past, and an appropriate tribute to his high Masonic ability. The officers-designate of the new Lodge are these:—Bros. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W., Senior Warden; G. B. Brock, P. Prov. J.G.W., Junior Warden; Rev. C. T. Heartley, Prov. G. Chaplain; S. B. Power, Treas.; Bro. W. Cox, P. Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; R. A. Essery, Senr. Deac.; John Jones Hewson, Prov. G. Director Ceremonies Junior Deacon; J. G. Hall, Prov. S.G.W., Director of ceremonies; G. Allen, P. Prov. G. Sec., Organist; H. W. Williams, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant, Inner Guard; Henry Simons, Tyler. With such a selection of official Masonic ability as is represented by the foregoing, the working of the new Lodge cannot be anything but perfect. May its career in the future be as encouraging, and its success as complete, as the most sanguine of its promoters can wish.

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TRAVEL.—Our ancient brethren are Masonically said to have travelled from west to east in search of instruction; and it is an undeniable fact, that all knowledge, all religion, all arts and sciences, have travelled according to the course of the sun, from east to west. From that quarter the Divine glory first came, and thence the rays of Divine light continue to diffuse themselves over the face of the earth. From thence came the Bible, and through that the new covenant. From thence came the prophets, the apostles, and the first missionaries that brought the knowledge of God to Europe, to the isles of the sea, and to the west.—*Adam Clarke.*

## NOTES ON AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

*(Continued from page 386).*

## FLORIDA.

M. W. Henry J. Steward, Grand Master, in his Annual Address, "congratulated the brethren upon the privilege they enjoyed at the close of another Masonic year, of assembling around the sacred altar of Masonry, blessed with health, with peace, and as a people, with prosperity, and as Masons with a spirit of love for each other, devotion to the cause, good will and charity towards all mankind; that love, devotion, good will and charity which should ever characterize members of our cherished Order."

He thus refers to the late civil war in the United States:—"We have passed through a severe and trying ordeal. The din of musketry is no longer heard on the tented field, the clash of arms has ceased, and although there may still be strife in the political arena, yet our Northern brethren have reached forth their hands for fraternal fellowship, saying, 'Peace be unto you'! Not doubting, as Thomas did the Saviour, we eagerly grasped those hands thus extended, and bid them welcome unto our holy temples and around our sacred altars. Thus has the wound been healed, the widow's heart made to rejoice, and the orphan's tear wiped away. How pleasing then and delightful the thought to him who can claim to belong to an Order fraught with so much influence, and so wonderful in its character."

Past Grand Master Thomas Brown died at Tallahassee on the 24th day of August, 1867, in his eighty-third year. He was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on the 25th of October, 1785. His father was a lieutenant in the first militia company, commanded by George Washington. Thomas himself was an Aide-de-Camp to General John P. Hungerford, who commanded the Virginia quota of militia mustered into service in the war of 1812. In 1817, Thomas Brown was elected a member of the Virginia Legislature and re-elected for two successive terms. He removed from Virginia to Leon County, Florida, in 1827, and was afterwards a member and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the territorial government of Florida. He was a delegate to the convention which organized the State government. He was also a member of the first legislature that

was elected under the constitution, and was, in 1849, elected Governor, and served in that capacity for four years. His Masonic history is not less distinguished than his civil. He was made a Mason in Hiram Lodge, No. 59, in November, 1806. When, in 1825, the Marquis La Fayette visited the Lodge in which Washington was made a Mason (Frederick Lodge, No. 4), he was present. He was also a member of the Masonic Convention which assembled at Tallahassee in 1830, and organized the Grand Lodge of Florida, and was the first Junior Deacon thereof. He served for eight years as Grand Secretary; and in 1849 was chosen Grand Master. He was for seven years Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. Bro. Brown was an upright politician, a faithful Mason, and a godly man.

Bro. Dr. W. M. C. Hawkins, who had been previously elected M. W. G. Master, was duly installed into office by M. W. G. Master Steward.

The Grand Lodge having adopted a new constitution which is printed with their proceedings, we give the Second Section of the First Article as containing good Masonic law, and sustaining the view taken by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the position of each Grand Lodge.

"The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida extends over all the recorded Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons within the political boundaries of the State, and within which it is the supreme Masonic head and authority. Its jurisdiction also extends to any State, Province, or Territory in which no Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons exists, in which it may charter particular Lodges: *Provided*, That its jurisdiction and authority over Lodges so chartered ceases, as soon as a Grand Lodge is legally constituted in such State, Province, or Territory."

They also adopted one hundred and eighty-two permanent rules, resolutions, and regulations, which compose a body of Masonic law for that jurisdiction which appears to cover any case of an ordinary character, although some may arise that they do not apply to.

Number of lodges, 44; Total Number of Members, 1,783.

## GEORGIA.

After alluding to matters of interest to the Masons of that jurisdiction, the Grand Master, in his address, says:

"My experience, acting as your Grand Master

for several years, has enabled me to form some estimate of the amount of labor required of your Grand Officers in their correspondence with the officers of the subordinate Lodges and other brethren, in furnishing to them the information sought on the various questions which arise in the Lodges. This labor, I am gratified to find, has been greatly diminished by the publication of the edicts and decisions of the Grand Lodge, together with the Grand Constitution, Rules of the Order, Old Constitution and Regulations, Forms of Trial, &c. With this work in the hands of the officers of the subordinate Lodges, they are readily prepared to decide intelligently almost every question that may arise in their Lodges."

In his exordium he says:—"Forty years ago I first knelt at our sacred altar and received the first light in Masonry. Being deeply impressed with the sublime principles of the Order, and its excellent teachings, it has been my desire through life to be guided by its landmarks, and with zealous efforts to cultivate and practise those virtues which preserve and adorn the Masonic character. If I have committed errors, they were of the head, and not of the heart, and I ask that you cover them with the broad mantle of Masonic charity, recollecting that it is human to err, but divine to forgive."

The Committee on Communications reported the following among others:

1st. A paper which purports to be a Communication from three persons of the colored race, who designate themselves as a committee of Eureka Lodge, No. 11, in the city of Savannah, working under what they term a charter from the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts," commonly called the African Grand Lodge. The object of said communication, as well as can be gathered from the document itself, is to learn the feeling of this Grand Lodge towards themselves and their so-called Lodge, and to ask our counsel in reference to the organization of a coloured Grand Lodge in this State.

"Your committee would prefer to treat this Communication with a dignified silence, but as it has been referred to them, they have felt it a duty to give it a passing notice by informing these persons that we cannot now, or ever hereafter, acknowledge them to be A.Y. Masons, or hold any Masonic intercourse whatever with them. We know of no such lodge as the "Prince Hall

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts." We are in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and know nor recognize any other Grand Lodge in that State, and that grand body, we are confident, would not trespass upon the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by granting a charter to any body of men, white or black, within our bounds. Without referring, in any manner, to what is likely, at no distant day, to be a vexed question with the Masonic fraternity throughout the United States, viz: Negro Masonry, we close the subject by quoting Section 3rd. of Article I, of our Grand Constitutions, which is in these words: 'No lodge can exist, or exercise any Masonic privilege or duty in this State without the sanction of this Grand Lodge, either by warrants or dispensations, duly granted for that purpose. And all convocations or assemblies of persons, calling themselves Lodges of Free Masons, assuming to exercise the duties, or perform the ceremonies of Free Masonry in this State, of either or all the three Symbolic Degrees, without the sanction of this Grand Lodge first had and obtained, are hereby declared to be spurious and clandestine, and of no Masonic authority whatever."

Number of Lodges, 266; total number of members, 15,555; initiations, 894; passings, 806; raisings, 853; admissions, 717.

#### IDAHO.

At the First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, the Grand Master delivered the annual address. After returning thanks to a kind Providence for the blessings of the past year, and invoking like blessings for the future, he proceeded to state in detail the official acts performed; and those which he had been prevented from performing. He regrets that the subordinate lodges were so financially deficient that he could not incur the expense of employing a Grand Lecturer to visit their Lodges and exemplify the work.

A resolution was offered and adopted, requiring all the M.W. Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge to have a life-size photograph taken of themselves as soon as practicable after their installation, at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges up to June 23, 1868, 5; number of Masons up to June 23, 1868, 195; initiated, 54; passed, 58; rejected, 66.

From the large number rejected we are glad to see that the subordinate Lodges are beginning in

the right way and consider respectability of character of greater importance than numerical strength. Some of the Lodges in the old States\* might in this respect follow the example of their youngest sister with great advantage.

#### ILLINOIS.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jerome R. Gobin, after a beautiful exordium, informed the Grand Lodge of the dispensations issued to form new Lodges, some thirty-six; and that in conformity to the instructions of the Grand Lodge he divided the State into twelve districts, and appointed a District Deputy Grand Master in each. "In a jurisdiction as large as this, with nearly six hundred Lodges, and over twenty-five thousand Masons, and the number increasing every year, some system must be adopted to relieve the Grand Master of the great burden imposed upon him; and I know of no plan that will accomplish this better than that of appointing District Deputies. The correspondence alone of the Grand Master, nearly equals that of the Governor of the State." He then recommends that the districting of the State and the appointment of Deputies be made a permanent part of "our organization." It also appears from the address that in this immense jurisdiction they have been without a Grand Lodge Hall. The Grand Master says: "The members of the Grand Lodge have been at the mercy of others long enough, and have been compelled to meet in places wholly unsuited for a Lodge meeting, where the Grand Lodge could not be opened in due form, nor order preserved when it was opened. Brethren, it is high time we had a hall of our own—one worthy of the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction."

Among the resolutions adopted are the following:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois hereby recognize the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and extends to her the fraternal grasp of friendship.

"*Resolved*, That Bro. John Schofield be and is hereby appointed the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and that the proper commission be issued."

It appears that the representation in the Grand Lodge of this State is "unwieldly." The delegation

"if fully represented, would reach nearly, if not quite, eighteen hundred brothers—a number so great that no hall in the State would comfortably seat them." A resolution was adopted appointing a committee of five to devise a plan "whereby the representation to the Grand Lodge of Illinois from the subordinate Lodges be reduced to a number *convenient*, and yet *sufficiently numerous*, to carefully and deliberately discharge the duties appertaining to annual sessions."

The total number of members, 30,229; Initiated, 3,971.

#### MASONIC JOTTINGS.—No. 45.

BY A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

#### AN ASSERTION.

If an assertion which lately appeared in the pages of our periodical, and is made by a member of the Craft (for the last three years one of its most frequent contributors) could be established, it would follow that, from time immemorial, English Masonry has not been a true Freemasonry, the small part excepted, brought into it since 1738 by the Jew, the Mahommedan, the Parsee, and the Natural Theist.

#### THE FIRST LUSTRE.

Does there exist evidence to show that, during the First Lustrum, the Religion of the Freemasonry of the Revival was not altogether the same as the Religion of the Freemasonry its predecessor?

#### SPIRIT OF THE AGE.

The Spirit of the Age obtained from the authors of the Old Lectures, first, the original Charges of 1723; next, the amended charges of 1738.

#### FIRST MODERN LODGES OF GERMANY.

In the first Modern Lodges of Germany, the Freemasonry was the Freemasonry of the Revival, and the Religion seems to have been an exclusive, intolerant Christianity.

FREEMASONRY OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE,

#### ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

Bro. E. R. L.,—there is a notable distinction between the Freemasonry of the Grand Orient of France and English Freemasonry. The Freemasonry of the Grand Orient of France is a universal Freemasonry only, of which the Religion may be said to be natural Religion; whilst English Freemasonry is a particular Freemasonry, and a universal Freemasonry also; its Religion, as a

\* And in this Country too.—Ed. F.M. and M.M.

particular Freemasonry being Christianity, and its Religion as a universal Freemasonry being natural Religion.

#### AN ABSURD NOTION.

A Correspondent is mistaken. It is not the Past Provincial Grand Master for Kent, but Bro. Hughan who, somewhere in our Periodical, calls the notion that there was no Speculative Masonry before 1717, an absurd notion \*

#### A TRUE FREEMASONRY.

Every Freemasonry in which there is the belief in the Great Architect of the Universe and in a future State of rewards and punishment, is a true Freemasonry.

#### RELIGION, FREEMASONRY.

Meditation upon God, and contemplation of his glorious works, is a part of our Religion which is a necessary ingredient in our Freemasonry.

### MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

#### A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER AND ARCHITECTURE.

Bro. E.G.C.—It is strange that you should look for accuracy, or any other quality befitting literary discussion in the author of the communication to which you have drawn my attention. \* \* \*

I not only have not *perpetually*, but I have not even *once* "praised German Architecture at the expense of English."†—A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

#### THE BIBLE.

"Having been for twenty-four years (Dec. 1, 1866) a member of the English Fraternity, and being fully acquainted with its working and its principles, and knowing also what I do of some parts of foreign Freemasonry, I feel justified in raising a warning voice against any proposal to tamper with what has been both its distinguishing feature and its safe-guard.

Thousands of able, of learned, of tolerant minds, have been attracted to an order which has not been ashamed to begin and end its ceremonies, its labours, and its formulæ with the Bible; and any such exclusion of the Bible, as some advocate, would not only entail an entire remodelling of every portion of our Ritual, but would as certainly drive from our ranks thousands whom we never could replace."—From a bundle of Masonic Excerpts.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

#### ECLECTIC MASONRY.

This was an order or rite established at Frankfort, in Germany, in the year 1783, by Baron de Knigge for the purpose, if possible, of abolishing the *haute grades*, or philosophical degrees, which had, at that period, increased to an excessive number. This "Eclectic Masonry" acknowledged the three symbolic

degrees only as the true ritual, but permitted each lodge to select at its option any of the higher degrees, provided they did not interfere with the uniformity of the first three. The founder of the rite hoped by this system of diffusion to weaken the importance, and at length totally to destroy the existence of these high degrees. But he failed in this expectation; and while these high degrees are still flourishing, there are not a dozen lodges of the Eclectic rite now in operation in Europe.—*Mackey*.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

*The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondence*

#### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE. \*

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

Sir.—As the time is fast approaching when the new law, authorising the appointment of a permanent—or more correctly speaking, an annual President, will come into operation, I may, as one who took a deep interest in the adoption of the proposition, be permitted to indicate the names of two or three brethren who, in my humble opinion, would fill the chair satisfactorily, and, doubtless, the choice will be made from amongst those who have from time to time occupied the post.

First and foremost I would name Bro. J. Newton Tomkins, P.G.D. He has frequently filled the chair with great courtesy, evinced a thorough knowledge of the laws governing the Board, and invariable correctness in his rulings. He is incomparably the best Chairman of the Board has had during my long attendance.

The second, I would name is Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B, who has occasionally presided at the Board, and with a full appreciation of the duties, has fulfilled them in a highly satisfactory manner. He would make a good Chairman.

The third I shall name is Bro. Moxon Clabon, P.G.D., who is a man of great general ability and thorough business habits. He also has occupied the chair of the Board, and has given proof of his qualifications for the office. He, too, would make a good Chairman.

The appointment of any one of the three brethren named would be satisfactory, though the first would be the best, if that brother can be induced to accept the nomination.

Having attended the Board of Benevolence, more or less frequently, for upwards of twenty-five years, and very constantly for the last ten or twelve years, I am enabled to form a sound opinion on the subject, and that must plead my apology, if apology be needed, for penning these lines. I am well acquainted with all the laws of the Board of Benevolence, and I write without any bias or prejudice, having the highest respect for each of the three brethren whom I have named.

I remain, yours fraternally,  
JOHN SAVAGE, P.G.D.

10th November, 1870.

\* See Freemasons' Magazine, vol. 21, page, 288.

† See page 232 of the present volume.

\* The above was received last week but too late for insertion. We request Bro. Savage to accept our apology for its non-appearance.

### MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

The last mail advices from Australia contain the announcement of the death at Melbourne, of Bro. James Marshall, solicitor, a colonist of sixteen years' standing. He was one of the oldest members in the colony of the Masonic fraternity, having been W.M. of the "Ancient Lodge of Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh" as early as 1830. He was subsequently Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, Chairman of the Law Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and a Knight Templar. Previously to his arrival in the colony he had practised for thirty years in the Supreme Court of Scotland, chiefly in the criminal department of the law, during which time he also compiled several works on Scotch law, and contributed some dramatic sketches to the Edinburgh stage.

Among the incidents of the war which should be put on record, and which illustrate the vein for foolery and bombast of the French, is a citation of Fr. Guillaume I, Roi de Prusse, and "Fr. Frederic Guillaume Prince Royal to appear on the 29th October, at No. 35, Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, at Paris, to answer an accusation of perjury," in the name of humanity, outraged, of liberty of conscience violated, and of right and justice disregarded. In case of their non-appearance, which probably was the fact, an official advocate was "to be appointed, and the case was to be tried according to Masonic usages."

It is in consequence of denaturalising and disturbing Masonry from its old bases that such notions gain currency. Who are the parties at No. 35 does not appear. It is to be hoped not the two legitimate bodies the Grand Orient and the Supreme Council, the domiciles of which are elsewhere than in the Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau.

If the King of Prussia and his son hear of this tomfoolery, they are too good Masons to regard it as anything else but what it is, and it is to be hoped it will not impair the genuine good offices of Masonry, rendered to each other by brethren on both sides, in this unhappy war.

The following is a translation of the citation above referred to:—

"Citation.—In the name of outraged humanity! In the name of violated liberty of conscience! In the name of despised right and justice! The Freemasons William I, King of Prussia, and Frederick William Nicholas Charles of Prussia, Royal Hereditary Prince, are summoned to appear personally or by representatives having some Masonic qualification, on Saturday, the 29th day of October, 1870, in the Maconic Hall, Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, No. 35, at seven

o'clock in the evening, to answer the charge of perjury brought against them by the Parisian Freemasonry. Should they fall in coming forward, or in sending representatives in accordance with the present citation an ex-officio defender shall be appointed in their behalf, and proceedings shall be taken according to Masonic usages. Orient of Paris, Oct. 21, 1870." Then follow signatures of venerables and delegates of Grand Lodge.

### GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

The M.W. Grand Lodge of California commenced its twenty-first Annual Communication, at the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Tuesday, October 10, and was opened in ample form. Present, M.W. Leonidas E. Pratt, G.M.; R.W. Isaac S. Titus, D.G.M.; John Shirrel Ward, S.G. Warden; Richard Dale, J.G. Warden; V.W. James Laidley, G. Treas.; Alexander G. Abell, G. Sec.; the other Grand Officers, several P.G. Officers, Past Masters, and the representatives of about one hundred subordinate warranted Lodges. Prayer was offered by Bro. Rev. A. E. Hill, G. Chaplain, pro tem., the odes being sung by the choir.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Bros. Raymonde Rosas Morales, P.G. Secretary of the Grand Orient of Peru; and M.W. William H. Davis, P.G.M. of Nova Scotia.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a report approving the official acts of the Grand Master so far as referred to them; also, recommending the repeal of the regulation which provides that no Suicide shall be buried with Masonic honours.

The Committee on Finances approved the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

It was *Resolved*,—That so much of the address of the Grand Lodge as refers to the barbarities committed on Freemasons in the Island of Cuba, and the report of the Special Committee thereon, be not printed in the published proceedings, but shall be filed among its archives for future reference.

"And the committee was continued until the next annual communication, with instructions to ascertain the truth relative to the statements made, and report thereon."

Bros. M. W. Leonidas E. Pratt was re-elected G. Master; R.W. Isaac S. Titus, was elected D.G. Master. On the recommendation of the Grand Master it was resolved to recognise the "Grand Lodge of Quebec,"

The two Grand Lodges in Brazil are about to become amalgamated under one jurisdiction.



## THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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**THE NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENT.**—On the 1st of October the new postal arrangement came into operation, by which the postage of the *MAGAZINE* is reduced one-half, of which our subscribers will receive the full benefit. In future, those of our subscribers who pay one year in advance will receive the *MAGAZINE* post-free. The price of the *MAGAZINE* will thus be reduced from 17s. 4d. to 13s. per annum. Under this arrangement the following be the terms of subscription:—One year, paid in advance, 13s.; six months, 7s. 9d.; single numbers, by post, 3½d. We hope that by thus giving the advantage to our subscribers they will, in return, use their best endeavours to increase our circulation, by inducing their friends to become subscribers. Anticipating a large increase in our circulation, arrangements are in progress for special new features in the *MAGAZINE*.

### MASONIC MEMS.

His Royal Highness Brother the Prince of Wales, M.W.P.G.M., has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on a Wednesday in May, 1871.

It is announced that Col. F. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, will take the chair at the Annual Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and the Widows of Freemasons, on the 25th of January.

The Royal Alpha Lodge (No. 16) possesses the following distinguished list of officers for the ensuing year:—the M.W.G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl De Grey and Ripon, Worshipful Master; the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., Senior Warden; the Duke of St. Alban's, Junior Warden; the Earl of Zetland, M.W.P.G.M., Immediate Past Master; and the V.W. John Hervey, Grand Sec., Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland will be held at Carlisle on the 23rd inst. The R.W. Bro Lord Kenlis, Prov. G.M. will preside.

Lodge of Hengist (No. 195), will celebrate its centenary at the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, on the 23rd inst., and a banquet will take place at the Bellevue Assembly Rooms at four o'clock p.m. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the R.W. Prov. G.M. will preside.

**THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT** will hold its annual Festival at Freemasons' Hall, on the evening of Friday, 25th inst., when the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th sections of the First Degree will be worked at seven o'clock. A banquet will follow. Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., S.G.D., will preside.

The **LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** attached to the Dalhousie Lodge is held every Tuesday at Bro. J. Allen's, the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at eight o'clock, when the members of the Parent Lodge attend, and is well worthy of a visit from the brethren.

The annual banquet of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, will be held at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, the 6th December.

The **ROYAL UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (382), now meets every Wednesday evening at 8 precisely, at Bro. Duddy's New Rooms, Winsley Street, Oxford Street (opposite the Pantheon).

A Lodge of Instruction under the sanction of the warrant of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306, is held at Bro Hayward's, the Gun Tavern and Hotel, High Street, Wapping, every Monday evening. Bro. Thomas S. Mortlock, P.M. 186, acts as Preceptor.

Bro. T. Adam's, P.M. Prov. G.P., Annual Subscription Masonic Ball, for the members of the Craft and their friends only, will be held at the new Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, in February next. The tickets can be obtained of Bro. T. Adam, 55, Whitehall Street Tottenham Court Road, at one guinea each, to admit a lady and gentleman, to include supper and refreshment during the evening. The brethren are expected to appear in full Masonic clothing.

**THE ROBERT BURNS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 25), has commenced its winter session, and now meets every Friday evening at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at half-past seven o'clock.

The Chapter of Improvement, held under the auspices of Prudent Brethren Chapter, (No. 145) meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Thursdays at seven o'clock for ceremonies, lectures, explanations, and illustrations. There will be a change of work every evening. We recommend all companions who desire to advance themselves in Capitular Masonry to attend.

**STANHOPE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 1,269).—A new Lodge of Instruction for the Sydenham, Norwood, Dulwich, and Forest Hill district, has been established under the name of the Stanhope Lodge of Instruction (No. 269), at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, close to the Railway Station of the Crystal Palace. Bro. Lassam, the proprietor of the hotel, was elected Treas.; Bro. Baker, Sec.; and Bro. H. W. Lindus, the first Master of the parent Lodge, Preceptor. The arrangements necessary for the conduct of the Lodge were made, and the brethren afterwards sat down to one of Bro. Lassam's neat little banquets, and spent the remainder of the evening in a very enjoyable manner. The Lodge will meet at the Thicket Hotel every Wednesday evening during the session at half-past seven o'clock.

The attention of the benevolent is earnestly called to the distressing case of Bro. W——, at present residing at Bristol. Bro. W—— was formerly a manufacturer in good circumstances, but failed in business, and has since met with a melancholy train of misfortunes, having lost his wife; and while she lay dead his house was burnt, the body being with difficulty recovered from the flames. He is now rendered completely helpless by a third attack of paralysis. Bro. W—— is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and has been refused any relief from that body unless he consents to renounce Freemasonry. The case is vouched for by Bro. Bridges, Past D. Prov. G. M. of Somersetshire, and Bro. Grissell, Past Grand Deacon, P.M., 2, & 33. The latter brought the case under the notice of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, who granted £5, to which that brother has added £1. Bro. Grissell, of Montague Square, and Bro. Bridges have consented to receive donations, and Bro. W. H. Bowden, of 2, Standerland Place, Clifton (to whom the above has been forwarded), will kindly undertake the duty of paying, out of whatever sums may be forwarded to him, such weekly amount as may be necessary to alleviate the sufferings of this distressed brother. This is a most deserving case, and we earnestly urge upon the brethren to contribute.

We observe that the promoters of the new-fangled "Red Cross Order of Rome and Constantine" have dropped the latter portion of their title, and are now content to call it the "Red Cross Order."

