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LONDON, SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1871.

THE TEMPLAR CRUSADE.

The Allegheny Knights, having arrived in England, will be entertained by the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of England, at a banquet at Radley's Hotel, on Friday next. The Sir Knights who wish to be present, are requested to communicate with the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Knight Lambert Sim. [See Advertisement.]

"Pomeroy's Democrat" gives the following account of the departure of the Sir Knights of Allegheny Commandery, Pennsylvania, No. 35, for Europe.

At the last Couclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Sir E. M. Jenkins, of Allegheny Commandery, conceived a Templar Crusade—not of war, but of peace—to Europe; and it was arranged that a number of Knights, as members of Allegheny Commandery No. 35, of Pennsylvania, should visit the principal cities of Europe. The proposal was cordially seconded by the Craft in Europe; and the preliminaries having been completed, the travelling Knights, forty-six in number, started from Allegheny City on Wednesday evening, accompanied by the Great Western Brass Band, and escorted by Allegheny Commandery No. 35, and Pittsburg Commandery No. 1.

The Knights arrived in Philadelphia on Thursday, and were received by the St. John's Commandery, No. 4, assisted by Philadelphia, Kadosh,

and Mary Commanderies. The reception and parade were very fine, and on Thursday evening a full dress reception was given in the Masonic Temple, Past Grand Master Vaux delivering the welcoming address.

After this reception the travellers were sumptuously entertained in style at the Girard House, and at 11 o'clock on Friday morning took the train for New York, accompanied by the St. John's Commandery, No. 4, and Beck's Brass Band. In Camden they were joined by a delegation from Cyrene Commandery No. 7, of New Jersey. In New Brunswick they were met by a delegation from the Grand Commandery of this State, and in Newark, by a delegation from the Morton Commandery, No. 4, consisting of Sir Knights, Wm. Edwards, Em. Com.; George Smith, Gen'o; M. Glenn, C. Gen.; Rev. S. J. Corneille, Prelate; S. E. Gardner, Recorder; O. G. Brady, S. War; Thos. Pope, 3d. G; Geo. B. Melendy and Jos. D. Costa, who tendered them an escort on Saturday from their headquarters, the St. Nicholas Hotel, to the steamship, which was accepted.

Both delegations escorted them to Jersey City. There they were received by Hugh de Payens Commandery, by delegates from the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, and by various subordinate Commanderies of the jurisdiction. The travelers were then taken to Taylor's Hotel, and a first-class collation was set before them.

The various Commanderies of New York and Brooklyn assembled yesterday afternoon in Odd Fellows' Hall, under the command of R. Em. Sir John A. Lefferts, Past Grand Commander of this State and officer of the day. Having been properly marshalled, the Emergent Grand Commandery was formed into the following named officers:—

R. Em. Grand Commander, Sir George L. Babcock.

V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir R. E. Brown.

Em. Grand Generalissimo, Sir George Van Vliet.

Em. Grand Captain General, Sir Frederick W. Herring.

Em. Grand Senior Warden, Sir George W. Walgrove.

Em. Grand Junior Warden, Sir George W. Southwick.

Em. Grand Recorder, Sir Robert Macoy.
 Em. Grand Treasurer, Sir G. F. Wiltsie.
 Em. Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Robert Black.
 Em. Grand Sword Bearer, Sir James M. Blger.
 Em. Grand Warder, Sir Richard Hurley.

These, with the various Council Officers of the different Commanderies, formed the Grand Commandery proper. The various Knights of New York and Brooklyn were then arranged into companies, irrespective of their individual organisations, the Grand Standard being the only banner displayed.

The Knights then started from the Asylum at Odd Fellows' Hall, and headed by Grafulla's full military band, marched through Grand Street and Broadway to Cortlandt Street ferry—the Grand officers crossing the Hudson river to give their visitors a welcome on the Jersey shore.

After the travelling Knights had been refreshed, they were escorted across the river by the Knights from Philadelphia and Jersey city, and the Grand Commandery of New York. On arriving in this city they found the New York Knights drawn up in double line along Cortlandt Street, who saluted them and their escort with "swords at present." After the visitors had passed this line, they also drew up in double line, and the New York Knights, in passing, gave them a marching salute.

The procession was about 1,000 strong, the Knights being all in full uniform. From Cortlandt street, the Knights marched up Broadway to Fourteenth street, and passing around Washington's Monument, moved down Fourth avenue and the Broadway to Broome street, thence to Broadway and the St. Nicholas Hotel, where they were lodged for the night. The front and balcony of this hotel were elaborately decorated with the banners and beauseants of the commanderies of this city.

The travelling Knights are officered as follows:—Sir William Hamilton, Em. Commander; Sir W. H. Slack, Generalissimo; Sir E. M. Jenkins, Captain-General; Rev. Sir J. J. McIlliar, Prelate; Sir J. A. Shoales, Recorder; Sir D. A. Cook, Treasurer. They number forty-six swords, and carry a special banner for their trip. While in Europe they are to be attired in public only as American citizens, but in Encampments and on public Masonic occasions they will appear as American Knights Templar.

On Friday evening, the visitors were entertained by the Ivanhoe Commandery, 36, at their Asylum.

On Saturday morning, at 11 A.M. Morton Commandery, No. 4, numbering 150 Sir Knights, unfurled its beautiful banner, and preceded by the Ninth Regiment Band, marched through Grand street, and Broadway, to the St. Nicholas Hotel, where the excursionists and their Pennsylvania escorts were quartered. Here, after the usual salutations, the lines were formed, and the Sir Knights, to the number of 500, marched up Broadway to Fourteenth street, to Fifth avenue, thence to Twenty-third street to the Ferry, where they embarked in a steamer specially provided, and took the pilgrims to the Oceanic, where, placing them safely on board, they escorted them to the Narrows, where the parting salutes were exchanged.

Morton Commandery subsequently entertained the escorts of the Allegheny, and St. John's Commanderies at a liberal spread at Mailliard's in Broadway, where, after refreshing the inner man, they escorted the Pennsylvania Sir Knights to Jersey City, where special trains awaited them.

THE SPURIOUS CHAPTER OF ANTIQUITY.

The following circular has been issued by the Secretary-General of the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons of Ireland:—

GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.

Most Excellent Sir and Brother,

I am directed to call your particular attention to the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the Grand Chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 31st day of May, 1871:—

It having come to the knowledge of the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons, that several brethren on the registry of Ireland had received certain Degrees purporting to be Masonic, and amongst others the Rose Croix Degree, in a body or assembly styling itself the Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity, and meeting in Manchester; and the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for England and Wales having officially intimated to the Supreme Council of the 33rd for Ireland, that said body or assembly is illegal, and not in connection with or recognised by said Supreme Council for England and Wales, this Grand Chapter

here by declares that it does not recognise said Manchester body as Masonically legal, nor acknowledge any Degrees conferred by it; and hereby cautions all Chapters of Prince Masons, and other bodies under its jurisdiction, against admitting to their meetings any Brethren claiming to have obtained any Masonic Degree in said illegal Manchester assembly. All Prince Masons are likewise prohibited from holding any Masonic intercourse with such Brethren, in reference to said Degrees so illegally obtained.

By Order,
L. H. DEERING,
Secretary-General.

THE RECEPTION OF THE M.W.G.M. IN THE UNITED STATES.

The "Keystone" remarks as follows:

The fact that some of the members of the late British High Commission are members of the Fraternity of Freemasons affects directly a large, influential, and respectable portion of our people. The Earl de Grey is the Grand Master of Masons of England, succeeding in that highest Masonic office the Earl of Zetland, who held it for twenty-six years. Lord Tenterden is Past Master of the Lodge of Harmony, and Past First Principal of the Chapter of Iris, England. Sir John A. Macdonald and Colonel Bernard are prominent and distinguished members of the Masonic fraternity of Canada. As Masons, they are bound by the tie of confraternity to half a million of the substantial citizens of the United States. These gentlemen were not merely ornamental or honorary members of the Craft, holding its high offices in virtue of their social rank, and leaving to others the performance of its labours. In the midst of his numerous official and social duties, Lord Tenterden found time to pay several visits to the lodges in this jurisdiction, and before two of them illustrated in a masterly manner the workings of the order, according to the English ritual. He was elected an honorary member of Pentalpha Lodge, in Washington city, and carries back to England a beautiful and costly Past Master's jewel, as a souvenir of his Masonic association with the brethren here.

The other members of the commission were also practical workmen in the Masonic art. To those who know what Freemasonry is, it stands in need of no indorsement or encomiums. But

there are always persons, superficial and superficial, who confound it with the thousand ephemeral associations which have initiated and travestied its insignia and its rites, and which are so constantly seeking that publicity and parade which is one of the first principles of Masonry to avoid.

It is a cherished prejudice with such persons that Masonry is "vulgar;" and it must have been a severe shock to their feelings to discover that the cream of European aristocracy did not disdain its honours, or shrink from public affiliation with the institution as it exists among us. Those who may chance to drop into Gardner's may there see the photographs of Earl de Grey and Lord Tenterden, clothed in the lamb-skin aprons and full Masonic insignia.

The occasion is not so inopportune to say something of the history and status of Freemasonry in this District, where it has reared a temple at a cost of 200,000 dols., which is an ornament to our city, and where it was lately played the host in princely style to noble and distinguished guests from foreign countries, and from every quarter of our land.

The early history of Masonry in this locality is naturally associated with the name of George Washington. He first learned to love the craft in the early provincial and military lodges, which originally received the ritual of speculative Masonry from England, and in which he met the first gentlemen of Maryland and Virginia. We are indebted to the researches of that well-known Masonic proficient, Major Ben Perley Poore, for many facts in the early history of the craft in this latitude. He expresses the belief that Potomactic Lodge, of Georgetown, is descended from St. Andrew's Lodge, which was in working order in that place in 1773. Of Lodge, No. 9, in Georgetown, the only relic is the marble gavel which was used by Washington when President, in laying the corner-stone of the Capitol. The first Masonic hall was erected in Georgetown in 1810.

The south-eastern boundary-mark stone of the District of Columbia was laid with Masonic honours, by the Craftsmen of Alexandria, April 15th, 1731. Federal Lodge, No. 1, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, September 12, 1793, and six days afterwards the corner-stone of the Capitol was laid by that lodge, assisted by Lodge, No. 9, of Georgetown, and 22, of Alexandria. The Masonic ceremonies were performed

by President Washington, and the gravel used was then presented to him by Valentine Reintzel, who afterwards became the first Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was organised December 11th, 1810, by delegates from Federal Lodge, Potomocac Lodge, Culumbia Lodge, and Naval Lodge, of Washington, and Brook Lodge, of Alexandria.

Among the older lights of Masonry in the District may be mentioned Arthur McCormack, Joseph Ingle, John Mountz, William Lambert, Daniel Kurtz, T. Corcoran, jun., R. C. Weighton, William W. Seaton, and Robert Keyworth.

Henry Clay presided over a Masonic convention held there to consider the formation of a National Grand Lodge, a proposition which has since been warmly advocated, but never accomplished.

Lafayette was a distinguished Mason, and his reception by his Masonic brethren, on his return to this country, was the means of causing large accessions to the Craft from among those who are ever ready to adapt anything which savours of social rank. These additions did not prove of any real value to the Fraternity.

The Marchioness de Lafayette did not show the narrow prejudice which some of her sex profess to cherish towards the mystic order, since she embroidered with her own hands a most elaborate and beautiful Master's apron, which, in 1784, she sent as present to General Washington. This apron, which is of satin and adorned with all the principal Masonic emblems, now occupies a conspicuous place in the Grand Master's room in the Masonic Hall in Philadelphia.

The corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at the corner of Four-and-a-Half Street, and Louisiana Avenue, was laid in 1826, the address being delivered by Grand Master W. W. Seaton. The anti-Masonic excitement soon after arose, and but little was done in Masonry here for a number of years. At length, however, there was a revival of interest which has steadily progressed to the present time. Prominent among those who have contributed to the present prosperity of the Fraternity here should be mentioned the names of the late Past Grand Master, B. B. French, Charles Frailley, and George C. Whiting. Nor should we omit the names of those Masons who were officially residing here and lent the influence of

their exalted positions to the advancement of the Craft. Such were Presidents Monroe, Jackson, Tyler, Polk, Buchanan and Johnson; and to these may be added Houston, Dunlap, Dawson, Cass, Quitman, Shields, Giddings, Cobb and Hall, and a host of other leading men in Congressional and official life.

The Craft in the District of Columbia now embraces a Grand Lodge, and nineteen subordinate Lodges, a Grand Chapter, and seven subordinate Chapters, three Commanderies of Knights Templar, and various bodies connected with the Scottish Rite. The total membership is about twenty-five hundred.

The Masonic Hall Association, under whose auspices the noble edifice at the corner of Ninth and F streets has been erected, was incorporated by Congress in April, 1864. The corner-stone of the Temple was laid May 20, 1868, and the Temple was dedicated May 20, 1870, the address on the occasion being delivered by Bro. Ben. Perley Poore.

This Temple not only provides most admirably for all the wants of the Masonic order in its spacious and sumptuously furnished halls, but, in its magnificent ball and music rooms, it supplies a much needed desideratum to society in Washington—a central, well-arranged, and every way convenient and suitable place for lectures, fairs, concerts, banquets, balls and assemblies.

In the spacious and magnificent ball-room, the Fraternity, on the 10th of April, entertained Earl de Grey, Grand Master of Masons of England, at a splendid banquet, to which were invited to meet him all the Grand Masters of Masons of the United States, besides Lord Tenterden, Sir John MacDonald, Colonel Bernard, Mr. le Strange, of the British Legation, Senators, Representatives, and other celebrities in political and social life, who are also brothers of the Mystic Tie. The Earl was first received and welcomed in the Grand Lodge, and the brethren presented to him: after which the company descended to the banquet hall, where after the pretty ceremony of the opening a "table lodge," the festivities were kept up till two o'clock in the morning. The proceedings were marked throughout by decorum and good taste, and the Fraternity has just reason to feel proud of the magnificent success achieved on this occasion.

A memorial volume is nearly ready for issue from the press, containing a full report of all the proceedings and speeches at this truly interesting Masonic entertainment.

THE MAELSTROM OF FREEMASONRY.

Like the great tide that gathers the drift of the mighty ocean, and sets its way toward the seething cauldron of the Maelstrom, is the Freemasonry of to-day. Strong language we admit, from one who believes in the universality of Masonry, and would that its benign influence and teachings might be felt and followed by every being on God's footstool. But when we pause and look about us in the calm moments of reflection, and see the surging of the sea of life toward the portals of our Order, we cannot help fearing that the time is within our own day, when the ship that has stood the storms of centuries, will be drawn into the great vortex and dashed to pieces on the rocks below.

Masonry is now numbered by thousands. In every town and village we find Lodges where but a few days ago its name was looked upon with suspicion. In our cities also we see a vast increase year after year. And as this becomes more and more apparent, the reflecting mind will see beneath the surface more than the free will and accord of the many applicants.

Many will agree with us that it is not a surplus of material that calls for the erection of new lodges, but in reality a rivalry to see the numbers of each swelled to the utmost capacity. In order to do this, not unfrequently is material used not in accordance with the ancient landmarks, but of such kind as would not stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square. Men are admitted who never become Masons only in name. Many become members through mere curiosity, and after they have taken the last step never enter the lodge-room except, perhaps, to pay their yearly dues. Others become members in a mere business point of view, thinking it will add a few more customers to their trade; and again others join it as a speculation, and to make money out of it.

Thus we find Masons of the present day. Instead of brotherly love and friendship we find

discordant feelings. Brothers meet, not as brothers should meet amid the busy scenes of life, but as strangers. Instead of "working on the square" as all good Masons do work, we find all the teachings that have been inculcated cast to the four winds of heaven, and many bearing the title of Mason, are such only in name.

With such elements as these, what is to prevent our time-honoured institution drifting into the great whirlpool that shall shake it to its centre?

When we speak of the universality of Masonry, we do not intend to say that its various degrees should be conferred upon the whole human family, but upon those who shall be found worthy, not only here but in every clime and country. Instead of this we find the institution swarming with the unworthy, who take every available opportunity to show by their connection with it, and by their acts bring reproach upon its name. By many the principles of Masonry are misunderstood, and by many are disgraced, while others live up to its teachings, and adopt them as rules to govern them in every day life.

It is not from any outward opposition that Masonry may fear any threatened dangers, but there is danger from the very elements within its own ranks. J. B. & Co., might charge its walls until the crack of doomsday, but their puny efforts would be as the passing wind upon the solid rock. The enemy most to be dreaded is within the walls, not without.

No immediate danger is to be apprehended, even from this, if wise and comprehensive minds are at the helm, the old ship will be steered safely through all perils. Never was Masonry so strong in numbers as at the present day, and still the tidal wave is sweeping towards its doors. For this reason we would admonish the fraternity to guard well its portals, and select from the numerous applicants only those found truly worthy, and then none will have reason to dread the whirling waters of the Maelstrom.—*Landmark*.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

As considerable interest seems to have been awakened of late amongst our brethren, regarding the history and origin of the Royal Order, I have obtained the permission of an eminent member of

that body to make use of certain MSS. in his possession, copied, I believe, from the MS. of Dr. Walker Arnott.

It is possible that some portion of the MS. has already seen the light in your pages, but I venture to think that this in its entirety may be of interest to many amongst your younger readers, who cannot obtain access to the earlier and invaluable collection of articles, published in the old numbers of the "Freemason's Magazine."

The Royal Order consists of two degrees, that of H.R.M., and that of R.S.Y.C.S.

It is now impossible to say when the degree of H.R.M. was established, but there is every probability that originally it was not connected with architecture, and was the same as, or similar to, the rite practised by the Essenes, a body which, as has been satisfactorily demonstrated by a writer in "Blackwood's Magazine" * was not in existence, as Josephus alleges, before the Christian Era. Its members were the early Christians themselves, who, to escape the persecutions of the Jews, took their name from the Essen, or breast-plate of the High Priest; by instituting at the same time different degrees of instruction or initiation, they prevented the Jews from getting any knowledge of their tenets, except from the neophytes, who could communicate little. The Culdees introduced Christianity into Scotland, and there is every reason to believe that they preserved amongst them a knowledge of the ceremonies and precautions adopted in Judea. The building of the Abbey of Melrose and other places of public worship in the 12th century, by a band of workmen from abroad, under the direction of an experienced Master Architect, was the means of Freemasonry being introduced, or revived in Scotland, and it would appear that the Culdees and the builders had soon come to a mutual understanding. This, perhaps, is the period when the Order of H.R.M. became Masonic, and was employed to explain, in a correct Christian manner, the symbols and rites adopted by the Architects. This may also explain how the Royal Order is purely Catholic; not Roman Catholics, but adapted to all who acknowledge the great truths of Christianity, as common Masonry is intended to apply to all, whether Jew or Gentile, who ac-

knowledge a supreme God. It is also highly probable that it was in consequence of this understanding between the builders and the Culdees, that the three degrees of St. John's Masonry, and more particularly the Master's degree, were purified from the dross of Paganism, and even of Judaism. The tradition connected with the second degree of the Royal Order of R.S.Y.C.S. is that Robert Bruce having received great services from a party of Masons who had fought under him in the battle of Bannockburn, on St. John's Day, 1314, conferred on them the civil rank of Knighthood, with permission to them to accord it in their Grand Lodge to those faithful and patriotic brethren who might succeed them; so that the degree is, strictly speaking, a civil Order granted to Scotch Masons. Originally none were entitled to it but Scotchmen, or perhaps their allies the Irish, and there were only sixty-three members; but that number has been since much extended, and Masons of other nations are allowed to participate in the honour, provided they be first adopted as Scotch Masons, and registered on the roll of the Grand Chapter of H.R.M. in Scotland.

In the R.S.Y.C.S. there can scarcely be said to be any secret further than the modes of recognition, the lecture containing merely the form of reception with a concluding address.

The two degrees now constitute the Royal Order, but it is probable that originally the last only received that name. Some, however, suppose that St. John's Masonry as well as the Royal Order together formed the Royal Craft or Royal Order, the Knights of the R.S.Y.C.S. having the superintendance of the whole system.

The degree of H.R.M. is divided into two steps, particulars of which it would not be proper here to communicate. This appellation has been variously explained. Some suppose it to refer to Herodium, a castle on a rising ground, in the territories of the tribe of Judah, 60 Stodie south west of Jerusalem, built by Herod the Great to commemorate a victory he had obtained over the Parthians and Jews, who wished to hinder him retiring with his family to Massada. There was another Herodium built also by Herod in the confines of Arabia; both are noticed by Josephus. Others suppose it to be of Greek origin, and to be derived from a sacred house, whilst others consider it to be the genitive plural of the Latin word Hyres, *i.e.*

* January, 1840, P.P. 112-116.

Hyredum, to imply that the degree was invented by the heirs of the Ancient Masons, or preservers of Ancient Masonry, which the Scotch always supposed themselves to be. But these reasons are all somewhat fanciful, and the true explanation is obviously in the Hebrew word (Harodim), used in 1st Kings, v., verse 30 and IX, verse 23, &c. of the Hebrew Bible, meaning the Rulers, or those who ruled the workmen, not simply Rulers (which would be expressed by Rodim), but *The*, by way of distinction, *The* Rulers; a title peculiarly applicable to the brethren of this Order, who from their higher knowledge of the mysteries of Masonry, and of the only lectures explanatory of St. John's Masonry, as now practised, were peculiarly fitted to govern Lodges. The name ought therefore to be written H.R.M. or H-R.D.M. in preference to H.D.M. or H.R.D.M., as usually done last century.

Of the ceremonies which take place at the initiation of a brother, it is perhaps sufficient to say in print that they differ essentially from every other known degree, though terms used here and there indicate a connection with both the Rose \blacklozenge and Knights Templar.

The brethren are sometimes called Rosicrucian Knights, and there is some evidence to my thinking of an association with that body which is called Rose \blacklozenge , H.R.D.M., and is the 18° of the A. and A. Rite, the 7th and last of the French Rite, and the 47th of the Rite of Misraim, a spurious adaptation of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite. I purpose returning to this subject at an early date.

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MASONIC JOTTINGS, No. 75.

BY A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

GREEK PHILOSOPHY AND MASONRY.

Brother "L. N. R."—In the system of the old Greek Philosophers you will find ethical and scientific elements; but, except in the system of Socrates, you will not find religious elements, resembling those of true Masonry.

THE ENGLISH LODGE.

In the English lodge, the Mason, who is a Christian, finds the teaching of the Holy Jesus; and the Mason, who is a Natural Theist, finds the teaching of Socrates.

TOLERANT CHRISTIANITY OF THE ENGLISH LODGE.

A Brother thinks that no instrument has been more effective for the accomplishment of Masonry's great mission of human amelioration, than the Tolerant Christianity of the English lodge.

REASON—MASONRY.

The reason of the man who first appeared upon the earth expanded, and produced the moral law, religion, and incipient science; and civilization came. Then civilization advanced; and there was the union of the moral law, religion, and science; and Masonry was the result.

MYTHS IN MASONRY.

Brother "L. D. F."—In Masonry, Myths of Paganism have re-appeared as Myths of Judaism, and as Myths of Christianity.

SPECULATIVE MASONRY—RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY.

Speculative Masonry, like Religious Philosophy, proclaims, first, the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe; next, his incomprehensiveness.

ALTERATIONS IN THE LANDMARKS OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

Since the Reformation there have been but two permanent, important, alterations in the Landmarks of our English Freemasonry.—The one was effected by the Charges of 1723; the other was effected by the Charges of 1738.

SOCRATIC PHILOSOPHY—STOICAL PHILOSOPHY.

A young Brother, desirous of finding the ethical and religious principles of Universal Masonry in the ancient Greek system of philosophy, should begin by studying the Socratic Philosophy, and the Stoical Philosophy.

THE UNIVERSE—THE GLORIOUS ARCHITECT.

The Universe—Nature—is the effect, of which the Glorious Architect—God is the cause. *

* See Cowper's Task.

PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO BRO.
ROBERT BRYCE, SECRETARY RIFLE LODGE,
EDINBURGH.

On Monday Evening, the 26th June, a general meeting of the Lodge was held in the Lodge Room, Freemasons' Hall, St. George Street, Edinburgh, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Robert Bryce, Secretary of the Lodge, with a Testimonial, in recognition of his valuable services, and as a mark of their respect and admiration.

There was a large attendance of brethren, the Lodge Room was crowded, and amongst those who were present to do the honour to Bro. Bryce, were the following:—

J. T. Douglas, Right Worshipful Master, who was in the Chair; Bros. Thomas Ford, Worshipful Depute Master; George Edwards, Worshipful Substitute Master; Thomas H. Douglas, Worshipful Past Master; A. T. Apthorpe, Senior Warden; James Reid, Junior Warden; H. Miller Bryce, Treasurer; James M. Mackay, Architect; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller, Grand Lodge of Scotland; William Smith, C.E., Editor of the "Freemasons' Magazine," London, and Member of the Grand Lodge of England, &c.; Thomas Cairns, M.D., P.M., and Member of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Lodge having been properly opened, and called in due time to refreshment, the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, when the Right Worshipful Master intimated that apologies for non-attendance had been received from Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Bro. General Griffiths, Bro. the Rev. K. Story, and others.

The usual loyal toasts were then proposed and most heartily responded to, after which the Right Worshipful Master craved a bumper to the three Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, with the health of the respective Most Worshipful Grand Masters, and for which Bro. John Laurie, Grand Clerk, replied on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Bro. W. Smith for the Grand Lodge of England, and both of whom expressed the terms of great cordiality which existed between the two Grand Lodges, and the very harmonious manner in which they worked together.

Bro. Thomas Ford, Depute Master, in an eloquent speech, proposed the health of the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. James T. Douglas, and in doing so, referred to the strong feeling of affection and esteem in which the brethren held their worshipful Master, the great and unflinching interest which at all times Bro. Douglas had exhibited towards furthering the interests of the Lodge, and seeing that he had so decidedly informed the brethren that it was intention to retire from the chair when the next election came on, wished him in his own name and on behalf of the brethren all health and happiness, and assured him that he should retire into private life, that he would retain in as strong a manner as he now did the just esteem and admiration of all the members, not only of this Lodge, but of the Province of Edinburgh.

The Right Worshipful Master, amidst the enthusiastic applause of the brethren, replied, thanking Bro. Ford and the brethren for the great compliment they had paid to him. He had now been for seven years Master of the Lodge, and would not have held office so long but for the pressing manner in which the brethren had requested him to continue in the chair. In doing this he thought the members did not act fairly, as it was keeping back other and younger brethren from that promotion which their merits justified, and he expressed

the hope that when the time came for the brethren to elect a new Master, they would consider the claims of that brother who had worked for them so well, and that they would mark their appreciation of his services by elevating him to the chair of the Lodge.

Bro. William Smith proposed the health of the Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. Thomas H. Douglas, and in doing so expressed the great pleasure he felt in having assigned to him the honour of proposing that brother's health. Bro. Douglas, as all the members would know, was the founder of the Rifle Lodge, and since its consecration in the year 1860 had ever taken a deep interest in all matters pertaining to it. He was a sterling man and a most worthy Mason, and as a proof he had just to remind the brethren that at present, besides being Past Master of this Lodge, Bro. Douglas had the honour of being Right Worshipful Master of another Edinburgh Lodge, the Lodge Caledonian, at the earnest request whose members he had once more felt himself constrained to go into harness.

Bro. Douglas replied in a suitable manner, thanking the brethren for their kind reception, and more particularly Bro. Smith for the high eulogium he had passed upon him.

The Right Worshipful Master, thereafter proceeded to present Bro. Robert Bryce with the testimonial. It was altogether unnecessary for him to refer to the great and devoted attention Bro. Bryce had shown to his duties these were known to all the members of the Lodge and anything he might say could not, he was assured, raise Bro. Bryce any higher in their estimation than he at present stands. Besides performing his own duties as Secretary, and these were very onerous, Bro. Bryce had relieved him (the Right Worshipful Master) very much in his duties; he had now for several years conferred the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason on every initiate, and he felt it a duty to Brother Bryce to say that never in his experience had he seen these degrees given with greater impressment, or in a better style, and he was sure that in regard to working the Lodge Bro. Bryce stood second to none, either in the Province of Edinburgh, or even in the United Kingdom. It afforded him great pleasure to pay this tribute to Bro. Bryce's abilities, but he had always given his services so willingly, so ungrudgingly, and had ever entered into the working of the Lodge so heartily, that in common fairness he was bound to do so.

The applause having subsided, Brother Bryce returned thanks as follows:—

Right Worshipful Master, Worshipful Wardens and Brethren,

The very generous and graceful manner in which you have been pleased to refer to my first connection with the Rifle Lodge, and the more than handsome way in which you have marked your approbation of any little services I may have had the happiness to render it, completely deny me the possibility of expressing anything like suitable terms my deep sense of your great kindness and consideration. I am as you know, sir, but a novice in the art of public speaking and must therefore crave your indulgence on this point. Nevertheless, if my words are but poor in the expression of my gratitude, I beg you to believe that my feelings are none the less deep and sincere on that account, and that I feel proud and grateful for the honour you have done me, and for your very flattering allusion to my Masonic career. I may say, Worshipful sir, that I was in a manner born and reared in Masonry, and that as far back as memory will carry me, was ever animated with the loftiest conceptions of the craft; and I will ever remember how when my age first permitted application for admission to its mysteries, I passed through

the ceremony of initiation, and the pride I felt when for the first time I was invested with the badge of a Mason. Since that time I have had no little experience in Masonry, and this I will say that my Masonic career presents to my mind one long and unbroken chain of happy reminiscences.

The Lodge, having been consecrated in June, 1860, is now entering upon its twelfth year; and during that time no less than sixty-eight brethren have been affiliated as full and free members, and upwards of 400 initiates have first seen the light within its borders; and as custodian of its records, I may be permitted to say that never during the past eleven years was the Lodge in a more flourishing and prosperous condition than at the present time.—With an energetic, zealous, and devoted Worshipful Master, an attentive and united band of office bearers, and a considerable number of regularly attending brethren, the Lodge bids fair for the future and must continue to prosper if only the true principles of the order are carried into practice.

If I remember rightly, I think it is Sir Walter Scott who describes Freemasons as "moving like shadows in a land of dreams." I can only say that your movements towards me this evening have not been of a shadowy, but most substantial nature, and if the passing hour be a dream, it is certainly one of the most pleasant in my history. I thank you brethren very sincerely for this mark of your favour, it is in itself very valuable, and far exceeds anything I could have merited or deserved at your hands, but it is doubly valuable, accompanied as it is by the kind expression of your goodwill and esteem. To your Worshipful Master as the originator and promoter of this testimonial, and to the brethren who have so kindly assisted you in your labours. I feel unable to give words expressive of my gratitude, and can only say that while your kindness compels me to regret that my labours in the past were not, as they might have been, more efficiently discharged, it shall stimulate still further to greater devotion in the future.

The testimonial consisted of a very handsome Gold Lever Watch, by an eminent London Maker, together with a Gold Guard and appendages. The following is the inscription on the watch.—

"Presented to Bro. Robert Bryce, Secretary of the Rifle Lodge, Edinburgh, (No. 405), by the R.W. Master, Office Bearers, and Brethren of the Lodge, as a mark of their respect and esteem, and in appreciation of the long, zealous, and efficient services rendered by him as Honorary Secretary to the Lodge, Edinburgh, 24th June, 1871."

The following toasts were proposed thereafter, and duly responded to.

"The Depute and Substitute Masters," proposed by Bro. Apthorpe, replied to by Bro. Ford, Deputy Master.

"The Wardens," proposed by Bro. Edward, and responded to by the Senior Warden.

"The Treasurer and other Office Bearers," proposed by the Grand Clerk of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and responded to by Bro. H. M. Bryce, Treasurer, who took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred on his son, and assured them that in doing so he appreciated it as highly and felt the honour as deeply as if they done it to himself.

The toast of the "Brethren from a distance," having been proposed by the Grand Jeweller, Bro. Hay, and felicitously responded to by Bro. Smith, who stated that he had come from London purposely to attend this meeting, in order not only to do honour to Bro. Bryce but also to show the great esteem and admiration he felt for him.

The Lodge was thereafter at high twelve re-called to labour and duly closed.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE 926 CHARTER.

My answer to a Metropolitan Correspondent is, that it has never come to my ears that the Contributor whom he names has ever said anything upon the controversy between Krause and Kloss, respecting that document. All coming from him upon the subject, of which I have any recollection, consists of the subjoined strange words which my correspondent will find in a Contributor's letter on "A Masonic Sermon," "Has the Reverend Brother (Preacher of the Sermon) been asleep during these last three years? Or is he quite sane? Or was he delivering a practical joke? I do wish he would send me that Royal Charter of 926, of which he says the very original of this charter remains, as he believes, to the present day. If he would only do that, I verily believe I would throw my 1717 date to the winds."*

It will, probably, save my Correspondent some trouble if he looks at my two communications to the "Freemasons' Magazine," "The York Constitution," vol. 22, page 269, and "The Ancient York Constitutions and Bro. Findel," *Ibid*, page 350.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

THE FIVE POINTED STAR.

The following is extracted from the publications of the Camden Society, for 1839:—

"PENTALPHA PENTACLE.—This mark was heretofore used as a sign of the cross is now, *sc.* at the beginning of letters or bookes for good luck's sake; and the women amongst the Jews (Dr. Raiph But-hurst tells me) did make this mark on the children's chrysome cloathes. Mr. Wyld Clark, merchant (factor) at Santo Crux, in Barbarie, tells me that the Jewes in Barbarie have this mark on their trunks in nailes, and on their cupboards and tables. So in France, &c., and heretofore in England, were built crosses for good luck; and my old friend, Mr. Lancelot Morehouse, rector of Portwood, Wilts, who went to make this mark at the top of his missive letters, as the Roman Catholiques do the cross, and he told me (1660) that the Greek Christians did so."

"The figure of the three triangles interseected (adds W. Kynett), and made of five lines, is called the Pentangle of Solomon, and when it is delineated in the body of a man it is pretended to touch and point out the five places wherein our Saviour was wounded. And therefore there was the old superstitious conceit, that the figure was a *fuge demonium*—that the devils were afraid of it."

NOTE.—The "Pentaculum Solomonis," the "Dri-den-fus" of the German magical writers, and which is regarded at the present day by the superstitious in Germany as an effective hindrance to the power of witches, is said to have its origin in the secret doctrines of the Pythagoreans, and to have been from thence transferred to the mysteries of the Druids. Be this as it may, it is certain it was looked upon in the middle ages as a sign of immense power and at the present moment the magical Pentalpha, in the western window of the southern aisle of Westminster Abbey, is one of the emblems which still

* See "Freemasons' Magazine," vol. 21, page 331.

exist, and tell to the initiated that the black monks who once chanted in the choir were deeply read in occult science. We are not, therefore, surprised to find it treated of in Dr. Carl Grabner's "Bilder der Wunderkunst und des Aberglaubens," Svo., Weimar, 1837, p. 86, or that Goethe should have made Faust avail himself of its influence:—

"Fur solche halbe Hollenbrat,
Ist Salomonis Schlusself gut;"

but it would scarcely be expected that a belief in its influence should be gravely avowed in a work published at the commencement of the nineteenth century.

"It is always necessary to have this Pentacle in readiness to bind with in case the spirits should refuse to be obedient, as they can have no power over the Exorcists while provided with and fortified by the Pentacle, the virtue of the holy names therein written presiding with wonderful influence over the spirits. It should be made in the day and hour of Mercury, upon parchment made of a kid's skin, or virgin, or pure, clean, white paper, and the figures and letters wrote in pure gold, and ought to be consecrated and sprinkled (as before often spoken) with holy water."—Barret's "Magnus," book 2, part iii, (109).