A Committee has been formed for the purpose of getting subscriptions from members of the Craft in aid of Bro. Geo. Tedder, of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11; Yarborough Chapter, 554; Thistle Lodge of Mark Masons, and K. T. Mount Calvary Encampment. Bro. Tedder was known for many years as an eminent vocalist, but for the last seven years has been afflicted with deafness and nervous affection of the brain, and he is pronounced incurable. In consequence of this calamity, he cannot exercise his profession or contribute to the support of his wife and four young children, the eldest being nine years and the youngest three years old. The object of the committee, is to provide a sum sufficient to clear some debts he has incurred during the last two or three years. Bro. Tedder has been elected to an annuity, but until a sum be raised sufficient to clear off these debts, it will be impossible for him to realise any benefit from it. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the following brethren, viz:—Bros. C. T. Sutton, P.M., P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Owens, Hon. Sec., 861; F. Binckes, P.M., 11; Secretary of the Boys' School; G. Moultrie, P.M., 11; H. G. Buss, P.M., 27, P.G.T. Middlesex; J. Coutts, P.M. 27, A.G.P.; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; D. G. Berrie, P.M. 27; D. H. Jacobs, P.M. 27; H. E. Hoare, P.M. 27; J. May, 27; H. S. Friend, P.M. 9; C. Swan, P. Prov. G.D., Herts; O. F. Vallentin, P.M., 869; E. Farthing, P.M., 118, and P. Prov. G.S., Herts; H. Newton, 157; T. Roberts, 205; R. Paget, J.W., 228; J. N. Frost, P.M. 704, and Preceptor, of United Strength Lodge of Instruction; C. H. Fielder, P.M., 715; S. G. Myers, P.M., 715; J. Paddle, P.M., 715; T. Green, Panmure, 720; W. Gregory, S.W., 754; E. M. Davey, P.M., 861; F. Walters P.M. 871; Knight, S.W., 1,107; C. Braid, S.W., 1,196, F. G. Harrison, E. Collinwood, W. Beattie, T. Jepson, G. Nicholls, A Baddeley.

## Craft Masonry.

### ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

#### METROPOLITAN.

**ENOCH LODGE (No. 11).**—The first meeting for the season of this lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Edward J. Lewis, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The usual business of the meeting was very satisfactorily disposed of, and the brethren, twenty-five in number, adjourned to a banquet. The visitors present were Bros. Little, of Friendship Lodge, No. 100, Great Yarmouth; B. D. Kershaw, I.P.M. of Confidence Lodge, No. 193; and Spicer, of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.

**EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).**—The above lodge held its usual monthly meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday, 3rd inst. There were present Bros. John B. Poole, W.M.; Shepherd, S.W.; Palmer, J.W.; Harrison, S.D.; Atkins, J.D.; Lambwell, I.G.; H. G. Buss, P.M. and Sec.; B. P. Todd, P.M. and Treas.; and Past Masters J. Libbis, I.P.M.; J. Coutts, A.G.P.; D. H. Jacobs; D. G. Berry; Payne, and others. The lodge opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. G. Jackson and J. Bennett, were passed to the degree of F.C. Mr. W. Paice was initiated, the ceremony being perfectly worked by the W.M. A sum of £2 2s. was voted from the funds of the lodge in aid of Bro. George Tedder's subscription list, and a further sum of £3 was collected by the brethren present. Bro. Buss, P.M. and Sec., announced his intention of becoming a Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institute, the lodge heading the list with the sum of £10 to enable Bro. H. G. Buss to become a Life Governor, as an acknowledgment for the able manner he had conducted the duties of Secretary, and his zeal in the cause of the various Masonic charities. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down

to a sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. Bro. John Coutts, P.M., A.G.P., responded to the toast of the Grand Officers, and Bro. Paice for the initiate. Bros. Jesse Owen, 861; H. Price, W.M., 657; and A. Morton, 179, were present as visitors. The toasts of the Past Masters was severally responded to in the usual eloquent manner so proverbial of those brethren. The toast of the officers and the Tyler's toast concluded an evening spent in a most cordial manner.

**BRITANNIC LODGE (No. 33).**—The brethren of this lodge met at the Freemason's Hall on Friday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. Church, W.M.; Glaisher, S.W.; Ohren, J.W.; Crombie, Treas.; Chubb, Sec.; Finch, S.D.; Eachus, I.G.; Bridges, P.M.; Grissell, P.M.; Hawkins, P.M.; Shields, P.M.; Glegg, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Pierce, P.M.; Boddy, Pendred, Clouston, Chynoweth, Paddon, Young, Craig, Pawley, Turner, Voile, Dixon, Robertson, Paget, Spencer, Sparks, Furness, Bannister, Ricks, Palmer, Parker, Sugg, Horsley, Strawbridge, Kincaid, Webb, and Hodge. The visitors present were Bros. Leslie, Lodge No. 1; Swinburne, 2; Wilson, 2; Stephenson, 49; Master, 58; Watton, Chaine d'Amitie, Paris; Hawkins and Wickes, St. John and St. Paul, 349; Angel, 1228; Crutch, 1278; P. Leslie, Jerusalem; and Long, 1150. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following gentlemen were initiated:—W. F. Humphrey, W. Bloore, F. L. Linging, and F. Hetley. Bro. W. P. Boddy was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The position of the lodge was taken into consideration, and a proposition which had been referred to the permanent committee to reduce the joining fee from twenty to ten guineas was carried. Stewards were appointed to represent the lodge at the Charity Festival. The sum of £5 was voted to a distressed brother. There being no fresh business, the lodge was closed.

**MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, the 15th instant, when there were present Bros. F. H. Ebsworth, W.M.; Meyer d'Leuvenstark, S.W.; J. Free, J.W.; G. J. Grace, S. D.; A. L. Dussek, J. D.; S. Harman, I. G.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; J. Donkin, P.M., Sec.; and D. Rose, P.M. Bros. W. Long, Dalhousie; W. B. Heath, P. Prov. G.S.W. Herts.; Thos. P. Clark, P.M. 22; J. Noak, P.M. 87; Trotman, 834; and Dalby, 879, were present as visitors. Bros. Crawley, Lilley, and Stevens were raised, Bros. Sutton, Hager, and Embam passed, and Mr. William Adams was initiated. An excellent banquet followed the proceedings.

**VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).**—The brethren of this lodge held the usual monthly meeting on Wednesday the 9th inst., at Bro. Frampton's, the White Hart Tavern, College Street, Lambeth. There were no less than nine candidates for initiation. The W.M. of course selected the first five, but a little difficulty arose, for one of the candidates who was requested to stand over until the next meeting, claimed his right as a "lewis" to be initiated in preference to the others, he being the son of a brother. The W.M., after some little discussion, decided in his favour, intimating that a Lodge of Emergency would have to be held for the purpose of clearing off the great amount of business in abeyance. After the initiation four brethren were passed to the second degree, the whole of the ceremonies being impressively worked by the W.M. Bro. May, P.M., 780, kindly took the Senior Warden's chair. Bro. Bond, P.M., having announced his intention to represent the lodge as Steward, at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, made a strong appeal to the brethren for support, and we were pleased to see the brethren respond so liberally. The brethren afterwards partook of a very excellent banquet. The visitors were Bros. Glover, 1,180; Parker, P.M., 34; Wingham, S.D., 25; and Thomas, 77.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).**—The brethren of the above lodge met on Monday the 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, the W.M., Bro. B. W. Aaron, in the chair, supported by Bros. S. Lyons, S.W.; M. Alexander, J.W.; E. H. Hunt, J.D.; O. Roberts, I.G.; Hickman, D.C.; Barnes (Steward), and P.M.'s J. Abrahams, Treas.; E. P. Albert, Sec.; L. Alexander; H. M. Levy. Visitors:—Reekes, 27; A. White, W.M., Neptune, 22; McIlwham, 439, Mauritius; Ed. Lee, 185. The lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Goldsmid was passed to the degree of M.M. Ballots were then taken for the admission of Messrs. Morris, Hyman, Frederick Hunt, and Chas. Engel, who were duly initiated into the order. Mr. Israel Hyman was proposed

for initiation on the next lodge meeting. A sum of three guineas was given from the funds of the lodge, and a petition was signed in open lodge in aid of a distressed brother, to Grand Lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a slight repast. The W.M. then proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. There is a Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge, and in the course of his remarks, the W.M. stated that he was pleased to inform the brethren, that a brother in the lodge, who did not desire to have his name mentioned, had given a sum of two guineas, other subscriptions were also contributed. The toast of the newly initiated brethren, was responded to by Bros. C. Hyman and Engel. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., and responded to. The toast of the visitors was responded to by Bro. Reekes, 27. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Bro. H. M. Levy. The toast of the officers was responded to by Bro. L. Lyons. Bros. Hunt, and Hickman, responded to the toast of the Grand Officers. The Tyler's toast concluded a very congenial evening.

**ST. PAUL'S LODGE (No. 194).**—The brethren of this lodge met at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Tuesday, 16th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. E. S. Eves, W.M., supported by Bros. E. Sparks, J.W.; W. Aldridge, J.W.; R. M. Veal, P.M. and Treas.; Robert Fowler, P.M. and Sec.; Stanley Fowler, S.D.; S. Weston, J.D.; F. G. Brown, I.G.; and the following Past Masters: Bros. John Watson, Charles Wilson, E. Randell, Francis Renshaw, Henry Renshaw, and John Harper. Bros. Frederick Williams, W.M., Acacia, 1,309; and Henry Parker, Salisbury, 435, were present as visitors. Bro. E. G. Eves, as W.M., was chosen to fill the chair of K.S. for another year, and Bro. R. M. Veal was also re-elected as Treasurer. The sum of £50 was voted out of the charity fund of the lodge to a distressed brother, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M.

**DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 810).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, November 10th, inst. Bro. W. Birch, P.M. and Treasurer, officiated for Bro. J. W. Williams as W.M. Bros. Hardy, S.W.; Thomson, J.W.; Smeed, S.D.; Dalwood, J.W.; Ingram, Secretary and I.G.; Wallington, D.C.; King, Steward; and Littell, P.M., were present. Bros. Catelier, Temperance Lodge, and W. Gilchrist, P.M. Doric, were present as visitors. Bro. Allen was raised, Bro. William Guest was initiated. Dr. Campbell was proposed by Bro. P. M. Littell, and seconded by Bro. Simpson, as a candidate for initiation. About 25 brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE, (No. 1,017).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday 9th. inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended. Bro. S. Pollitzer, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. A. Eskell, P.M., as S.W.; J. W. Braham, J.W.; E. P. Albert, P.M., Sec.; S. Blum, S.D.; J. L. Rosenthal, J.D.; the Rev. M. B. Levy, I.P.M., S.V.; Abrahams, P.M.; and J. De Solla. The work of the lodge, which was admirably performed by the W.M., consisted of initiating Messrs. E. S. Pereira, Frank Bachner, James Watkins, Jacques Blum, and John H. Milner; passing, Bro. J. R. Scott; and raising Bros. Myers, and Volem. The election of W.M., resulted in the choice of Bro. S. A. Kisch, a past S.W. Bro. Lewis Jacobs was elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Smith, T. A.P.M., Jewel, which is to be a very valuable one, was unanimously voted to Bro. Pollitzer, in recognition of his able discharge of the W.M.'s duties during the year. Three guineas were given to a distressed brother. A banquet followed the closing of the lodge. Bros. Arkell, 192; and Massey, 619, were present as visitors. All the usual toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. Pereira responded for the initiates, Bro. Eskell for the P.M.'s, and Bros. Braham, Turner, Blum, and Rosenthal for the Officers. The Rev. M. B. Levy proposed the W.M.