Similar to this, and by many confounded with it, is the "Seal of Solomon," which consists of a six-pointed star, formed of two triangles interlaced, and which was sometimes held to be even more than the Pentalfa. Passing down a street one day, the writer noticed one of the figures, made of tin, holding in its centre the representation of a beer-glass, and doing duty as the sign of a beer-shop.

It "attracted his eye's sad devotion," and he could not help wondering to what chain of circumstances it owed its situation. Subsequent study taught him that in Germany, and especially in Bavaria, this figure was deemed a sovereign defence against evil spirits. This sign was, therefore, used as a charm to protect against storms, and especially against fires (being thus a cheap kind of insurance). Breweries being particularly exposed to fire, were so often protected by this that it became, in time, the sign of a brewery, and so of a beershop! And thus the mighty spell with which Solomon of old compelled the genii, and piled up "that splendid model of excellence which immortalised his name," in these degenerate times, having crossed the sea, had sunk to the ignoble position of a pot-house sign. Many a good man has fallen equally low by keeping unworthy company.—*Evergreen.*

THE MANNINGHAM LETTER—A CONTRIBUTOR.

A critic who knows that this letter has been accepted by the Masonic writers of Germany, and by "A Masonic Student," will but laugh at one who tells him that it is not accepted by a Contributor.—A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE FOUR OLD LONDON LODGES.

A Member of Grand Lodge will find his view of the part taken by the Four Old London Lodges in the Revival Proceedings, fully confirmed by Preston in his "Illustrations." See pages 157 to 160, "Dr. Oliver's Edition."—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

W. Grand Master, William D. Blocher, of Arkansas, in his address, says, in relation to St. John's College:—"It affords me great pleasure to announce that this protégé of the Grand Lodge has a brighter prospect now than at any time since the close of our late civil war. A great many Grand bodies having previously made the attempt to establish a similar seat of learning in their respective jurisdictions and failed, they have been almost unanimous in predicting a similar result for our College. Without stopping to inquire the causes for these failures, I think I express the unanimous verdict of this Grand body when I assert that St. John's College is on a firm foundation."

The State of California has been divided into fourteen Masonic Districts, and an "Inspector and Deputy Grand Lecturer" appointed for each District.

The following resolutions were adopted at the last Annual Grand Communication.

"Whereas, A custom has prevailed in this Grand Lodge to expend no inconsiderable amounts of money in the purchase of testimonials for Past Grand Masters; and whereas the use of the funds of the Grand Lodge for such purposes is contrary to the aims and objects of Masonry; therefore

"Resolved That no appropriation of the funds of this Grand Lodge shall be made for similar purposes hereafter."

At the last Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery of California, the following Brethren were elected, viz:

Grand Chapter: Comp. James L. English, of Sacramento, G. H. Priest; Comp. Charles L. Wiggin, of San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Grand Council: Ills. Comp. Stephen T. Wing, M. P. G. Master; Ills. Comp. Charles L. Wiggin, Grand Recorder.

Grand Commandery: Em. Sir Frederick Ferdinand Barss, of Placerville, Grand Commander; Em. Sir Charles L. Wiggin, of San Francisco, Grand Recorder.

Referring to the recommendation of Grand Master Murray, of Maine, to dispense with the office of D. D. Grand Master, and pay the Grand Master a salary, requiring him to devote his entire time to the interests of the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, Bro. O. C. Gray, of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, of Arkansas, says:

"We are of opinion that the practice of paying salaries to any other Masonic officers than our hard working Secretaries, would result in evil, and that continually. Let the office of Grand Master be desirable for the amount of money there may be made out of it, and you at once create a host of Masonic politicians, who will 'log-roll' for the position of Grand Master."

That's our doctrine—no more moneyed offices in Masonry. We don't want any brothers to join us for the loaves and fishes of office. We want the craft always to seek the best man for the Grand East, and not the man the office. All candidature for position is unmasonic.—*Keystone.*

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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

MASONIC MEMS.

The Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland has announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Kendal, at the latter end of September, or, the beginning of October.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET. — The next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will be on the 18th of July at Crewkerne.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at Ripon, on the 12th of July next. A Grand Festival will be held on the same day, at Fountain's Abbey, and the Right Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M., and Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, has given the Craft the privilege of visiting the magnificent ruins of Fountain's Abbey and the adjacent grounds of Studley on that day. A banquet will be held in the spacious cloisters, in which ladies will be admitted. The proceeds of the Festival will be devoted to the fund of the De Grey Scholarships.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., a few members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, wishing to testify their respect to the Manager, of the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, where the Lodge meets, Bro. W. G. Jennings, Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M., of the Lodge waited on him and presented him with a very elegant and solid gold seal locket, and gold pencil case, both having suitable inscriptions inscribed to testify their approbation of his conduct during the time the Lodge had been held at the above Tavern, and also for his uniform kindness in looking after the interests of the brethren.

On Wednesday, July 12th, "A Musical and Descriptive Entertainment" will be given by Brother Seymour Smith, at the Sussex Hall, Lendenhall Street. The proceeds will be devoted to the aid of a distressed Brother. Tickets may be obtained of any of the Stewards, viz: Bro. S. P. Acton, P.M. 742; Arnold, P.M. 65; Bowron, P.M. 933; W. Bristo, P.M. 860; Edward Coste, P.M. 9; J. M. Cumming, 742; B. Candick, 742; Forbes, W.M. 65; Thomas Foxall, W.M. 1349; Wm. George, 742; Charles Gosden, 145; Jaquin, 382; John W. Jones, 174; Wm. Land, 742; Henry Marshall, 742; Mate, 382; Ed. M. Morley, J.D., 742; W. Nicholson, P.M. 172; E. J. Oliver; P.M. 742; George Palmer, P.M. 742; Robert Scott, 193; Hy. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; Geo. Weeks, W.M. 742; S. Wickens, P.M. 228.

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METROPOLITAN.

CARNARVON LODGE (No. 708).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 14th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. The W.M., the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, M.A., occupied the chair of K.S., assisted by Bro. F. C. de Crespigny, S.W.; and O. H. Pearson, J.W. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the names of four brethren belonging to the Apollo

University Lodge of Oxford, and the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, were proposed as joining members, and unanimously accepted, and one of them was passed to the second degree, after which the brethren proceeded to ballot for the admission of two candidates for initiation, and the result being favourable, they were severally introduced, and the ceremony of initiation performed by the W.M. This being the annual period for the election of W.M. Master, Bro. the Rev. F. C. de Crespigny, S.W., was unanimously chosen as W.M. elect. Bro. F. Davison, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler was also re-elected. The following notice of motion of Bro. Davison, Treasurer, was submitted to the meeting and cordially adopted:—"That in consideration of the distinguished position the Right Worshipful Brother the Earl of Carnarvon holds in the Craft as Deputy Grand Master of England, as well as from the Lodge bearing his lordship's name, he be elected an honorary member." Several other motions were discussed and adopted, and the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed the proceedings.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).—The brethren of this Lodge held their regular meeting at the White Hart, Tavern, Barnes, on Friday, the 16th inst. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Charles A. Smith, supported by Bros. W. H. Barnard, S.W.; S. H. Stephens, J.W.; R. W. Little, P.M., Sec.; C. Butcher, J.D.; T. Farrell, W.S.; H. Potter, J. H. Tyler, J. Brooks, J. Ayles, S. Harris, W. Palmer, C. Angel, T. T. Wilcox, E. Phillips, N. N. Hewitt, and W. Hamlyn. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Palmer and Keily were passed. Bro. S. Harris was raised. Messrs. C. Doerr and J. Adams were initiated. Bro. Henry Potter, late Treasurer, was unanimously elected an honorary member. The visitors were Bros. T. H. Edmands, P. G. Steward, W.M. 8; G. King, jun., P.M. 1260; J. Wright, S.D. 1158; F. Kelly, 1293; J. W. Burton, 1260; C. Thomas, 1260; and Elton Glover, 509

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Head-quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles on Wednesday, the 14th ult. Two members of the lodge having died since the last meeting, the brethren present appeared in full Masonic mourning; the lodge-room itself was also appropriately draped. The W.M., Bro. S.H. Wagstaff, occupied the chair, and was ably supported by Bros. Larham, as S.W.; Bridges, J.W.; Messenger, S.D.; Hastie, J.D.; and Carnell, as I.G. There were also present, Bros. James Stevens, I.P.M.; Thomas Meggy, P.M.; Dr. Cronin, Treas.; J. J. Curtis, Sec.; Alfred Williams, Ross, Edmonston, Kethro, Johnson, and others. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Peall was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft; and Bro. Edmonston was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Referring to the recent death of two brethren, the W.M. said:—"Brethren, Let us turn from this ceremony of a figurative death to a contemplation of the stern reality. We have to mourn the loss of two of our members since our last meeting—Bros. Alfred Seruby, and John Edward Newton. Bro. Seruby was not so much among us, but he was well-known in the corps and highly esteemed; his death his deeply felt by the regiment as well as by this lodge. Bro. Newton was at our last lodge meeting, only a month ago, in full health and spirits, and was invested with a collar of office. His death is a striking instance of the uncertainty of life and the vanity of all human pursuits. The last offices paid to the dead are only useful as lectures to the living. From them we are to derive instruction, and consider every solemnity of this kind as a summons to prepare for our approaching dissolution. Notwithstanding the various mementos of mortality with which we daily meet; notwithstanding Death has established his empire over all the works of nature; yet, through some unaccountable infatuation, we forget that we are born to die. We go on from one design to another, add hope to hope, and lay out plans for the employment of many years, till we are suddenly alarmed by the approach of death when we last expect it, and at an hour which we probably were led to think might be the most pleasant of our lives. What are the eternal of majesty, the pride of wealth, or charms of beauty, when nature has paid her last debt? Fix your eyes on the last scene, and view life stripped of its ornaments and exposed in its natural meanness; you will then be convinced of the futility of these empty delusions. In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks are levelled, and all distinctions are done away with. While we drop the sym-

pathic tear over the memory of our deceased brothers, let charity incline us to throw a veil over their foibles, whatever they may have been, and not withhold the praise the virtues may have claimed. Suffer the apologies of human nature to plead in their behalf—perfection on earth has never been attained; the wisest as well as the best of men have erred. Their meritorious actions it is our duty to imitate, and from their weakness we ought to derive instruction. Let us, while in this stage of existence, support with propriety the character of our profession, advert to the nature of our solemnities, and pursue with assiduity the sacred tenets of our Order. Then, with becoming reverence, let us supplicate Divine grace to ensure the favour of that Eternal Being whose goodness and power know no bound, that when the awful moment arrives, be it soon or late, we may be enabled to prosecute our journey without dread or apprehension to that distant country whence no traveller returns. By the light of the Divine countenance we shall pass without trembling through those gloomy mansions where all things are forgotten; and at the great tremendous day of trial and retribution, when arraigned at the bar of Divine justice, let us hope that judgment will be pronounced in our favour, and that we shall receive our reward in the possession of an immortal inheritance, where joy flows in one continued stream and no mound can check its course. Unto the grave hath been consigned the mortal remains of our much-respected Brothers Scruby and Newton, there to remain until the general resurrection in favourable expectation that their immortal souls may then partake of joys which have been prepared for the righteous from the beginning of the world. And may Almighty God, of His infinite goodness, at the tribunal of unbiassed justice extend His mercy towards them, and all of us, and crown our hope with everlasting bliss in the expanded realms of a boundless eternity. This we beg for the honour of His name to whom be glory now and for ever.—At the conclusion of the address Bro. T. Meggy announced the result of his stewardship at the last festival of the Girls' School, and stated that in addition to other subscriptions, the lodge had sent in twenty guineas towards the amount required to secure a Life Governorship of that excellent institution. Bros. E. Baxter, P.M. 8; Bilby P.M. 861; Gratz, P.M. 869, and Strachan, 1310, were present as visitors.

PROVINCIAL.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

AYLESBURY.—*Buckingham Lodge* (No. 591).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st June, at the George Hotel, Aylesbury, when there was a goodly gathering of members and visitors. There was one initiation, which was performed by the Rev. O. J. Grace, P.M., and P. Prov. Grand Chap., and one passing, performed by the Rev. A. L. Taylor, W.M., P. Prov. G.S.W. The installation of the Rev. John Williams, Prov. S.G.W. and the W.M. elect (who has previously been through the chair), was most ably and impressively rendered by Rev. W. Biggs, P.M. and Prov. Gr. Sec. The W.M. was saluted in the respective degrees, and the addresses were effectively given by the Installing Master, who was quite equal to his work and performed it with great ability. The W.M. having invested his officers and finally closed the lodge, the brethren adjourned to refreshment in the shape of a banquet provided by Bro. Windsor, which gave general satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the evening's enjoyment being much enhanced by the singing of the musical brethren, among whom must be mentioned Bro. Mortimer, P. Prov. G.O. The meeting having been as usual concluded in peace, was closed in harmony.

CORNWALL.

MILLBROOK.—*Meridian Lodge* (No. 893).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th ult., at the lodge-room New Street, Millbrook. Henry Clark, the W.M.-elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. R. Rodd, P.M. 189, P. Pro. G.S.W.; assisted by Bros. E. J. Worth, P.M. 893, P. Pro. G.S.D.; W. H. Bickford, P.M. 893, P. Pro. G.S.D.

R. P. Stephens, P.M. 893, P. Pro. G. Steward; R. H. Rae, P.M. 189; Smith, W.M. 954; Thomas, W.M. 159. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. W. J. Harris, I.P.M.; T. Scriven, S.W.; W. Coath, J.W.; R. P. Stephens, P.M., Treas.; John Henwood, Sec.; C. A. Payne, S.D.; H. Eaton, J.D.; J. H. Filmer, I.G.; J. Dillon, Dir. of Cer.; and W. Cawse, Steward. In the evening a banquet was served at the Coopers' Arms, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

CUMBERLAND.

COCKERMOUTH.—*Skiddaw Lodge* (No. 1,002).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 6th ult., when there were present:—Bros. Morton, P. Prov. S.G.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, Prov. J.G.W.; E. Busher, Prov. G. Sec., P.G.S.B.; Rev. H. L. Puxley, P. Prov. G. Chap.; R. Robinson, Prov. G. J.D., P.M. 1,002; Rev. W. Williams, Prov. G. Asst. G. Chap., J.W. 1,002; J. R. Tickle, Prov. G. Purst.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. Taylor, S.W.; I. Evening, Treas.; C. Mayson, Sec.; W. H. Lewthwaite, S.D.; J. Allison, J.D.; R. Brown, and W. Potts. Bro. Puxley, the retiring Master, having opened the Lodge in form, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, the Installing Master assumed his position in the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. John Pearson, as W.M. for the ensuing year. A Board of Installed Masters was formed. On the re-admittance of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was saluted in the several degrees, Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite playing on the harmonium the salutary marches. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. Mayson, S.W.; R. Bailey, J.W.; I. Evening, Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Sec.; J. Allinson, S.D.; J. Bolton, J.D.; W. H. Smethurst, I.G.; W. Potts, Tyler. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided at the Globe Hotel. The newly-installed Master presided. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were responded to.

DEVONSHIRE.

PLYMOUTH.—*Dundas Lodge* (No. 1,255).—A meeting of the brethren of this successful young lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, June 21st, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, for the purpose of installing the W.M. Elect, Br. Francis R. Tomes, in the chair of King Solomon. After the W. Master had been duly installed, he proceeded to make appointments of his officers. The following are the officers of the lodge for the year ensuing:—Bros. Francis R. Tomes, Worshipful Master; Walter G. Ball, I.P.M.; William H. Triplet, S. Warden; J. Hicks, J. Warden; William Bell, Treasurer; T. B. Harvey, P.M., Secretary; Samuel B. Harvey, S. Deacon; — Cobblestick, J. Deacon; W. H. Hoare, Organist; R. J. G. Duggan, Inner Guard; Philip Symons, Director of Ceremonies; Hector B. Macmillan, S. Steward; George Fry, J. Steward; Thomas Smith, Tyler. After the formal business of the day had been transacted, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, at the Globe Hotel, where Bro. Isaac Watts had provided as handsome and as excellent a dinner as either initiate or "outer barbarian" need desire to enjoy. The dinner hour was fixed for three o'clock, many of the brethren having to leave by early trains; and the dinner, admirably cooked, was provided by Mrs. Watts to the minute. Lodge "Dundas" is not a lodge of indulgence; its refreshment means a banquet only once a year, and as it meets at the Temple none of the fair could by possibility object to any of their masculine friends becoming associated with it. The W.M. ably occupied the chair, and the Senior Warden the vice-chair. The other officers took their respective places at the festive board. Besides those already named as present at the ceremony of the installation, and were also present at the table the following, chief of whom were guests:—R. W. Bro. Methan P.G.D. and D. Prov. G.M.; V. W. Br. Nicholls, P.M., P. Pro. G.O. B. W. Bro. Gover, P.M., P. Pro. G.A.D.C.; V. W. I. Watts, P.M. P. Pro. G.T. W. Bro. V. Bird, P.M.; Bro. F.A. Thomas; V. W. Bro. Latimer, P. Pro. G. Sec.; W. Bro. Westcott, P.M.; W. Bro. E. A. Davies, W.M. After the most ample justice had been done to the dinner, the Worshipful Master, in short and terse speeches, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The health of the Pro. G.M. Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe," he stated that he had received a kind response in his invitation stating that he was prevented from accepting it, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Huyshe. The Prov. Grand Master was

warmly complimented for his urbanity and for the excellent service he rendered Masonry, both in the province, and elsewhere.—The D.Prov.G.M. Bro., Metham, next proposed “The W.M. of Lodge Dundas, and success to his Lodge,” in the course of which he dwelt upon the duties of the Master of a lodge, and the satisfaction he felt, that in this case the office would be well filled.—The W. M. in returning thanks, said that he should do his best to be present on all occasions, and to work with kindness and regularity.—Bro. Gower proposed “The I.P.M., Treasurer, and Secretary of the Lodge,” and spoke of the admirable manner in which the Lodge was sustained by the labours of those officers. A number of other toasts were proposed and duly responded to. At the close the D.Prov.G.M., in an appropriate speech, gave the toasts which closes all Masonic festivities—“Our poor brethren: wherever dispersed, however distressed, speedy relief to them.”—Thereupon Bro. Trevena got up, and in a feeling and eloquent appeal, stating that Br. Tarring, who was a careful and excellent man, had suddenly met with his death by the wall of St. Andrew’s Churchyard falling upon and crushing him. He was saving money, with which he was building a small house for himself. This Mr. Pethick had promised to complete; and it would now be their endeavour to raise a fund for the widow and child of their deceased brother who had been so suddenly cut off.—The appeal was at once generously responded to by several brethren, the D.P.G.M. leading off the subscription, followed by Bros. Call, Matthews (of Tavistock), Trevena, Godtschalk, Capt. Ball, Pettit, T. E. Williams, Nicholls, Tomes, W.M., Harvey, Cobbedick, and others.—Br. Latimer suggested that a memorial should be drawn up setting forth the facts of the case, and he had no doubt it would meet with a liberal response from many of the lodges in the province, and especially from those in the Three Towns.—Bro. Watts also suggested that an appeal should be made to the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge.—The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

DEVONSHIRE.

STONEHOUSE.—*Lodge Sincerity* (No. 189).—A meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on St. John’s Day, 24th ult., when there was a good attendance of the members. The principal work was the installation of Bro. F. B. Forster, the W.M.—elect; accordingly, after the transaction of some ordinary lodge business, the W.M., Bro. Capt. J. G. Shanks, Royal Marine Light Infantry, Knight of the Order of the Medjidie; P. Prov. G.S.B., Devon, proceeded to instal his successor, which he did with great ability, rendering the sublime ritual with eloquent force and impressiveness. The following Past Masters were present: Dr. Dowse, P. Prov. D.G.M.; T. S. Bayley, P. Prov. G.T.; R. R. Rood, P. Prov. G.R.; J. C. Radford, P. Prov. G.D.; R. H. Rae, P. Prov. G.O.; E. A. Davies. At the conclusion of the installation, Bro. Forster, W.M., appointed the following officers for the year ensuing: Br. Capt. Shanks, I.P.M.; M. Coates, S.W.; J. Latimer, J.W.; Rev. J. E. Risk, Chaplain; R. Dowse, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Rae, P.M., Sec.; S. Hutchings, S.D.; J. E. Curteis, J.D.; G. Jackson, D.C.; M. M. Moore, I.G.; G. Mair, and A. M. Moore, Stewards; and J. E. Moon, Organist. This is the first time for many years that the outgoing Master has installed his successor in this lodge, that work having generally been done by one of the older Past Masters; and at the conclusion of the beautiful ceremony several brethren spoke in terms of great praise the way in which Bro. Shanks had performed the by no means easy task. The half-yearly banquet took place at Bro. Watts’s, Globe Hotel, Plymouth, on the 26th ult., when all the officers and most of the members of the Lodge were present, as well as several visiting brethren. After ample justice had been done to the dinner, the Worshipful Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts which were duly honoured. Bro. Radford then, in an excellent speech, proposed the Rev J. Huyshe, P.G.M. of Devon, and warmly praised the rev. gentlemen for his truly Masonic kindness which he illustrated by one or two facts of an interesting character; he also spoke of the strong affection which is felt by all brethren in the province for their chief. Bro. Metham, the oldest P.M. of Lodge Sincerity and D.Prov.G.M., returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Officers in a very appropriate address, and said with regard to himself that in consequence of having accepted the chairmanship of a School Board, the claims upon his time would be so great that he would not be able to attend to the duties of Masonry as much as he had hitherto done; he

concluded his speech by giving “The health of the W.M.,” which was warmly received. Bro. Forster, in his reply, touched upon many topics of interest to the lodges, specially alluding to his appointment of officers, and gave great praise to Bro. Coffin, the late J.W., who had waived his claim to the S.W. chair, in order that Bro. Coates (who expects to go abroad before long), might get it, and so qualify himself for the Master’s chair. Bro. Latimer, J.W., next proposed “The health of Capt. Shanks, the I.P.M. of the Lodge, and other P. Masters;” he eulogised Capt. Shanks for the admirable manner in which he had worked the lodge, and for the zeal, through good-will and kindness with which, on all occasions, he had carried out the duties of all the offices he had held. Bro. Shanks acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him, and remarked that though it was only just five years since he had come to Lodge Sincerity from one of the oldest lodges in Scotland (No. 12), he had filled every office, and his highest ambition in craft Masonry was gratified. In consequence of having been stationed in the North of England for the last two years, he had not been able to occupy his place as often as he wished, but, in spite of distance, he had filled his chair five times as S.W., and seven times as Master, to do this he had travelled upwards of 8,000 miles by railway in the last two years, solely for the purpose of doing his work in this lodge. In conclusion he alluded to the fact of his having served as Steward for the Girl’s School Festival for which he returned £17 10s. on his list, notwithstanding the Prov. G.M. was also Steward, and most of the lodges and chapters gave their donations through him. Bro. Shanks then proposed the next toast, “The Wardens and other Officers,” in the course of which he made some judicious remarks, alike useful to the officers of other lodges as well as those of Sincerity. He said: The toast which I am now called upon to propose is rather a comprehensive one, as it is to include all the officers of Lodge Sincerity. The various offices in a lodge are, and ought to be considered, posts of honour which every Mason should feel it a privilege to fill, and for which we should all strive to qualify ourselves from the moment of initiation, for without previous preparation it is impossible to fill even the humblest office in a lodge satisfactorily. If, as a lodge, we aim at and wish for a successful career, it is essential that we be at all times well officered; that our office-bearers be brethren who will give the utmost possible attention to their duties, and set us all an example of zeal, fidelity, and devotion. And, Worshipful Sir, we may, I think, congratulate ourselves on this point to-day, for your selection of officers has been well and carefully made. Now, brethren, if I deviate from the usual custom, and allude, in the first place, to our esteemed Treasurer and Secretary, I know you will pardon me, for they are brethren of no common stamp, and I do think the lodge extremely fortunate in that it has secured their kind services for yet another year. It would be almost impertinent in me if I were to speak of the manner in which they always carry out their duties, but I may and will take this opportunity of conveying to them both my very warm thanks for the able and ready assistance they at all times gave me while I was W.M. of this lodge. The Wardens are highly important officers of a lodge, and on them much of its well-being depends; but if they only act up to the moral teachings of the jewels they wear (which, I am sure, our present wardens will), they become bright examples for us to imitate and follow, and will certainly win the respect and love of their brethren. The deacons, D.C., I.G. and Stewards, though not of so much importance as the other officers, yet hold very honourable posts, and should do their best to fill them with becoming dignity. We must all, from the highest to the lowest, remember, however, that it is not enough to be able to repeat the ritual correctly, and to go through the ceremonies without mistakes; no one can be a really be a good officer unless he feels and duly appreciates the sentiments and the words he utters. The work of a lodge in conferring the different degrees is a most important business; it is the performance of one of the most solemn ceremonies ever established by man, and it should be so conducted as to leave that impression on the mind of the candidate. We trust, then, and believe, officers of Lodge Sincerity, that you will keep our lodge what it now is—a worthy Temple of Masonry; that each of you will be true to the grand principles of our noble order; and that, both within and without the lodge, you will ever do honour to the craft. Worshipful Sir, and brethren, I beg, in conclusion, to propose “The Health of the Officers of this Lodge.” The Treasurer, Secretary and Wardens responded to the toast in a

brief but eloquent address, in the course of which frequent allusion was made to the truly Masonic spirit and good feeling that prevails in Sincerity, and the J.W. expressed a hope that all the lodges in the three towns of Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse might be ere long brought together on some festive occasion, which would afford an opportunity of showing that the same brotherly love animates the whole fraternity. The Tyler's toast, given and responded to in the usual way, brought an extremely pleasant evening to a close, and the brethren departed about ten o'clock.