**ACACIA LODGE (No. 1,314).**—The regular meeting of this new and rapidly increasing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent. The W.M., Bro. Alfred Avery, presided, being supported by Bros. Hailing, S.W.; Knott, J.W.; Wells, S.D.; W. Manger, J.D.; W. Seaman, I.G.; E. Coste, P.M., No. 9, Hon. Sec.; R. H. Williams, Treas.; and Alfred Avery, I.P.M. There were also present Bros. W. N. Baylis, R. Buller, Cattlin, R. Grey, C. W. Jordan, J. Wyer, Girdwood, Smith, J. J. Gaskey, Hyde, Wyatt, W. Holland, Deering, &c. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. John Wyer, T. C. Girdwood, H. Cattlin, and C. W. Jordan were raised to the third degree. Bro. Manley, (who had been previously

ballotted for) was duly initiated into the Order. Bros. James Saville, and Smith, having answered the necessary questions in a satisfactory manner, were passed to the second degree. Bro. Jordan presided at the piano during the ceremonies. Bro. E. Coste, P.M. and Sec., then presented to the lodge a set of firing Glasses, and Bro. J. Avery, I.P.M., then proposed, and Bro. Wells seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for his acceptable and valuable gift. The lodge was then closed until the second Tuesday in January, 1871, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., Bro. Alfred Avery, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, including the R.W. Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G.M., and Bro. Dobson, D. Prov. G.M. Bro. James Avery proposed the health of the W.M. The W.M. in reply regretted not being present on the last occasion, owing to severe illness. The duties he had performed in the lodge were not light, but if he had done them to their satisfaction it was a great pleasure to him, for his only object was to see the Acacia Lodge flourish. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly-initiated brother, who returned thanks in an eloquent speech, fraught with sensible and appropriate remarks. The toast of the visitors was next proposed, who were Bros. R. James, P.M., 19; H. Price, W.M., 657; C. Bayley, 9; A. Browne, Industry: J. W. Airey, 101; Leonard, P.M., 619; Bennett, P.M., Anchor and Hope; J. Hyde, 234; and H. M. Levy, P.M., 188, who severally returned thanks. Bro. James Avery, I.P.M. briefly and appropriately returned thanks for the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the officers of the lodge, who severally responded. The Tyler's toast concluded a delightful evening.

#### CONSECRATION OF LODGE OF ASAPH, (No. 1,319.)

This new lodge as previously announced, is established particularly for the convenience of members of the Musical and Theatrical Professions, many brethren of these professions finding their avocations interfere with the discharge of their duties to their lodges and the Craft generally. The lodge, however, will not be exclusive, such a principle not being Masonic; it will also gladly hail brethren from other walks in life; but the numerous evening engagements of professors of music will be the paramount consideration in fixing the hour at which the lodge work will commence. The formation of the lodge and the framing of all its details have been admirably carried out by Bros. E. Stanton Jones, Charles Coote, G. W. Martin, Chamberlain, Buckland, Carter, (all Past Masters of No. 205), and Bro. James Weaver, the present Master of No. 862; and so favourable has the design been received by their *confreres* in art that no less than eighteen brethren are to be ballotted for at next meeting as joining members, and six gentlemen of the outer world as initiates. The ceremony of Consecration which was performed on Monday last in the Moira Room, Freemasons' Hall, was such a success in every particular, that it is but fair to suppose that the enthusiastic efforts which have been made to add to such a lodge to the London roll emanated from a general feeling that a musical lodge was a real requirement. Numerous musical brethren lent their aid as prominent executants during the ceremony, those more particularly engaged being the Grand Organist of England, Bros. James Coward, G. T. Carter, Dawson, and Jekyll. Further interest in its success was exhibited by Messrs. Chappell and Broadwood, the former of which firms kindly lent the harmonium, at which Bro. Coward presided, and the latter the grand pianoforte, on which various brethren played after the banquet. So general, indeed, has been the feeling in its favour that not a dissentient voice has been heard against it, and not an expression used which was not a wish for its unqualified prosperity.

The usual ceremonial was gone through by Bro. R. W. Little as consecrating officer, and never was better performed; and the chants, together with some exquisite anthems, were sung by the professional brethren. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Little installed in the Master's chair Bro. E. Stanton Jones, who invested as his officers Bros. C. Coote, S.W. J. M. Chamberlain, J.W.; J. Weaver, S.D.; Gilbert, T. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. Adams, who took the S.W. chair during the consecration; to Bro. R. S. Warrington as J.W., and Bro. Walters as I.G. The bye-laws, which had been previously framed, were adopted, and the following list of brethren anxious to join was read by the W.M.:—Bros. C. Coote,

Jun., 205; F. Ledger, P.M., 11; A. J. Phasesy, 205; H. Baker, 23; T. Edgar, 205; Haines, 23; E. Frewin, 205; J. Perry, 205; J. Boatwright, 205; Thaddeus Wells, 205; G. Horton, 205; W. Mahy, 68; W. Dawson, 186; W. H. Cremon, 205; D. Dearle, 88; G. Tyler, 205; C. Harper; W. T. Wrighton, 23; Gough, 780; and Stephens. The following gentlemen were proposed as initiates:—Messrs. John Meredith, W. H. Weston, H. Snydnors, W. A. Tinney, H. J. Tinney, W. A. Mead, and H. Farnie.

The W.M. in explanation of the objects the promoters of the lodge had in view, said he wished to be particular in the working, as might be seen from the class of brethren he had appointed as his officers. The lodge would have but one banquet a year, and by such economy hoped to conduce towards the permanent success of the Masonic Charities, and yet leave a sum in hand. These advantages would be great to this lodge, and very likely to Freemasonry generally, for they would probably induce many bright characters to enter the Order. It must be observed when coming across members of the musical and dramatic professions that men must possess no small amount of talent successfully to discharge their functions as interpreters of the art they profess. Music as well as rhetoric could recite deeds of heroism to inspire with ardour, and by its soft influences tranquilize, calm, and soothe the human passions. Where then could such an art be better exercised than in a Freemasons' Lodge, in which the brethren met in virtue, and united in the bonds of love and harmony?

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Little.

The lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Bro. Jas. Coward, G.O., responded for the Grand Officers.

Bro. T. Adams, P.G.S.B., proposed the health of the W.M.

The W.M., in replying, congratulated the brethren in obtaining the warrant for the lodge, and enlarged on the excellent precepts of Masonry which would be inculcated in it, and the influence for good which it would exercise. He was happy to be one of the founders, and happier still to be the first W.M. He then proposed Bro. Little's health, and once more thanked him in the name of the brethren for performing the consecration.

Bro. Little acknowledged the compliment, and hailed the advent of a Musical and Dramatic Lodge with pleasure.

Bro. J. Hervey, G. Sec., replied for the Visitors, and afterwards proposed "Success to the Lodge of Asaph."

Bro. C. Coote, after thanking the Grand Secretary for the great assistance he had been to the founders of the lodge, and for his kindness and urbanity whenever the brethren had to wait upon him, proposed "the health of Bro. David James," of the Vaudeville Theatre, as the representative of the Dramatic Art. He was sorry there were not more of that branch of the profession present, but as they were engaged in their ordinary occupations at that late hour, every excuse was to be made for them.

Bro. David James returned thanks for so high a compliment, and hoped that this lodge would be the means of amalgamating more than was the case at present, the Dramatic and the Musical Professions.

The W.M. then proposed "the Officers," Bros. Coote, Chamberlain, Weaver, G. W. Martin, Organist to the Lodge, and Bro. Carter, all of whom responded, and the brethren separated.

Some excellent songs and glees were sung by Bros. Carter, Coote, jun., Dawson, Coward, Jekyll, and a fine solo was played on the piano by Bro. Coward.

The brethren who attended at the Consecration were, in addition to those above named, Bros. John Hervey, Grand Sec; G. W. Martin, P.M., 201; Pierce Egan, P.M., 23; J. F. Starkey, 53; David James, 780; G. Pymn, P.M., 749; John Smith, W.M., 157; W. H. Wagborn, I.G., 946; H. Sadler, J.W., 147; H. Thompson, P.M., 609; W. T. Newby, 68; C. B. Payne, P.M., 27; S. Pollitzer, W.M., 1,017; C. Harper, jun., 332; and H. Massey, P.M., 619.

The beautiful furniture of the lodge was supplied by Bro Starkey, of Bond Street, and the banquet was excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Francatelli.

#### CONSECRATION OF EMBLEMATIC LODGE, (No. 1,321.)

The consecration of this new lodge took place on Thursday, last, 17th inst., at the Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill. There were present:—Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec.; Thomas

Fenn, P.G.D.C.; R. W. Little, P.M., 975, Prov. G. Sec., Middlesex; B. T. Todd, P.M. 27; A. G. Buss, P.M. 27, Prov. G. Treas., Middlesex; Thomas Hales, 27; E. L. Cockerell, P.M. 957; Charles Herring, P.M. 382; Charles Chittens, 1; William Abbott, 504; E. F. Swan, 504; R. A. Wright, P.M. 504, P. Prov. G.S.D., Herts; M. L. Hayward, 504; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; Thomas Laxton, 504; W. B. Heath, P.M. 198 and 504, P. Prov. G. Sec., Herts; Charles Atkins, J.D. 27; P. J. Breary, 26; James Hanway, S.W. 957; E. Lewis, J.D. 198; J. Walters, W.M. 1309, P.M. 73; G. Kenning, S.W. 192; J. B. A. Wolpert, P.M. 720; J. R. Darke, 1275; and J. H. Gaball, 382.

The ceremony of consecration was ably conducted by Bro. R. W. Little, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec., Middlesex, the officer appointed for the purpose by the M.W. Grand Master.

The brethren assembled at half-past three, and having formed in procession in Masonic order, headed by the Director of Ceremonies, the Presiding Officer took the chair, and appointed his Wardens, pro tem

The Lodge was duly opened in the three degrees, and prayer was offered up.

The Grand Secretary then addressed the Presiding Officer, who desired him to read the Petition and Warrant.

The Presiding Officer inquired if the brethren approved of the Officers named in the Warrant, viz.:—Bros. George Frederick Swan, W.M. Designate; William Henry Brearey, S.W. Designate; Thomas Laxton, J.W., Designate.

The brethren present having unanimously replied in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer Bro. R. W. Little delivered an oration. The following Anthem was then sung:—

Behold! how pleasant and how good  
For brethren such as we,  
Of the "Accepted" Brotherhood,  
To dwell in unity.

'Tis like the oil on Aaron's head,  
Which to his feet distils:  
Like Hermon's dew, so richly shed  
On Zion's sacred hills.

For there the Lord of Light and Love  
A blessing sent, with power;  
Oh! may we all that blessing prove,  
Ee'n life for evermore.

On Friendship's altar rising here,  
Our hands now plighted be,  
To live in love, with hearts sincere,  
In peace and unity.

The Grand Secretary presented the Worshipful Master Designate, to the Presiding Officer, who placed him on his left; the brethren of the lodge then arranged themselves on each side of the Lodge Board, and the first portion of the "Dedication Prayer" was given

All joined in the chant, "So mote it be."

Sanctus, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord, was next sung."

All the brethren turned to the East, when the Presiding Officer gave the Invocation, concluding with the chant, "So mote it be."

The Lodge Board was uncovered, and the W.M. and Wardens carried corn, wine, and oil, three times round the lodge, solemn music being performed during the ceremony.

"Glory be to God on High,  
Peace on earth,  
Good-will towards men."

The Chaplain carried the Censer three times round the lodge, accompanied by solemn music.

The second portion of the "Dedication Prayer" was then given, all the brethren again joining in the chant, "So mote it be."

The Presiding Officer then dedicated and constituted the lodge according to ancient custom.

Haydn's beautiful anthem was then sung:—

The spacious firmament on high,  
With all the blue ethereal sky;  
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,  
Their great original proclaim.  
The unwearied sun, from day to day,  
Does his Creator's power display,  
And publishes to every land,  
The work of an Almighty hand.

What though in solemn silence all  
Move round this dark terrestrial ball;  
What though no real voice nor sound  
Amid their radiant orbs be found.  
In Reason's ear they all rejoice,  
And utter forth a glorious voice,  
For ever singing as they shine,  
The hand that made us is Divine.

The Patriarchal Benediction concluded the ceremony of Consecration.

W. Bro. W. B. Heath, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., Herts, then proceeded with the installation of the W.M.

The W.M. having been saluted in Masonic form, proceeded with the investment of his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Brearey, S.W.; Thomas Laxton, J.W.; James Harvey, S.D.; William Abbott, J.D.; M. L. Hayward, I.G.; W. Heath, P.M. 198, P. Prov. S.G.W. for Herts, Hon. Sec., pro tem; J. Wood, stock, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded in the lodge minutes to Bros. Hervey, Little, and Fenn, for the efficient manner in which those brethren performed in the consecration of the lodge. Bros. Hervey, and Little were afterwards elected as Honorary Members of the lodge.

A vote of thanks was also proposed to Bro. Chas. Herring, for having kindly presided at the harmonium, and conducting the musical portion of the ceremony.

Several propositions were made for initiation and joining, and the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a *récherché*, and banquet, provided by the worthy host, Bro. J. Simmons.

The banquet was served in most unexceptionable manner, and elicited unqualified praise from officers, members and visitors. After the cloth had been cleared.

The W.M. proposed in appropriate terms, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., the Rt. Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon," "The Past Grand Masters, Bros. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales," and "and the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland."

The next toast proposed by the W. M. was "The Rt. Hon. Earl Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present," coupling with the toast the name of Bro John Hervey, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Hervey thanked the brethren, on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself for the enthusiastic manner with which the toast had been received. Himself and Bro. Fenn were pleased at having been invited to assist at the consecration of the Emblematic Lodge. He thanked the brethren for having elected him a honorary member of the lodge, which, he considered, had started under the most favourable auspices, and which, he felt assured, would, in the future, take no mean rank in the list of lodges on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England.

The W.M. here rose to explain that it had been his intention to have proposed Bro. Fenn as a honorary member, but through an oversight the proposition had been omitted. The omission, however, would be remedied at the next regular meeting of the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. R. W. Little. The manner in which he had performed the ceremony of consecration could not be excelled and scarce equalled.

Bro. Little appropriately returned thanks for the honour the brethren had shown him in electing him a honorary member of the lodge, and also for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. He at all times felt a pleasure in rendering any service to the cause of Freemasonry that lay in his power, and he could assure the brethren that he should ever remember with satisfaction his visit to the Emblematic Lodge.

Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, said he was placed in a peculiar position as one who was not a subscribing member of the lodge. He had been entrusted with the gavel for the purpose of proposing the health of Bro. G. F. Swan, the first Worshipful Master of the Emblematic Lodge (No. 1,321). He felt sure that they would all heartily join with him in drinking to the health of the Worshipful Master and prosperity to the Emblematic Lodge. He would advise the members to look more to the quality than to the numbers of the persons they introduced into the Craft.

Bro. Swan, W.M. returned thanks for the kind manner with which the toast of his health had been received. He was determined to do his duty to the best of his ability. He hoped to

have the assistance of his officers, without which he knew all his efforts would be in vain. They had no desire to make a large lodge; they intended to look more to quality and to bring none into the Craft but would reflect credit upon it.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "the Visitors." They were few in number themselves, but they were honoured by the presence of a goodly number of visitors. The Emblematic would always be pleased to receive visitors, for, without them, he considered their meetings could not be successfully nor pleasantly carried on.

Bro. Buss returned thanks for the visitors. He must, on behalf of himself and the other visitors, express his gratitude for the handsome reception they had met with at the hands of the brethren of the Emblematic.

The W.M. next proposed "the Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Breary, S.W., responded. He hoped the W.M. and brethren would find that they had an efficient staff of officers who were determined to do their duty, and he hoped their efforts would be appreciated.

Bro. Laxton, J.W., also returned thanks.

The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Heath, Hon. Sec., he alluded to the admirable manner in which that brother had performed the duties of Installing Master.

Bro. Heath scarcely knew how to thank the brethren for the compliment paid him. He saw, in the Emblematic, the germ of a prosperous lodge. The neighbourhood had hitherto been without lodge. He concurred in the spirit of those who had preceded him, and would rather see a few good men introduced, than he would see a large number, some of whom might afterwards reflect credit upon the Craft.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Several excellent songs were well sung by brethren and visitors, and added materially to, the success of the evening's entertainment, the whole tenour of which promised many future happy meetings in Emblematic, No. 1321.

## PROVINCIAL.

### DEVONSHIRE.

**EAST STONEHOUSE.**—*Lodge of Sincerity* (No. 189).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, on Monday, 14th November, 1870. Present, Bros. Baikwill, P.M., as W.M.; Rodd, P.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Coffin, J.W.; Coates, as S.D.; Bisset, J.D.; Hutchings, I.G.; R. H. Rae, Sec.; Dowse, Treas. Four visitors from neighbouring lodges were also present. Bro. G. Mair, M.D., was passed to the second degree, the charge being given by the Secretary, and the working tools explained by the S.W. Messrs. John Chapman and J. Jocelyn McCullen were initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, the working tools being given by the J.W., and the charge by Bro. Rodd, P.M. A unanimous vote of sympathy and condolence was recorded to Bro. Latimer, S.D. of this lodge, on his recent great affliction in the sudden death of his son. Two guineas were voted to the fund for the relief the victims of the present lamentable war on the continent.

### LANCASHIRE (EAST).

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AND INSTALLATION OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Eastern Division of Lancashire was held yesterday in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, for the installation of Lieut-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, as Provincial Grand Master, in place of the late Bro. Stephen Blair. The attendance numbered upwards of 500. A Craft Lodge was opened in the large hall at eleven o'clock by Bro. Gibbs Smith, R.W.M., of the Friendship Lodge, No. 44, Manchester, with the usual ceremonies, and was afterwards raised to the third degree. In the meantime the Provincial Grand Lodge met in the Assembly Room, and marched in procession to the hall, where its members were received with Masonic honours. Amongst those present were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M.; John Hervey, G.S.; C. J. Banvister, Prov. G.S.B.; and Edward Basher, P.G.S.B., of the Grand Lodge of England; A. H. Roysds, Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire; John Hick, M.P. and the following members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of

East Lancashire: Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M.; W. R. Callender, Jun., D. Prov. G.M.; Hopwood Hutchinson, Prov. G.S.W.; W. Birch, Prov. G.J.W.; the Rev. Thomas Radley, Prov. G.C.; Charles Tiplady, Prov. G. Treas.; William Harrison, J.P., Prov. G. Reg.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Radcliffe, Prov. G.S.D.; J. W. Maclure, Prov. G.J.D.; E. A. N. Royds, Prov. G.S.W.; T. A. Gibbons, Acting D.C.; Thomas Clarkson, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Austin Shellard, Prov. G.D.C.; J. M. Whitehead, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Gouldthorp, Prov. G.O.; J. Smith, Prov. G.P.; and John Duffield, P. Prov. G.S.W. and Hon. Sec. Letters of apology were received from Bros. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, the Earl of Zetland, Lord de Tabley, Lord Richard Grosvenor, and Sir T. G. F. Hesketh, Bart. All the lodges in the province were represented.

After an organ performance by Bro. Seed, the Deputy Grand Master took the chair, and said that since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge they had to lament the death of their late respected Provincial Grand Master. Death had removed him from amongst them in an honoured old age, and with the respect of all his brethren. It had pleased the Grand Master to appoint a successor, and that successor he rejoiced to think was one whom they could cheerfully and heartily welcome amongst them—one who had been long known to them by name, by family, by the ties of property, and still more by Masonic descent, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie. That lodge had been summoned that they might be present at his installation, and that he might have the honour and satisfaction of performing that ceremony.

Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, read the patent for Bro. Starkie's appointment, and he was then introduced by Bro. A. H. Royds, Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire, and the ceremony of installation duly performed.

The Deputy Grand Master then expressed a hope, in his own name and in that of the lodge, that the Provincial Grand Master would for many years continue to enjoy the great honour and dignity which the office of ruler of the province conferred. He could not add much to the charges which had been delivered, but he would wish Bro. Starkie to remember that to rule in Masonry, especially over such a province, carried with it great and weighty responsibilities, for it was no common province. He was sure that the new Provincial Grand Master would rule the province kindly, considerately, and temperately, in a conciliatory spirit, but at the same time a firm one. Above all he would ask him to adhere to a fixed rule, so that when a case arose for his decision the result would not take the brethren by surprise. In the last place he had to remind him that the office which he had undertaken would in no form supersede, or in any degree dispense with the obligations of Masonry, but only invested them with a deepened responsibility. All classes were embraced in Freemasonry. It comprised the charities and virtues of private life, and also the duties of social, civil, and public life. On the one hand it taught them to command wisely, temperately, and faithfully, and on the other hand it taught the duty of subordination to constituted authority, because, as they well knew, those who could not obey properly were never fit to command. He entreated the Provincial Grand Master, in consideration of the obligations which he had received, and the ancestral honours which those who had gone before him had borne in Masonry, to select its higher and better side, and so to live that his reign over the province might be long remembered, and that he himself would be an example not only to the brethren, but to the outer world beyond.

The Provincial Grand Master then took the chair, and announced that the office of D. Prov. G.M. would be filled by one who was justly esteemed as a Mason and a citizen—Bro. W. R. Callender, Jun. The ceremony of installing the D. Prov. G.M. was then proceeded with, after which Bro. Starkie acknowledged his appointment, and said that Masonry was not dependent for success on any degree or order, but on the energetic work of each individual in that order, whatever rank he might hold.

The other office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then re-appointed, and after the transaction of some formal business, the lodge was closed.

#### THE BANQUET.

A grand banquet took place in the evening in the Free Trade Hall, and was numerously attended. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. presided, and was supported by the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M.; W. R. Callen-

der, jun., D. Prov. G.M., and the many officers of the lodge. Dinner was served by Messrs. Jennison, of Belle Vue Gardens, and after the removal of the cloth the ladies were admitted to the gallery, but did not muster in large number. The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and enthusiastically responded to, the Prince of Wales being recognised as "Bro. Albert Edward, M.W. P.G.M." The succeeding toasts were the Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, M.W.G.M., and the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.P.G.M.

The Provincial Grand Master then gave "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., and the Grand Officers present and past." In doing so, he said that the Earl of Carnarvon was a member of the order whom they all esteemed, valued, and highly regarded. No one who was present and heard his beautiful charge, and the language in which it was delivered, could fail to see how deeply Masonry was implanted in his mind.

The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in responding to the toast, said that he always knew how very warm the heart of Lancashire was to its friends, but he felt well nigh overpowered with the touching welcome that they had been pleased in their indulgent kindness to lavish upon him. When he left he should carry away the warmest, the heartiest, and the most constant recollections of the day's proceedings, and of his Lancashire brethren; and as he trusted they never would hesitate to ask him for any share of Masonic trouble he could give, so, on the other hand, he never would hesitate to ask them for any kindness or any good offices at their hands. He had to answer to two toasts in one. He had to thank them first for the manner in which they had drunk the health of the officers of the Grand Lodge of England, of whom he had the honour to be the representative. He was well sensible of the compliment that they had paid them, and he rejoiced to have been present on such an occasion as that. There were many amongst these officers who were his seniors, yet he would venture to say that none of them had ever seen any Masonic ceremony so full of interest, so full of true Masonic feeling, so remarkable, and so dignified in all its proceedings as that which had illustrated the great hall and gladdened their eyes on that occasion. The Grand Lodge of England was a tangible and visible embodiment of English Masonry, but it was so only in so far as it reflected and represented the Masonry of every province in England. They could not be present from all parts of England on every occasion at the Grand Lodge, and therefore he rejoiced when its members, high in office, who were able to speak of its weight and its value, were present in the provinces, to judge how true the Masonic feeling was there, and how important it was that provincial interests should be fully and faithfully represented. One word more as to himself. He rejoiced that by the favour of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, no longer designate, and also by their kindness, he had been allowed to take part in the day's proceedings. He would never forget it, but would carry away in his mind the liveliest and heartiest recollection of the great and striking scene which had passed before his eyes that morning. How could it be otherwise in Manchester, one of the great centres of English commercial life and activity, in that great hall, the former scene of many an animated and, perhaps, not always friendly debate; and in Lancashire, when industry, energy, heartiness, and resolve of purpose belonged to her sons, and his heart would be very cold indeed, if it did not feel warmed with all that he had seen and heard. He was told sometimes that after a certain age men ceased to make friends; but he did not believe that miserable and odious doctrine. For his own part, he had found, and he trusted that as long as life lasted, go where he would, he would always find friends. He hoped he would be allowed to feel that, if he came amongst them as a stranger, he would not go away as a stranger, and that he would one day be allowed by their kindness and favour to return.

Bro. W. R. Callender proposed the memory of Bro. Stephen Blair, late Provincial Grand Master of the province. He described him as one who was beloved in the social circle, a warm and constant friend, a man of business whose commercial dealings were never sullied by dishonesty or by speculation, a man who was looked up to and trusted by his workpeople and fellow-townsmen, and a true and honest politician who never obtruded his private opinions, and who deserved their admiration for the manner in which he had performed his duty as a Christian, a gentleman, and a Mason. For twenty-five years, or nearly that



time, he governed the province, and under his jurisdiction the lodges had increased from 28 to 75, and the number of subscribing members from 1,020 to 3,867.

The toast was drunk in solemn silence.