DURHAM.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, *Harbour of Refuge Lodge* (No. 764).—On Tuesday, June 13th, the annual meeting of the members of the Harbour of Refuge (No. 764) Lodge of Freemasons, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Upper Church Street, when Bro. R. H. Stafford was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. W. Cameron, I.P.M., in an imposing manner. Bro. Stafford then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: E. Hudson and W. D. Coxen, warders; T. Harland and C. T. Casebourne, deacons; R. P. Harpley, treasurer; and G. T. Pearson, secretary. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the annual banquet was prepared. About forty brethren sat down, including several visiting friends. The chair was occupied by the newly-appointed Worshipful Master, who was supported on his right by Bro. J. W. Cameron (West Hartlepool), Captain Monks, of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, Durham; Lord Ernest Vane Tempest, of the Seaham Lodge; J. Trotter, Stockton; and A. Hutcheson, West Hartlepool. On the left were Bro. J. B. Watt, West Hartlepool; A. C. Knowles, Stockton; — Hunton, Stockton; R. Rouper, Hartlepool; and J. Young, Durham. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Harte and Walton, both of Stockton, who were assisted by several of the brethren present.

ESSEX.

COLCHESTER.—*Angel Lodge* (No. 51).—The annual festival of Saint John the Baptist was celebrated by the members of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, on Thursday, June 22. At half-past three o'clock a large number of the Brethren assembled in the Lodge room to witness the installation of the W.M. Elect for the ensuing year, Bro. H. Samuel; previous to which, however, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, entered the Lodge, escorted by the P. Prov. G. Chaplain, and several Acting and Past Prov. G. Officers, and was received by the Brethren in the usual Masonic manner. The ceremony of installation was then most ably performed by Bro. Alfred Cobb, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.W., after which the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follows:—Bros. S. Chaplin, S.W.; Fred. A. Cole, J.W.; Rev. C. L. Acland, Chaplain; Wm. Slaney, P.M., Treasurer; Thos. J. Ralling, Secretary; Henry Sandford, S.D.; Geo. W. Smith, J.D.; W. S. Sprent, D.C.; Henry Wisbey, Organist; E. J. Sanders, I.G.; Wm. Chubb, A. R. Staines, and H. P. Brill, Stewards; and C. Gunner, Tyler.—The R.W. Prov. G.M. afterwards addressed the Brethren, and in conclusion expressed his regret that he was compelled to leave by an early train, and would not have the pleasure of joining them at the festive board.—Shortly after six o'clock over forty brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Cups Hotel, served in the very best style by the hostess, Mrs. Salter. After the banquet the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in giving "the Deputy G.M. of England, and the Acting and Past Grand Officers," expressed the great pleasure he and all the brethren of the Angel Lodge felt that they had been honoured with the presence of the P.G. Chaplain of England.—Bro. C. J. Martyn (Rector of Long Melford), in responding, said he was almost ashamed to confess that, with the exception of one occasion when he visited the Idiot Asylum, this was his first visit to Colchester. His introduction to the Angel Lodge, however, had so gratified him—he had been delighted with what he had seen in the Lodge—that he was afraid in the future they would be apt to say that he came too often. Before leaving, the Prov. G.M. had requested him to apologise to the brethren for his absence that evening, and to say that it was unavoidable. While speaking of Bro. Bagshaw, he might, perhaps, say that he considered they were most fortunate in possessing so good a Mason to preside over them. Those who visited Grand Lodge,

or read the reports of their meetings, were aware that Bro. Bagshaw was very constant in his attendance there; and he could say from personal observation that there was no one who was more respected or better received in Grand Lodge than the Prov. G.M. for Essex.—"The W. Deputy Prov. G. Master and Acting and Past P.G. Officers," was next proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Rev. E. H. Crate, Prov. G. Chaplain, who said he felt it a great honour, having been such a short time in the Province, to have received his present appointment.—Bro. W. P. Lewis, I.P.M., proposed "The health of the W.M.," speaking in high terms of the qualifications of Bro. Samuel for the high office he had been unanimously selected by the Brethren to fill, and congratulating himself that he had such a worthy successor.—The W.M. heartily thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and trusted that his year of office would be as successful as that of his predecessor.—The other toasts were "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Lewis, Bosworth, and Slaney; "The Visitors," given by Bro. S. Chaplin, and responded to by Bros. Jas. Franks, P.M. 276, Capt. Ormsby, Queen's Bays, W. S. Westgate, W.M. 225, 376, 959, and P. Cornell, W.M. 114; "The Secretary and Treasurer," proposed by Bro. Cole, and responded to by Bros. Slaney and Ralling; "The Officers," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Rev. C. L. Acland, S. Chaplin, F. A. Cole, H. Sandford, Geo. W. Smith, and others.—During the evening the Secretary reported that he had received apologies for non-attendance from Bro. J. Burton, Prov. G. Treasurer; John Wright Carr, Prov. G. Secretary; Emra Holmes, &c.—The pleasure of the Brethren was very much enhanced by the beautiful vocal performances of Bros. Ransford and Elmore, who were engaged for the occasion; and who sang several choice songs, during the evening.—Among the Brethren present either in lodge or at banquet, besides those already mentioned, were—Bros. T. R. Quilter, P.M., and John Coppin, P.M. 51; J. Bosworth, P.M. 170, 349, P. Prov. G.J.W.; W. Shury, P.M. 167, 548, 51; R. G. Wood, P.M. 51; Capt. Terry, 60th Rifes; J. H. Pettitt, G. Griffin, T. Rix, A. R. Staines, G. Gard Pye, H. Brill, W. F. Lugar, G. Allen, B. W. Brooks, G. Evans, G. Butcher, B. Barber, &c.—Visitors—Bros. Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276, P. Prov. G.C.; Captain Ormsby, Cornet Relf, and Riding-Master Russel, Queen's Bays; James Franks, P.M., and Stephen B. King, P.M. 376; W. S. Westgate, W.M. 225, 376, 952; Philip Cornell, W.M. 114; W. Calthorpe, W.M., T. Eustace, J.W., and E. N. Cragg, 697; Henry York, W.M., J. Richardson, I.P.M., W. Bishop, P.M., W. Bragg, P.M., E. Angier, P.M., and J. E. Wiseman, Secretary, 433, &c., &c.

HAMPSHIRE.

WALTHAM CROSS.—*Gresham College Lodge* (No. 869).—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Four Swans Hotel, on the 10th ult. Bro. Robert Bruce, P. Prov. J.G.D. occupied the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the report of the Auditors was received. Bros. Perry and Chapman, were raised. Bro. W. E. Gompertz, P.M. and Sec., having taken the chair, Bro. J. Forsyth, Prov. G. Sup. Wks., was installed in the chair of K.S. The newly-appointed W.M. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year, the following brethren:—Capt. Barnes, S.W.; F.D.R. Copestick, Prov. G.S.B., J.W.; J. Copestake, S.D.; W. C. Barnes, J.D.; A. C. Wylie, I.G.; Dr. Pottle, Organist; J. E. Grocott, Treas.; W. E. Gompertz, Sec.; Ethington, Steward. The W.M. initiated a candidate in a most creditable manner. A gentleman being proposed, and the routine business being completed, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

KENT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held in Dover on Wednesday last, for the first time during fifteen years, and, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, was attended by nearly three hundred Freemasons, nearly every lodge in the county being represented. The festival was held in the Refectory Hall at the Priory—a place peculiarly adapted for the purpose. It had been elegantly decorated with trophies of flags, &c., and at one end of the room there was a large design containing the inscription, "May Freemasonry flourish in all parts of the Globe."

Viscount Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, arrived in Dover by the mid-day train on the South Eastern Railway, and was received at the South Eastern Station by Bro. Wilson, the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 199, and Bro. Adamson, P.M. His lordship was received at the entrance of the Priory by the Provincial Grand Officers and nearly 300 brethren.

The business of the lodge was immediately opened with proper Masonic ceremonies, and the business was proceeded with. The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Dobson,	D. Prov. G.M.
„ Colonel Ward,	Prov. G.S.W.
„ Dr. Hunter,	„ G.J.W.
„ Ed. Wates,	„ G. Sec.
„ Hall,	„ G. Assist. Sec.
„ Thorpe,	„ G. Treas.
„ Wilson,	„ G.S.B.

The lodge was adjourned whilst the brethren attended Divine Service at St. Mary's Church.

At half-past one most of the brethren, who had assembled at the Court in Masonic regalia, headed by Lord Holmesdale, as the Provincial Grand Master, left the Priory, and marched in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a special service was held. The centre portion of the church was reserved for the Masons, while the galleries and side aisles were well filled with a general congregation.

The service was full choral. The Rev. Canon Puckle intoned the prayers in admirable style. Bro. the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore read the first lesson, and Bro. the Rev. Robinson the second. The anthem was Boyce's "Great and marvellous are Thy works," and was sung in splendid harmony by the choir. The hymn before the sermon, taken from "Hymns Ancient and Modern," was,—

Come, gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above.

Brother the Rev. W. A. Hill, St. Peters, Maidstone, and Provincial Grand Chaplain, preached the sermon.