The Earl of Carnarvon next gave the health of Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. He said that they often heard Freemasonry spoken against by those who were beyond the charmed circle of the initiated. He would ask those sceptics if it was likely that any system would have endured so long had it been founded upon imposture, and not upon truth? A writer had said of the greatest public buildings of Europe, built long since by their own Masonic forefathers, that they owed their decline to three causes—to the effects of time, to revolutions in political or religious thought, and to fashion or bad taste. That was a perfectly true statement; but he asked how was it the Masonry which had been exposed to all three influences had not succumbed to them as their handiworks had done? In every part of the world Masonry was increasing. In war men owed their lives to it; in sickness they received care and attention; and in desolate and distant countries they were rescued by it. He knew himself of a case where a mission of high importance to the north of India was attempted, and attempted in vain, until at last the officer in command of it gave certain signs and symbols known to them, which at once secured a free passage through a hostile country. If there was one part in the whole habitable world more than another where Masonry had taken a deep and firm root, that part was England; and if there was one corner in England where it had taken firmer root than elsewhere he thought he might claim for Lancashire. Let him indicate what he believed to have been the cause of this. It was said three hundred years ago, by one of the wisest writers of the time, that England was the place above all others where a love of truth prevailed in conjunction with a reverence for that which was old, and he believed that which was said about other matters was equally true when said of Masonry. It had shown that it was true in its wonderful adaptation to modern requirements and the wants of the present time, and it was only institutions that were good, true, and genuine in themselves, which would stand this test and come out like gold from the furnace, purified and refined by the ordeal. Masonry might gladly stand that test, for she would, he was convinced, come out of it, and the lessons of Masonry were not likely to grow old in our days, for they were as applicable to us as to our forefathers. They could never tire of the great cardinal principle of Masonry—charity—and should never forget that great bond that united them together. Lastly, they should never forget how Masonry represented the principle of good citizenship and social order. In other countries Masonry unfortunately had too often lent herself to other societies, who had taken advantage of her, and, under the shadow of her great name, had dared to foist upon society their own miserable doctrines and theories.

The toast was duly honoured, and was acknowledged by the Provincial Grand Master.

A number of other toasts were afterwards given. The proceedings were enlivened by an efficient glee party, Bro. W. Coulthorpe, P.G.O., presiding at the pianoforte.

#### LANCASHIRE (WEST.)

**LANCASTER.**—*Lodge of Fortitude* (No. 281).—The regular meeting of this old established lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms Athenæum. The W.M., Bro. John Hatch, presided, and was supported by W. Bro. Stanton, as I.P.M.; Bros. C. Hartley, S.W.; J. Barrow, J.W.; W. Bro. Edmund Simpson, P.M., and Sec.; Bros. W. Heald, S.D.; B. Mills as J.D.; W. Hall, I.G.; Bros. Beeley and Watson Tylers. Past Masters G. Kelland, W. King, W. H. Bagnall, and J. D. Moore. P. Prov. G.S. of W.; Bros. E. Airey, J. Dickenson, F.C.; J. Harrison; R. Taylor; Tilley, F.C.; and J. Stanley. The lodge was opened, minutes confirmed, and other business transacted. The ballot was taken and proved to be unanimous in favour of the following brethren as joining members of the lodge:—Bros. Robert S. Bateson, Surgeon in the Indian Army, of the Charity Lodge, No. 563, Umballa, Bengal; Richard Coupland, of Lancaster; the Rev. T. B. Hinde, M.A., of Bradford; and Bro. the Rev. Adam Wright, M.A., of Gilsland Vicarage, Carlisle. The ballot was then taken for W. William Hayes, of Lancaster, Licensed Victualler, as a candidate for initiation who was duly elected. The W.M., in accordance with notice given at the last meeting, proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds for the Institution for

Aged Freemasons and their Widows. This was seconded by Bro. E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec., and carried unanimously. Applications for votes for admission into the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots at Lancaster were presented, and the appropriation of the votes deferred until the publication of the list of candidates, and then vested in a committee to consist of the W.M., Wardens and Past Masters in the lodge. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., presented to the lodge a handsome album to contain portraits of the Past Masters, and an unanimous vote of thanks was awarded to him on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec. A meeting of Emergency was announced to be held on Friday next, when the first and third degrees would be conferred, and the lodge was closed in due form.

**LANCASTER.**—*Lodge of Fortitude*, (No. 281).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday Evening, 11th November, at the Masonic Room, Athenæum, Lancaster. There were present Bros. John Hatch, W.M.; Edward Store, I.P.M.; C. Hartley, S.W.; John Barrow, J.W.; Edmund Simpson, P.M. and Sec.; John Harrison, as S.D.; J. Budd, as J.D.; William Hall, J.G.; Past Masters: Whimpray, and Moore, P. Prov. G. S. of W. Bros. Greenall, B. Wills, Jacob Stanley, J. Dickenson, F.C.; J. Tilley, F.C.; R. Taylor, and J. Watson. The lodge was opened, and circulars convening the meeting of emergency read. Bros. Dickenson and Tilley having given full proof of their proficiency as Craftsmen were raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M. Bro. William Hayes who had been elected at the preceding meeting of the lodge was also duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. Hartley, S.W. Their being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in due form.

#### SUFFOLK.

**IPSWICH.**—*Prince of Wales' Lodge* (No. 959).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 7th ult., when a large number of brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. W. T. Westgate, W.M.; W. Cuckow, S.W.; Oliver, J.W.; E. Dorling, P. Prov. G. Sec.; Emra Holmes, P.M.; and C. T. Townsend, P.M., Secretary, &c. The lodge having been duly opened, was raised to the third degree, when Bro. Abbott received the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. with his accustomed ability, assisted by Bro. Townsend. Bros. Osmond and Dennis were afterwards passed to the second degree, and the lodge being closed down, Mr. Jeffries was duly initiated an Entered Apprentice. A communication was then read from Sir Shafto Adair, Prov. G.M., of Suffolk, urging the brethren to subscribe to the "Captain" Relief Fund, when after some remarks from one or two of the brethren, it was moved by Bro. Emra Holmes, seconded by Bro. W. Cuckow, and carried unanimously, that the W.M. instruct the Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of Sir Shafto Adair's letter. Bro. Dorling took exception to the report just published by the Prov. G. Sec. of the last Prov. G. Lodge, and which reflected upon himself as late Prov. G. Sec. He had sought an explanation from the Prov. G. Master, who promised to look into the matter. Other business having been transacted, and several propositions taken, the lodge was finally closed, and the brethren retired to an excellent repast provided by Bro. Spalding, the keeper of the Masonic Hall. The evening closed in harmony.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

##### GRAND LODGE.

The third Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was opened at St. John's, in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at 10 o'clock a.m. There was a large representation present, including delegates from all the lodges in this city, and from almost every district in the province. The following grand officers were present:—

M.W. Bro. B. Lester Peters...	... G.M.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn	... D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. B. R. Stevenson	... G.S.W.
R.W. Bro. John Richards	... G.J.W.
V.W. Bro. W. H. A. Keans	... G. Treas.
V.W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting	... G. Sec.
V.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Donald	... G. Chap.
W. Bro. David Main	... G.S.D.

W. Bro. Thos. Irving...	...	G.J.D.
W. Bro. Robert Marshall	...	G. Dir. of Cers.
W. Bro. Edward Willis	...	G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.
W. Bro. J. Mullin	...	G. Std. B.
W. Bro. S. W. Golding	...	G. Swd. B. pro tem.
W. Bro. James McNichol	...	G. Purst.
Bro. W. F. Dibblee	...	G. Steward.
Bro. Jno. Harris	...	G. Steward.
Bro. S. Crane Charters	...	G. Steward.
Bro. I. W. Doherty	...	G. Steward.
Bro. M. N. Powees	...	G. Steward.

On Wednesday the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and with prayer.

W. Bros. J. C. Hatheway, D. R. Munro, and David Brown were appointed, in the terms of the Constitution, by the Board of General Purposes, a Committee on Credentials. On motion it was resolved that the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, the same having been printed and in the hands of the brethren.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his annual address, which was lengthy and interesting. He said that there was great cause for congratulation that so much harmony and prosperity existed throughout the jurisdiction, also that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was, with one exception, now in fraternal relations with all parts of the masonic world. It gave him great pleasure to be able to state that since the last annual communication the parent Grand Lodges of England and Ireland had formally acknowledged the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, thus approving of the course adopted by the Fraternity in this province in its erection.

He next took up the petition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec for recognition. He spoke at length on this matter, quoting the Masonic law and precedents for the guidance of the Grand Lodge in its examination of the correspondence on the subject, which would be submitted. He made a short reference to his visit to New York last summer, where he was present, by invitation, at the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in that city.

He very touchingly referred to the death of the late lamented brother, Alexander Balloch, who, during the year, had been called from labour to the rest of the Celestial Lodge above. He paid an eloquent tribute to the excellent character and masonic zeal of the departed brother, who for so many years stood at the head of Masonry in the province.

The M.W. Grand Master announced that at eight o'clock, p.m., he would consecrate the new Masonic Hall at Carleton, and wished the brethren to be present.

On motion of R.W. Deputy Grand Master Wedderburn, it was resolved that so much of the address of M.W. Grand Master as referred to the death of our late Bro. Balloch be referred to a committee to report.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, and W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, were appointed as committee.

On motion of W. Bro. John V. Ellis, it was resolved that so much of the Grand Master's address as related to the Grand Lodge of Quebec be referred to a committee, to report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master R.W. Bro. K. T. Clinch presented his credentials as a representative of the Grand Lodge of England, and was received in the usual official manner, and the brethren testified their personal gratification at his appointment by long and hearty applause.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was read, and on motion ordered to be received and placed on the Secretary's table.

On motion of W. Bro. John Richards, it was resolved that the election of officers be deferred until Thursday evening, at eight o'clock.

On motion it was resolved that the report of the Board on the amended Constitution, and also notices for proposed amendments, be taken up to-day at 2:30 p.m.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master R.W. Bro. Clinch; R.W. Deputy Grand Master Wedburn; W. Grand Secretary W. F. Bunting; W. Grand Wardens B. R. Stevenson and John Richards; W. Bros. E. Willie, and himself, a Committee to report on the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report.

On motion it was ordered that the report of the Grand Secre-

tary be received and entered in the minutes.

W. Bros. James Robertson, John V. Ellis, and W. Grand Secretary, W. Bunting, presented their credentials as representatives from the Grand Lodges of Nebraska, Canada, and Missouri, and were received in the usual manner.

The amendments to the Constitution, proposed by the Board, and the other notices of proposed amendments were taken up for discussion, and were disposed.

On Thursday the Grand Lodge resumed labour at 10 o'clock a.m., R.W. Deputy Grand Master W. Wedderburn in the East.

A variety of routine business was transacted, after which a grant of 100 dols. was made to the Carleton Masons in aid of their hall fund, and a grant of a like amount to the Masons of Newcastle for a similar service.

A committee was authorized to report on the matter of appointing an instructor, before closing Grand Lodge.

A variety of routine business having been transacted, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the exemplification of the work.

The lodge was opened, and the Grand Secretary exemplified the work on the First Degree.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed P.M.'s. Botsford, Diddle, and Stockford, Scrutineers. The following brethren were elected, appointed, invested, and installed as Grand Officers:—

M.W. William Wedderburn	...	G.M.
R.W. John V. Ellis	...	D.G.M.
" Bliss Botsford	...	S.G.W.
" William F. Diddle	...	J.G.W.
V.W. Rev. William Donald	D.D.	G. Chap.
" William H. A. Keans	...	G. Treas.
" William F. Bunting	...	G. Sec.
W. Adolphus G. Beckwith	...	S.G.D.
" Robert Marshall	...	J.G.D.
" John D. Shert	...	G. Dir. of Cers.
" Richard N. Knight	...	Ass. G. Dir. of Cers.
" Duncan S. Harper	...	G. Swd. Bearer
" John Johnston	...	G. Stand. Bearer
" Henry Card	...	G. Organist
" David R. Munro	...	G. Pursuivant
" Harris Allan	...	G. Steward
" John A. Bentley	...	"
" Hugh Mc Monagle	...	"
" Thomas H. Keohan	...	"
" Samuel Foster	...	"
" Henry Hallett	...	"
Bro. Dingee Scribner	...	G. Tyler.

On Friday the Grand Lodge resumed labour at 11 o'clock, M.W. Grand Master Wm. Wedderburn in the East.

The Committee on Credentials made their report.

On motion of R. W. Deputy Grand Master, John V. Ellis, it was ordered that Grand Lodge confirm the appointment of representatives of this Grand Lodge to Grand Lodges of Canada, Nebraska, and Minnesota, made by the Grand Master.

On motion of P.G.M. B.L. Peters, it was ordered that the rank of P.S.G.W. be conferred on R. W. Bro. Bernard, representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

On motion, the exemplification of the work was again resumed. On Friday afternoon, the Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2:30 p.m., M.W. Grand Master in the East.

M.W. Grand Master appointed Bro. Charles Kerr an additional Grand Steward. The W. Bro. was duly installed.

On the motion of W. Grand Secretary, it was ordered that the M.W. Grand Master appoint, should he deem it advisable, a committee for the purpose of organizing a Grand Masonic Festival for the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The exemplification of work was again resumed, and the second and third degrees were worked.

All business before the Grand Lodge having been disposed of, it was closed in ample form, Rev. Bro. Howard Sprague invoking the Divine blessing.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### METROPOLITAN.

JOFFA CHAPTER (No. 188).—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 31st ult., the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Littauer in the chair, supported by Comps. Rev. M. B. Levy, J.; J. Abrahams, H.; Pollitzer, S.N.; Stanton Jones, P.S.;



J. Emanuel, A.S.; and P.Z.'s. A. Cohen, Treasurer; S. V. Abrahams; J. Lazarus; and Companions Cremer; Faulkner; Melish; H. F. Isaac; Potts; J. Emanuel; G. Brett; Braham; Collinridge; M. Littauer, and several others. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The revised by-laws were read and discussed, and finally adopted. The installation of the Principals then took place, and Companion Israel Abrahams was installed as M.E.Z.; Rev. M. B. Levy, H.; and S. Pollitzer, J. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by the retiring M.E.Z. The newly-installed Z, then invested his officers as follows:—Comps. H. M. Levy, S.E.; Rosenthal, S.N.; M. Emanuel, P.S.; 1st Assistant, J. Emanuel; 2nd Assistant, M. Nathan; A. Cohen, P.Z., Treasurer; and Smith, Janitor. Comp. Cohen, in a very excellent speech, presented Comp. W. Littauer, I.P.Z., with a very elegant solid gold P.Z. jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Companions of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188, to Companion W. A. Littauer, I.P.Z., in recognition of the efficient manner he discharged the duties of First Principal during the year 1870." Comp. Littauer suitably returned thanks for the valuable gift. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given. The toast of the M.E.Z. was proposed by Comp. W. Littauer, I.P.Z., and very ably responded to. The toasts of the H. and J. were respectively eloquently given by Comps. Rev. M. B. Levy and S. Pollitzer, and H. M. Levy, as S.E.; M. Emanuel responded for the officers. The Janitor's toast concluded a very agreeable evening.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE AND RU'LAND,

LEICESTER.—*Chapter of Fortitude* (No. 279).—A convocation of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. In the absence from the county of the first and second Principals, those chairs were filled by Comps. Kelly, G. Supt., and the Rev. John Spittal, P.Z., Comp. Toller being in his place as J.; Comps. Stretton, E.; Buzzard, as N.; Partridge, P.S., and others. A telegram was received from Comp. the Rev. C. J. E. Smith (Rugby School), N., expressing regret at being unable to be in his place. A ballot was taken for Bro. Alfred Layton, of the Universal Lodge, No. 181, London; Robert Waite, and Francis Kemp, of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, Market Harborough; and Henry Tilleman Bobart, of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, who were duly elected, and Bro. Waite being the only candidate present was duly exalted, but having to leave by an early train, the historical lecture was omitted, Comp. Toller giving the Symbolical, and Comp. Kelly the mystical lectures.

MARKET HARBOURGH.—*St. Peter's Lodge* (No. 1330).—A monthly meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held at the Assembly Room, Three Swans Hotel, on Friday, the 11th inst., when amongst the brethren present were William Kelly, Prov. G.M., W.M.; Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., P.G.S.D., S.W.; Rev. J. F. Halford, P.G. Chap., J.W.; Rev. A. A. O'Neill, P. Prov. G. Chap., East Lancashire, Chaplain; Robert Waite, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Morris, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.D., Sec.; and F. Kemp, S.D. Visitors:—Bros. S. Inns, D.P.G.M., Northants and Hunts; Rev. Dr. Haycroft, P.G. Chap., and S.D., No. 523; and Geo. Toller, Jun., P.M., 523, and P.G. Sec. The work consisted of thirteen passings and two initiations. Twelve out of the thirteen E.A.'s were present, and after the preliminary business had been transacted, went through their examination most efficiently, and, having retired, the lodge was opened in the second degree, when they were passed in the following order, viz:—Bros. J. H. Douglass; Thos. Macaulay, *M.R.C.S.*; W. Nicholas Heygate, *M.R.C.S.*; Henry Freestone; William Martin; Frederick Grant, *M.D.*; Edward Fuller; Richard Lawrence; James Edward Dixon; John Whitehead; James Shovelbottom, and Edward Clark, (Tyler); Bros. the Rev. Dr. Haycroft and Toller rendered valuable assistance during the evening, the former as Deacon, and the latter as Inner Guard. Time did not permit of the lecture on the tracing board being given. The F.C.'s lodge having been closed, Mr. Percy William Keane, of Cranoe, and of Beach Park, Ennis Co. Clare, Ireland, and Mr. John James Platford, of Harborough (who had been balloted for at the opening of the lodge) were severally initiated into the first degree. The Rev. Francis Morton Beaumont, *M.A.* Vicar of Farndon, was proposed for initiation. The W.M. brought forward an application which he

had received for aid to the "Captain Relief Fund," and proposed a contribution of one guinea, which, as a young lodge, was all he thought they could give. Bro. Sir Henry Halford, S.W. whilst whilst not objecting to the grant, said he must express his decided conviction that the case was one which ought to be provided for by the State, and not by private benevolence. W. Bro. Inns said that he had brought forward a similar application in two of the lodges of his Province, in both of which a similar objection was raised, but the two brethren ended by seconding his proposition. Bro. Rev. John Halford, J.W., seconded the grant, as whilst agreeing in principle with the S.W., (as the W.M. also did), he thought, at least, temporary aid should be afforded until the case could be brought before Parliament. The grant was then unanimously agreed to. The W.M. presented to the lodge an alms dish of an antique design in white metal, and 25 copies of a Masonic national anthem, which he had had printed for the use of the lodges in the Province, and for which, a vote of thanks was passed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The superb suite of furniture formerly presented to the Lodge of Antiquity, in London, by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, which had just been purchased, was brought into use for the first time, and greatly admired.

#### MARK MASONRY.

##### INDIA.

#### INAUGURATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS FOR WEST INDIA.

On the 29th September, the Right Worshipful the Honourable J. Gibbs, 33°, Provincial Grand Master of Bombay, having been received by the W.M., officers and brethren of Lodge "Holmesdale in the East," of M.M., No. 72, with the customary honors amongst M.M. Masons, inaugurated in its midst the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form. R.W. Bro. Percy Leith, 33°, the Provincial Grand Master nominate, being in attendance, was then called in and conducted to the *dais*, whereupon the patent of his appointment was read, and after having expressed his unqualified assent to the ancient charges, was duly installed by R. W. Bro. Gibbs in a masterly manner, as the Prov. G.M. of M.M. Masons of Western India. The R.W. Prov. G.M. then installed R.W. Bro. the Hon. J. Gibbs as P. Prov. G.M. of M.M. Masons of Western India.

The ballot was taken for Bro. Alfred Swift as Prov. G. Treas and Bro. J. W. Seager as Prov. G. Tyler, which proved unanimous in each case.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed and installed the undermen-  
tioned brethren as his officers:—

Wor. Bro. J. Dixon	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" Bro. C. Hyne	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Bro. H. H. Avron	...	P. Prov. G.S.W.
" Bro. Colonel L. W. Penn	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Bro. Capt. B. H. Mathew	...	Prov. G.M.O.
Bro. A.C. Gumpert	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" A. C. Langley	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" M. Balfour	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Alfred Swift	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Wor. Bro. E. Tyrrell Leith	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Bro. H. H. Avron	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Bro. T. Crawford	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" G. W. R. Malins	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" A. F. Shepherd	...	Prov. G. Insp. of Wks.
" E. Gleave	...	Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.
" W. M. Tennent	...	Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Ce
" W. Stephens	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" H. Ainsworth	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. Thomas	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. O. Weekes	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" M. B. Cohen	...	Prov. G. Steward.
" J. C. Melville	...	Prov. G. Steward.
" J. W. Seager	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., referring to the zealous manner in which W. Bro. H. H. Avron had performed his various duties, and to the assistance afforded by him to the Craft in general and towards the carrying out of the beautiful Degree of Mark Master in particular, in Bombay, and to manifest his approbation thereof, intimated that he had appointed W. Bro. Avron, P. Prov. G.S.W. This announcement was received with marked approval.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then proposed a vote of thanks to R.W. Bro. Gibbs for the able services rendered to the craft, and especially to Mark Masonry, by him during his term of office, at the same time hoping that he would still be seen amongst them and that they might for long to come have the benefit of his valuable advice and assistance. Carried by acclamation.

R.W. Bro. Gibbs said: "I beg to return you my very sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have acceded to the proposal just laid before you by the R.W. Prov. G.M. for a vote of thanks to me for my conduct whilst reigning over you during the past five years. It is a source of very great satisfaction to me to have been long connected with Masonry in this part of India. So long ago as 1847 I joined the craft; and when I was last home, it was very gratifying to me to have been able to prevail with the Grand Lodge to introduce Mark Masonry in Western India. Viscount Holmesdale, who was then the G.M. of Mark Masons, was very kind to me, and appointed me the first Prov. G. Master of the Order in Western India, and he also conferred on me the honour of being P.S.G. Warden of the Grand Lodge in England. It was not long after "Holmesdale" had begun to work, that an application was made for a Charter for Lodge "Sirius." The latter lodge after fluctuating in the ascendancy, and in the other direction, has now, I believe, at last taken a position which bids fair to hold to her own in honest rivalry with Lodge "Holmesdale." I can only say that I trust the reign of R.W. Bro. Leith, as Prov. G. Master of Bombay, will be a flourishing one, and that ere long he will find many Mark Lodges established, if not more in Bombay itself, certainly in his province. There is a very promising future before Mark Masonry, and I trust it will not be long, and that I shall live to see the day when all the Orders shall be acknowledged. It is a great satisfaction to me, as it will be to every member of the craft to know, that steps are being taken to unite the various Degrees which now work, more harmoniously together. Steps with that end in view have been taken in England, and I trust ere long we shall find the beginning of that which in the end will be the perfection of Masonry—all Orders working under one head. I congratulate Mark Masonry on its having such a distinguished brother to preside over it as R.W. Bro. Leith, and I am quite sure from his present choice of Grand Officers, that he intends that Mark Masonry shall take a "marked" place in India and our Colonies and Dependencies."

R.W. Bro. Leith said: "I cannot help thanking R.W. Bro. Gibbs for the very kind way in which he has spoken of me. For myself, I can only say that I shall always do the best I can, and by doing so to carry with me the good opinion of the brethren; and I hope we shall find that the trouble we have taken in this Degree will not be in vain, and that we shall have satisfied the members that have joined us that we have done everything in our power to further Mark Masonry. I was going to say that with the Craft in the past, Mark Masonry has, as it were, been nowhere. We hope, however, now, to compete with the craft and do as much good as the Craft has done, considering the many ways in which it has been so closely allied with it."

R.W. Bro. Gibbs here retiring, the Prov. G.M. explained that he did so in consequence of indisposition, and stated that he considered it as a very great kindness on his part conferred on the Provincial Grand Lodge in having attended this evening to perform the Installation Ceremony.

After a few remarks from W. Bro. Dixon, D. Prov. G.M., expressing his views regarding the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge, which he considered was absolutely necessary to stimulate the brethren who had been many years members, and to encourage others to make Mark Masonry what it ought to be.

The Prov. G.M. then submitted the Bye-Laws of the new Provincial Grand Lodge for approval and adoption, and after an instructive discussion thereon, it was proposed by Bro. A. C. Gumpert, Prov. G. Sen. Overseer, that the Bye-Laws be taken as read and agreed to. This motion being seconded by W. Bro. Dixon, D. Prov. G.M., was put to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and carried *unanimously*.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. having explained as to the Benevolent Fund Clause, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the visitors then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, and drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which terminated a most pleasant Masonic gathering.

## GRAND MASONIC RITE.

The following taken from the "Free Lance," published at Manchester, refers to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, fully reported in another column.