The preacher took for his text the first verse of the 5th chapter of the 2nd Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens." He commenced by saying that on this their anniversary festival, on this day of their solemn meeting, when the members of the mystic Order of Masons met together for counsel, to take stock of their position, and drew nigh together to the sanctuary to offer up prayer and praise, to obtain the blessing of God upon their present and future work, they might improve the occasion by keeping prominently in sight the changes which might soon take place in the earthly state of some or of all present, and so look up above to the seat of those foundations, the mystic builder of which was God. The preacher then gave a lengthy detail of the wonderful creation and attributes of man, remarking what frail creatures we were in ourselves, and how liable we were for a sudden departure from this world. What he had just said would be realized perhaps by many there that afternoon. The keepers of the mortal house would tremble, the muscular arms would wither, and the David, who with a single stone from the brook, could hurl his pellet straight for the centre, would scarcely be able to raise a cup of water to his lips. Yes, the strong man, with energy and activeness, would gradually lose animation and vigour, as he looked out of the window to see always a bitter frost; the landscape would be deadened in its beauty, imagination would vanish, and he would say to himself, "I'm old, and must shortly die." Let us, then, wait calmly, and serve our God while we had time, while we carried our heads erect, walking in the path of duty, with the admiration of wise men. Whatsoever we did, let us do it with all our might. The text set forth that while our body was our temporal home, and while the framework of our body was weak, we had a home above that consoled us for it. St. Paul was eminently qualified as a learned man to teach others. Having the gift of the Holy Spirit breathed upon him he could give double comfort to those who were in trouble. His preaching was a liberal theatrical show of what power the Gospel had which he proclaimed to all the world. The chapter preceding the text was a remarkably graphic description of St. Paul and his companions, and what they underwent. The greater our trials were in this world so much greater would be our glory in the next—things that were

seen were temporal, things that were not seen were eternal. St. Paul and his companions were not solicitous about their own houses, but they were desirous not to be found unfit for their spiritual life. Again, the human body was elegantly made. Don't let us speak meanly of the house in which our spirit was contained. No; it was wonderful. The entire frame of man was wonderful. The sight was admirably placed on either side of the face. No sooner were the windows opened than they took in everything with ease and rapidity. The foot had well been termed an admirable contrivance; nothing like it was to be found among other living creatures. As for the hand, there was no greater curiosity to be found in the world. Then look as well to man's heart, and brain, and muscles. David, the inspired Psalmist, when looking at his body, could not help exclaiming, "How wonderful," &c.; and he had never looked into the wondrous structure of man the same as our anatomists of the present day had. He would ask, then, when looking upon ourselves, did we not see to some extent the depth of the love of our Maker, and it caused us to exclaim, "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty." We therefore thought not meanly of our temporal body. But, admirable as it was, it was only provisional, it was only for a time. It was intended to fall—it must fall to ruins—to set free as a bird from its cage, its tenant for an eternal world. Here then was there not comfort in the words of Saint Paul. We gathered from his teaching that whenever that change might take place for us who remained faithful there was a house, not made with hands, built up for us eternal in the heavens. The preacher then likened our bodies to the tabernacle in the wilderness—on the constant move for a better land, and added when the doorway was shut, and the curtains drawn together, and our spirit taken home, there should come the re-construction of our bodies by an Almighty hand. The house should be no longer perishable, but in a state for eternal and celestial life. At present the best of men wore garments of mourning; in heaven all would have robes of light, magnificent, clean, and fit for the noble society of that noble place. No few words from him could paint the pictures of the glories there. Nor did he intend to attempt it that afternoon. At that moment the human will should lose its proneness to opposition, and become one will subdued to God. Then should the spirit bow to its Heavenly origin—cleave to the eternal spirit of God, and the soul should become elevated and purified. We might see in prospect these individual changes—the drowsiness of the age, sadness, weakness, and infirmities. All these trials must come upon us. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to be each one judged according to the works we have done in the flesh. Let him then solemnly ask them in that ancient sanctuary, where they had been kindly invited to hold their service that day, what were the feelings of all present? Did a gloominess come over them? He hoped not. But to his Masonic brethren he would address a few special words. To those whose boast was that they were the true illuminators of the earth, who professed to be living stones in the grand temple above, and who had a craving after the highest influences of the Holy Ghost, he would put the question, "What was their state? Were they making progress or not?" They had heard the solemn charge and address made to them that day. They had heard the Bible solemnly proclaimed as the book in which they were told their duty to God, their neighbour, and themselves. They had been told to implore His aid in all their undertakings, and look up to Him in every emergency. He asked them whether they really felt these things, or passed through them as mere forms and ceremonies. Did they measure their religion by their morals? Did they see in all the Masonic emblems, levels and squares, that ladder, which was Christ, and which connected earth with heaven, and made the way from earth to heaven? Did they try to give up the evil of their own hearts? Were they more advanced and more fit to meet their final end than they were at their last festival twelve months ago? If not, they were retrograding and going back. Let him convince them that without personal holiness they would never attain everlasting life. They must forgive him for putting such bold questions, because they had been asked in all affections towards them. Let them all turn to Him who died for all men. He entreated them to ponder the text, and make it their consolation. The good things promised us were not for the idler, but for the strenuous and diligent worker. In conclusion, he would say they had already made an appeal to the brethren in behalf of the holy cause of that charity. He appealed to them again

on behalf of the schools of that parish, as well as for their Masonic Charities. He knew they had in another place already contributed £200, but such a powerful body, with 33 Lodges and 1,447 members, must do more. He felt sure they would be true to themselves and true to their keystone. May each one present hold fast to the faith and win that crown that was laid up in store for the righteous.

The preacher then descended from the pulpit and returned to the altar.

The choir sang the hymn

Pleasant are thy Courts above,
In the land of light and love.

A collection was made at the conclusion of the service, and nearly £20 was procured, which sum will be equally divided between the Dover St. Mary's School and the Masonic Charities.

After church the procession was re-formed, and returned to the Lodge, business being at once resumed.

On the motion of Viscount Holmesdale, a vote of thanks was passed to the Provincial Grand Chaplain for the excellent and eloquent sermon he had preached that morning.

Lord Holmesdale proposed, and Brother Dobson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Puckle for kindly granting the use of St. Mary's Church; and a vote of thanks was awarded to the President and Council of the Dover College for the use of the Refectory.

Brother Snow, P.M., submitted a resolution to the effect that the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to Brother Wates for his valuable services as Provincial Grand Secretary during a period of eleven years. The proposer of the resolution passed a high compliment upon Brother Wates for the excellent and valuable services he had rendered to Freemasonry in Kent during the years mentioned, and expressed a hope that the token of acknowledgment it was suggested he should receive should be accompanied by some more useful testimonial. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A grant of 50 guineas, proposed by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., was given to the Boys' School, in order to make the Deputy Grand Master of the Province a Vice-President, and a gift of £20 each to Bro. Norris, Tyler of Lodges 784 and 1,026, and Bro. Knight, Tyler of Lodge 199 (Dover), the former brother having been a Mason for 58 years, and the latter 59 years. The sum of £32 was voted towards the erection of a tablet to the memory of the late Brother J. S. Keddel, P.M., 158. The original sum proposed for the tablet was £25, but the estimate was £32, and it was considered a greater mark of esteem that the Provincial Grand Lodge should pay the whole expense.

The business of the Lodge having terminated, it was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the Royal Oak Hotel, at the Assembly Rooms of which establishment the breakfast had been served in the morning to about ninety gentlemen, and there the banquet now took place. Viscount Holmesdale presided, and as many as 173 brethren were present. The banquet, we believe, was an elaborate one, and reflected the greatest credit upon Brother Philpott, whose arrangements were excellent, and were much praised by the guests. He was ably assisted by Brother George of the "Angel," Charlton.

The first toast proposed from the chair was that of "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." These toasts, we need scarcely say, were duly honoured.

Viscount Holmesdale next gave the health of the Marquis of Ripon, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, and adverted to the services rendered by him to the country, which had so recently led to the Government conferring additional honours upon him. The noble Marquis had not only, his lordship remarked, done the State some service, but had done great service to the Craft, by whom he was greatly esteemed and respected.

The health of the Earl of Canarvon, Deputy Grand Master of England, was also given by the Chairman, who said that his lordship had acted for the Marquis of Ripon at an important time, and had always shown a disposition to do whatever might be required of him in the interests of Freemasonry.

Brother Dobson, Provincial Grand Master, proposed the health of the noble Chairman, Viscount Holmesdale.

Lord Holmesdale, in reply, said that, much as he prized the honour of filling the position he then occupied, he still thought that they might select some one who was far more capable for

the post than himself. However, so long as they continued to repose confidence in him, he should be only too pleased to do whatever was in his power to promote the interests of Freemasonry. He adverted to the success of the meeting that day, and made several complimentary references to the excellent arrangements of the local committees, the suitability of the Refectory for their purposes, the large attendance of the Craft, and the satisfactory manner in which everything had gone off. He concluded by proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Officers.

Brother Colonel Ward responded,

The health of Brother Dobson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was given in very complimentary terms by Viscount Holmesdale.

Brother Dobson responded in a characteristic speech.

At this stage of the proceedings Viscount Holmesdale left the room, having to leave Dover by the seven o'clock train. His lordship was escorted to the station by Brother Dobson, Brother Watsley, W.M., and Brother T. A. Terson, the Assistant Secretary.

Brother Dr. Marshall, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, was unanimously voted to the Chair on the departure of Viscount Holmesdale, and under his presidency the proceedings were continued.

"The Visitors," proposed by the Chairman, was responded to by Brother Stock, of Folkestone; and the "Masonic Charities," by Brother Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, and who in the course of an eloquent speech, referred to what had been done in the past, described the present position of the three charities with which they were concerned, and advocated their claims to support.

The Chairman then gave the health of Bro. Wilson, the Worshipful Master of Lodge 199 (Dover). Dr. Marshall observed that Bro. Wilson had attained his present high position in the Order in consequence of the confidence which the members of the Lodge reposed in him. In every office he had held Brother Wilson had given that strict attention to his duties which had led to his elevation, and which set so good an example to every member of the Craft.

Bro. Wilson having briefly responded,

Bro. Coram, P.M., proposed the health of the Assistant Secretary, Bro. T. A. Terson, and said that all who had observed the energy with which that gentleman had performed the arduous duties of his position, had the very highest opinion of his future prospects in the Craft, and were convinced that his efforts had contributed in a large measure to the success of the day.

"The Ladies," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Richie, met with a favourable reception.

The health of Dr. Marshall was proposed by Bro. Wilson, W.M., who said that he had the pleasure of serving with Dr. Marshall in various offices, and had always found him animated by a thorough Masonic spirit, and his being selected as Senior Grand Warden at the last Provincial gathering, was evidence of the attention he had paid to his Masonic duties.

Dr. Marshall having responded,

Bro. the Rev. T. B. W. Briggs gave the "Host and Hostess," and made a very eloquent speech with reference to the events of the day.

Miss Palmer, Mr. George Perren, and Mr. Ralph Wilkinson sang at intervals during the banquet, which came to a close about ten o'clock.

The arrangements and decorations of the Refectory Hall reflect the greatest credit on the Committee who undertook this important duty. The musical arrangements for the church and banquet were entrusted to the care of Bro. H. S. Royton and Bro. J. O. Rees.

The comfort of the Brethren at the Banquet was cared for by several Brethren of Lodge 199, who very kindly acted as Stewards.

The accomplished vocalist, Miss Palmer, who travelled from Bristol to sing at this Festival, was unfortunately detained on her journey, and did not arrive until several of the brethren had left the banquet.

ESSEX.