Whatever may be the antiquity of Freemasonry, it is certain that it appeals to one of the most primitive as well as the most noble of all virtues—Charity. Nor does the system inculcate the practice of this virtue in any narrow or dogmatic sense. Charity is understood to mean not only the active exercise of benevolence, but the culture of that mutual consideration and brotherly love which, if it were general, would transform the world into a Paradise. That a society based upon principles whose origin is Divine should, in all ages, have attracted the attention and enlisted the support of mankind, need not excite surprise. Man, the most gregarious of animals, longs for intercourse with his fellow man; and without it pines into premature decay. Even in the days of Shakspeare there existed an old proverb, which the poet quotes, that "Society is the happiness of life;" and when companionship can be secured and coupled with the systematic practice of so grand a virtue as Charity—in its extended sense—its value is enhanced to an extent that baffles calculation.

Such a companionship is the sole aim of Freemasonry. The principles of the "Craft" may be summed up in the one word "Charity," and when the deeds of its members are most in accordance with Charity, they would nearly approach the dictates of Freemasonry. No wonder that in England such a system should number its tens of thousands of adherents, and as little extraordinary is the fact that in the north, Freemasonry is widely spread and ardently admired. The recent death of Mr. Stephen Blair—a man endeared to all who knew him, and whose memory is revered far beyond the pale of Freemasonry—occasioned a vacancy in the Grand Mastership of the Province of East Lancashire. His successor is Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, of Hombroyde, and it was to preside at the Installation of this gentleman that Lord Carnarvon attended the Free Trade Hall on Wednesday last.

The Grand Master's chair was placed upon the platform, which was reached by means of a short flight of steps. Down the centre of the hall, from dais to entrance, was fitted a broad crimson carpet, and upon either side of this were ranged the members of the various lodges. The front seats were reserved for the masters of lodges and those who had already passed the chair, while the rank and file of the order were arranged in thickly serried ranks behind them.

There is no secret in the fact that Freemasons wear short white aprons, edged with blue and trimmed with silver, that they usually, upon grand occasions at all events, appear in white neckerchiefs and white gloves. Those who have reached a particular rank are entitled to wear certain "jewels" on their breasts, while the present office-bearers wear in addition a collar of blue also, frequently edged with silver. The effect upon entering the hall was both singular and interesting. The similarity of attire, and the endless repetition of blue and silver, white and gold, produced a *coup d'œil* that cannot often be witnessed. Here and there might be seen a Steward, with his crimson collar and wand of office, busy and active in the performance of some duty; and occasionally an anxious "deacon" might be observed threading his way to a distant part of the hall, bent on some mission connected with the approaching ceremony.

In the assembly room, however, the Provincial Grand Lodge is assembled, and presently they seek admission to the hall. After all the recognised precautions against intrusion they are duly admitted. First comes the Grand Director of Ceremonies (Mr. Gibbons, a most experienced and efficient officer), with his assistant,

Mr. Shellard. Then follows the bearer of the great standard, then the sword-bearer immediately preceding Lord Carnarvon, to whom is paid all the honours due to the Grand Master—whose representative he is. He is followed by a numerous body of gentlemen who are, or who have been, members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Amongst them are several clergymen, one of whom wears his canonicals and is the Grand Chaplain of England. As the organ peals forth a Masonic march these new comers ascend the platform, the banner is held above the chair of the officiating Grand Master—who is saluted in a Masonic fashion known only to the initiated—and the assemblage is complete. We violate no confidence when we state that the Provincial Officers wear collars of a rich purple colour, highly ornamented with gold, while their white aprons are also bordered with purple, and edged with trimmings of the same precious metal. Anything more thoroughly novel and effective than the aspect of this meeting—the blue and the silver, the purple and gold, adding by contrast to the beauty of the scene—has never, we believe, been witnessed within the walls of the Free Trade Hall. The general result was highly picturesque, nor was it indeed, void of something like grandeur.

Certain preliminaries having been gone through, the Provincial Grand Master Designate was summoned to the meeting. Col. Starkie, who a few years since filled the office of High Sheriff of Lancashire, is probably known to many of our readers. He has a decidedly military bearing. He is a Deputy-Lieutenant of the County, and is deservedly esteemed and respected by all classes. For many generations his ancestors have attained high positions in Freemasonry, but not one of them can have presided over so numerous a body as that which now constitutes the Province of East Lancashire. Bro. Starkie's attitude through the long ceremony that awaited him was manly and collected, but perfectly modest and unassuming. His voice, as he entered into certain engagements as to the discharge of his new duties, was quite audible throughout the hall; and all present were evidently impressed with his demeanour.

Having been invested with the gorgeous paraphernalia proper to a Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Starkie was installed in his place by Lord Carnarvon. During this portion of the rite the cheers were loud and vigorous—so much so as to all but over-power the flourish of trumpets which marked the elevation of the new Grand Master to his dignified position.

Lord Carnarvon, who is evidently thoroughly at home in his "work" as a Freemason, is also a clever and impressive speaker, very deliberate, and, as he warms with his subject, fluent. His address to Bro. Starkie was marked with much dignity and more sound sense. After congratulating him upon his accession to office, his lordship enlarged upon the responsibilities and cares which were inseparable from such a position. He earnestly counselled consistency, forbearance, assiduity, and independence. "Freemasonry," said Lord Carnarvon, "has two sides—a higher and a lower. Be it yours to attain the one and eschew the other." This advice is too sensible to be overlooked, and we print it for the benefit of all Freemasons, to whom it applies, equally with him to whom it was addressed.

The Provincial Grand Master immediately appointed as his deputy Bro. William Romaine Callender, a gentleman who, notwithstanding engagements sufficient to overwhelm any one less ravenous for work, devotes very considerable time to his Masonic duties. It was evident that Bro. Starkie had commenced his reign by the most acceptable appointment it was possible for him to have made. As Bro. Callender advanced to receive the insignia of his office, he was greeted with an enthusiasm that was really an ovation, but it did not need this to assure Mr. Callender of the high opinion in which he is held throughout the Province.

Many who are not Freemasons will doubtless peruse these lines, and not a few of them may have observed, amongst the brotherhood, practices that they do not and cannot approve. They may be assured that what Lord Carnarvon said about there being to Freemasonry "a higher and a lower side," is strictly true; and they will find, if they be observant, that a large majority of the fraternity seek to attain the higher level, and to practise the highest precepts of the order, while they avoid the objectionable features, which are, we fear, inseparable from all large societies of men.

### Obituary.

BRO. COL. A. G. GREENLAW, P.S.G.W., AND  
DIST. G.M. OF BRITISH BURMAH, &c.

We regret exceedingly to announce the death of this distinguished brother, which melancholy event took place at Coonoor, in the Madras Presidency, on the 23rd September last.

In the demise of R.W. Bro. Greenlaw, the Craft in India generally, and British Burmah in particular, will sustain a loss which cannot easily be replaced. Ever since he set foot in British Burmah years ago, he laboured earnestly and diligently in behalf of the Order; and did not rest until he introduced almost every degree of Masonry in the Province, himself taking the most prominent part in the work. Nor did he confine his labours to the ritual alone, but he kept the spirit of Masonry alive by frequent lectures, disseminating the beauty of the Order. Only a few months ago we had the pleasure of noticing these excellent lectures, which were published by him in a volume, and which met with such a welcome reception all over India.

Bro. Greenlaw's labours on behalf of the Order were not confined to British Burmah alone, for as soon as he was transferred to the Madras Presidency, he assisted in establishing the Provincial Grand Conclave of Knights Templar there, and a Chapter of the Rose Croix, as also a Chapter of the same Degree in the Panjab.

The deceased brother was held in the highest respect and esteem by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance; particularly in British Burmah, the scene of his greatest Masonic labours. So highly did the brethren of this province appreciate his worth, that although his public duties removed him permanently to the Madras Presidency, he was solicited not to resign the high offices of District Grand Master of Craft Masonry, Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masonry, and Provincial Grand Commander of Knights Templar. The grief that will overtake the brethren of British Burmah when they hear of his decease, will be intense, for it will be difficult for them to find a successor with such a comprehensive mind, who knew how to rule and win the affection of his brethren.

The loss to us is indeed great; for we were in frequent communication with him; his last letter to us intimated that he was about to revise the lectures he had published, and which were nearly all sold; also that he was preparing for the press a volume to contain the Prayers and Music of every degree of the Order. The pages of this journal were often embellished with his valuable contributions.

How truly has that solemn warning been verified—"In the midst of life we are in death." During this year it has been our melancholy task to record the death—within a few months of each other—of four of the staunchest members of the Order, and our firm supporters—Bros. Wickham, Hoff, Wellis, and Greenlaw. The truly Christian and Masonic character of these much loved and respected members of the Order insured for them the affection of their brethren in their lifetime, and their good deeds will long live in the remembrance of

future generations of Masons. They have exchanged this earthly tenement, full of sin and sorrow, for the Grand Lodge above, "Where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest,"—*Masonic Record of Western India*.

#### BRO. JAMES DEAN, DIST. G. MASTER (E.C.) FOR QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS.

With the death of Bro. James Dean, a name long and always honourably associated with the trade of Quebec, has passed away. Although declining health had, for some months, made it certain that he would not long be among us, his end came more rapidly than was anticipated; and the suddenness of his death has increased the regret of his many friends.

#### BRO. J. S. KEDDELL, M.D., P. PROV. G.S.W., KENT.

Bro. J. S. Keddell closed his earthly labours on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at Sheerness, and was interred at Iwade churchyard, on Thursday, the 17th inst.

The brethren of Lodge 158, with the authority of the R.W.D. Prov. G.M. followed in procession.

Bro. John Staples Keddell was P. Prov. G.S.W. Kent; P.M., Adams Lodge, No. 158; P.Z., Adams Chapter, No. 158; Bon Accord Lodge of Mark Masters; Knight Templar; Metropolitan, Rose Croix Chapter; G.I.I.C. 31st degree.

He was a highly valuable contributor and correspondent to the early volumes of the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review."\*

One of the shining lights of our Order in the province of Kent; a faithful brother, and a firm friend.

#### LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS &c., FOR WEEK ENDING 25TH NOVEMBER, 1870.

##### METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

###### Monday, November 21st.

LODGES.—British, Freemasons' Hall; Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street; Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; Tranquillity, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars; Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham; Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; City of London, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street; Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

###### Tuesday, November 22nd.

LODGES.—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall; Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall; Industry, Freemasons' Hall; Israel, Radley's Hotel, Bridge Street, Blackfriars; Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's; Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth; Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. — CHAPTERS.—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street; St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.

###### Wednesday, November 23rd.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence at 7 precisely.

LODGES.—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall; United Pilgrims, Horn's Tavern, Kennington; High Cross, White Hart Hotel, Tottenham Station; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, High Street, Deptford.

###### Thursday, November 24th.

General Committee of Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

LODGES.—Neptune, Radley's Hotel, Bridge Street, Blackfriars; Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall; Prosperity, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street; Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall; William Preston, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley; South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham. — CHAPTER.—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall; Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Canonbury, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.

###### Friday, November 25th.

LODGES.—Fitzroy, Head Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, London; Finsbury, Jolly Anglers', Bath Street, St. Luke's. — CHAPTER.—Belgravia, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

\* "Freemasons' Magazine," A.D. 1855.

#### METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

##### Monday, November 21st.

LODGES.—Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd., Deptford; 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; Eastern Star, Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd.; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End; Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street.

##### Tuesday, November 22nd.

LODGES.—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. — CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Mount Zion, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.

##### Wednesday, November 23rd.

LODGES.—Confidence, Railway Tav., London-st.; United Strength Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lam; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham-Rye, Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st., Poplar; Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-street; Royal Union, Bro. Duddy's, Winsley-st., Oxford-street. — CHAPTER.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-street, Grosvenor-square; Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

##### Thursday, November 24th.

LODGES.—Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Euston-road; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth; St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-square; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington, Crown Hotel, 41, High Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park, at 7. — CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

##### Friday, November 25th.

LODGES.—St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford. Unions (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.). F.M.H.; United Pilgrims, Horn's Tavern, Kennington; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester-square; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tavern, Broadway; Deptford; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich Ranelagh, Royal Sussex Hotel, Broadway, Hammersmith; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Victoria, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; Hervey, Britannia, Walham-green; Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Charter House, Hat and Feathers Tavern, 27, Goswell-rd.; Robert Burns, Union Tav.; Fir-street, Regent-st. — CHAPTERS.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station; Robert Burns, Knights of St. John's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

##### Saturday, November 26th.

CHAPTERS.—Mount Sinai, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street; Domatic, Horns, Kensington.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

\* All Communications to be addressed to 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, W.C.

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.