ROCHFORD.—Lodge of True Friendship (No. 160).—Saturday, June 24th., (being St. John's Day), in accordance with ancient usage, the annual Festival of this Lodge was held at Rochford, when Bro. John Wright Carr, the Grand Secretary of

the Province, was duly installed Master, Bro. William Pissey, P.M. 160, P. Prov. G.J.W., acting efficiently as Installing Master. There was a good attendance of brethren from the neighbourhood; letters expressive of regret at unavoidable absence were received from the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Robert John Bagshaw; from the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Andrew Meggy; from the Grand Treasurer of the Province, Bro. Joseph Burton, and from other distinguished Masons. Saturday appears to have been regarded as generally inconvenient for those residing at a distance, while the impossibility of returning to town the same evening by any train later than six o'clock was assigned as the cause of absence by many brethren members of London Lodges, who had by letter expressed themselves as most desirous to be present. The officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. John Wright Carr, Prov. G. Sec., 160, 276, 1,343, W.M.; Edward Judd, S.W.; A. Lucking, J.W.; Thomas King, S.D.; Robert Groutt, Prov. G. Sup. of Works, J.D.; Henry Wood, P. Prov. G.O., P.M., Treas.; George Burgess, P. Prov. G.J.D., Sec.; William Moore, I.G.; A. S. Isherwood; and Robert Brown, Stewards; J. Allen, Tyler. Amongst those who took part in the proceedings not enumerated above were Bros. G. F. Browning, P. Prov. G.J.W., P.M.; F. Wiseman, P. Prov. G.O., P.M.; W. S. Pavitt, P.M., 160, 276, P. Prov. G.J.W.; John Allen, P. Prov. G.J.W., P.M.; D. B. Grout, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Robert Bennett, P. Prov. G.J.W., P.M.; G. J. Jones, P.M., D.S.D.; Garrington, P.M. 788; Zackaray Pettitt, 160; J. Boosey, 160; W. Hart, 160; J. Underwood, 160; W. Smith Cox, P. Prov. G.S.B., P.M., Sec. 1,000; W. Cantor, W.M. 1,000, and others. About five o'clock most of the brethren sat down at the Old Ship Inn to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. H. D. Brown. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to; and several of those who were present contributed by their vocal powers to the harmony and enjoyment of the evening. The brethren separated at nine o'clock.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

WARRINGTON.—*Gilbert Greenall Lodge* (No. 1250).—The installation of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 13th ult. The W.M. (Bro. Mossop) occupied the chair, and opened the lodge, supported by Bros. Gilbert Greenall, P.M., P.S.G.W. of England, P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, &c.; Richardson, W.M. 148; W. S. Hawkins, W. Pollitt, D. W. Finney, P.M., the Rev. J. D. Massingham, D.D., LL.D. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph Dooly, who was duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. Bowes, P.M., P.Z., &c., now assumed the chair for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect. The W.M. was presented, and after assenting to the "ancient charges," took a solemn obligation for the good government of the lodge. Bro. Woods was accordingly installed in the chair of K.S. The B. of I.M.'s being closed, and the brethren were admitted and saluted the W.M. in the usual form. The W.M. appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren. Bros. W. S. Hawkins, S.W.; W. Pollitt, J.W.; Richardson, W.M. 148, Treas.; D. W. Finney, P.M., Hon. Sec.; F. Auckland, S.D.; W. Compton, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; and J. Hannah, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of the office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Masonic Rooms. Bro. Woods, the newly installed W.M., was unable to preside at the dinner, owing to domestic bereavement; his place was ably filled by the Immediate Past Master.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 523).—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 15th ult., the W.M., Bro. Buzzard, presiding, and between twenty and thirty members present. All the officers being in their places, Bro. Thomas Cooper, an old P.M. of the lodge, was elected an honorary member; and a ballot having been taken for Messrs. Joseph Young, Richard Taylor, and Charles Tibbity, who were unanimously elected, they were severally initiated into our mysteries. Bro. W. Beaumont Smith, P.M. and P. Prov. G.J.W., was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.—The annual festival of the lodge was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday the

23rd ult., in lieu of St. John's Day, when, in addition to the W.M., Bro. Buzzard, the following members were present, viz.: Bros. Kelly, P.M. and R.W. Prov. G.M.; Toller, I.P.M. and P.G. Sec.; W. Beaumont Smith, P.M. and P. Prov. G.J.W., Treas.; Sculthorpe, S.W. and W.M. elect; Baines, Sec.; Partridge, S.D. and P.G. Reg.; Mace, I.G.; Atkins, Steward; Bembridge and Dunn, Tylers; Whitaker, Howlett, Rev. W. T. Fry, Parsons, Spencer, Thorpe, Dr. Clifton, Wynne, M.E.C.S.; Thomson, Tibbity, Wood, J. F. Smith, Young, Edwards, and others. Visitors: Bros. Deane, Sec. (Reading); Arthur Deane, 597; Henry Deane, 279, S.W. 1007, and P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Johnston, P.M. 129, and P. Prov. G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Dr. Loughnan, 724; R. H. Worthington (Cirencester); C. Stretton, W.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.; L. A. Clarke, P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M.; Weare, P. Prov. G.S.D., P.M. and Treas.; Thorpe, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Gosling, P. Prov. G.S.D.; Bethrey, P. Prov. G.O.; Barber, Palmer, Atwood, Capt. Goodchild, Kerby, and Cleaver, of St. John's Lodge, No. 279. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, some preliminary business was transacted, including the reception of the Treasurer's account, showing that the receipts for the year had been £147 8s. 10d., the payments leaving a surplus of £38 8s. 3d., besides arrears of subscriptions unpaid. On the motion of the Prov. G.M., seconded by the W.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Smith for his services as Treasurer. The Senior Steward, Bro. Geo. B. Atkins, made a verbal report on the state of the Steward's Fund, upon which a vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Atkins and Sargeant for their services, and the former brother wishing to retire from the office which he had held for seven years, an elegant cup, voted at the last meeting, was presented to him in recognition of his labours. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the chair was taken by the R.W. Prov. G.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. William Sculthorpe as W.M. in due form, and he was afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. The following were then appointed and invested as the officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Buzzard, I.P.M.; Rev. Dr. Haycroft, S.W.; Baines, J.W.; Rev. W. T. Fry, M.A., Chaplain; Smith, Treas.; Partridge, Sec.; Johnson, Org.; Whitaker, S.D.; Spencer, J.D.; Howlett, I.G.; Sargeant and J. F. Smith, Stewards; Bembridge and Dunn, Tylers. Bros. Toller, P.M.; Dr. Clifton, and Richardson were elected to serve on the Permanent Committee with the officers of the lodge. A vote of thanks having been passed to the retiring W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to celebrate the festival at an elegant banquet; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, alternating with some excellent songs from several of the brethren, and after a very pleasant re-union, the brethren finally separated to meet again in September next.

MIDDLESEX.

POTTER'S BAR.—*Acacia Lodge* (No. 1,300).—The brethren of this Lodge met on the 14th ult., at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar. Present:—Bros. G. J. Lowe, W.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; E. Sillifant, P.M. Treas.; G. Cattell, P.M. Sec.; C. Horsley, P.M.; C. Star, P.M.; and J. H. Batten, S.W. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Minetry was passed to the degree of Fellow-Craft. Bros. Luti, Belchambers, and Lambly were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Selby, of Bedford Lodge, No. 157, was proposed as a joining member. A banquet followed the close of the proceedings.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on the 21st ult., Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., in the chair. Two joining members were admitted. Messrs. Fleet and Sinclair were initiated, and Bros. Gill and Saville were raised. Bro. S. Wickens, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. J. T. Moss, Treasurer; and Bro. J. T. Bavins, P.M., re-elected Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Moss, P.M. Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M. 141; J. J. H. Moss, 169; and E. Gilbert, 834, were present as visitors.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Kenard Lodge* (No. 1258).—The installation of Bro. Henry Griffiths as W.M. of this Lodge took place at the New Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday last, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Bartholomew Thomas, P.M. The following appointments were made:—Bros. Steward, P.M.;

Woolley, S.W.; W. H. Lloyd, J.W.; J. R. Jenkins, Chaplain; Greenway, Treasurer; Dovey, Secretary; Waite, S.D.; Banning, J.D.; Haskins, Organist; Jones, I.G.; Mitchell and Jacob, Stewards; Watkin, M.C.; Ellis, Tyler. The banquet took place at the Clarence Hotel, fifty-three brethren sat down to dinner, and the pleasures of the evening were enhanced by two presentations being made, one by the Lodge to Bro. Kennard, of a P.M.'s jewel on his retiring from the chair, and the other was a gold inkstand presented by Bro. Kennard to the worthy retiring secretary, Bro. William Williams, of 16, Dock Street, Newport, for his zealous services. Song and sentiment were the order of the day, and the brethren broke up about 10 p.m., having spent a very agreeable evening.

NORTH WALES.

HOLYHEAD.—*Hibernia Lodge* (No. 597).—The Brethren of this lodge met at the Marine Hotel, on Monday evening, the 5th ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Peters, W.M., supported by Bros. J. Lloyd Griffith, S.W.; William Lewis, J.W.; Gwen R. Ellis, Sec.; John Ellis, S.D.; Dr. Owen Williams, J.D., Rev. O. W. Jones, Chap.; Evan Evans, Steward; James Lloyd, I.G.; Samuel Hughes, Tyler. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Roberts (of the Elbana Lodge, Ireland) was elected a joining member, and Bros. Vaux, Hattersley, Robson, King, and Little were passed to the second degree. Several propositions were made, and the lodge was closed.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

TAMWORTH.—*Marnion Lodge* (No. 1060).—The annual meeting of the Brethren of this lodge was held on the 14th ult. at the Lodge Rooms, Church Street. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dumole, W.M., supported by Bros. R. Bindley, S.W.; Henry Hoare, J.W.; W. Tempest, S.D.; Gibbons, J.C.; Thomas Cooke, I.G.; S. Spruce, Secretary; C. Clarkson, Treas.; E. Hooper, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Ayton, Chap. The W.M. Elect Bro. Bindley, S.W., having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Henry Hare, S.W.; W. Tempest, J.W.; Gibbons, S.D.; Thomas Cooke, J.D.; A. Bindley, I.G.; Rev. Br. Byton, Chaplain; C. Carson, Treasurer; S. Spruce, Secretary. A sumptuous banquet closed the proceedings.

SOUTH WALES.

CARDIFF.—*Glamorgan Lodge* (No. 36).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel Cooper, for the ensuing year, took place yesterday, at the Masonic Hall, Royal Arcade, St. Mary Street. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. George Robertson, who proceeded with the business of the lodge, after which he performed the installation ceremony in a very efficient manner. The following appointment of officers for the ensuing year took place, viz., Bros. J. E. Billups, S.W.; M. J. Almond, J.W.; W. D. Blessely, S.D.; E. C. Hurley, J.D.; John Williams, P.M., Treasurer; F. C. Hill, Sec.; E. Frost, I.G.; and W. Davies, Tyler. At six o'clock the lodge was closed, and the brethren, about forty, adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the installation banquet was held, under the presidency of the new Master, who was supported by Bro. James Hurman, W.M. 960; P.M. P. H. Martin, P.M. John Williams, 960; Bros. R. F. Langley, Samuel Nash, E. J. Thomas, P.M.'s, No. 36, and Brother George Robertson, L.P.M. No. 36; Brother B. S. Fisher, P.M. No. 1,998. A large number of the Bute Lodge brethren were present, both at the installation and banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the new W.M., in a style that prognosticates well for his ability to conduct the affairs of the lodge in a manner not inferior to his predecessors. An admirable musical programme was interspersed with the toasts. Bro. Tisset, the excellent manager of the hotel, laid a very excellent table for the guests.

SUFFOLK.

HALESWORTH.—*Lodge of Prudence* (No. 388).—The Festival of St. John was observed by this Lodge on Monday the 26th inst., when Bro. R. W. Flick was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in the most solemn and effective manner by Bro. C. S. Pedgriff, P.M. The W.M. appointed as his officers, Bros. John Read, S.W.; W. H. Young, J.W.; Robert Baker, S.D.; S. B. Tiffe, J.D.; E. C. Parslee, Sec.; C. S. Pedgriff, Treas.; Wm. Chappel, I.G.; and James,

Miller, Tyler. The Lodge was well attended. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. F. Jennings, Prov. G.S.W.; Major Alley, P. Prov. S.G.W.; R. F. Burstall, P. Prov. G. Purs.; John Calver, W.M., Lodge Faithful, No. 85; E. B. Adams, P.M. Lodge Wavency, No. 927, and S. Pike, J.D. Lodge Faithful, No. 85. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Chandler, of the Three Tuus Hotel. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the evening spent in the most agreeable manner, which was much enhanced by the excellent singing of several of the brethren.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held by the kind permission of Dr. Grindrod, in Towshend House, Great Malvern, on Tuesday last.

There were present the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Roys, John Barber, D. Prov. G.M.; E. Warrington, Prov. S.G.W.; W. H. Jones, Prov. J.G.W.; and about eighty other brethren.

Lodge was opened in due form, prayer here being offered by Bro. the Rev. George Fisk, Vicar of Great Malvern.

The usual business having been transacted, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. E. A. H. Roys,	Prov. S.G.W.
„ W. H. Woods,	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. C. J. Ridgway,	Prov. G. Chap.
„ — Rutland,	Prov. G. Reg.
„ W. Bristow,	Prov. G. Sec.
„ W. Meredith,	Prov. G.S.D.
„ E. Turner,	Prov. G.J.D.
„ — Kings,	Prov. G. Sup. of Wks.
„ C. F. Pidecock,	Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.
„ P. Bloomer,	Prov. G. Asst. D. of C.
„ T. Cox,	Prov. G. Swd. Bearer
„ B. Trowman,	Prov. G.O.
„ T. E. Lucy,	Prov. G.P.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren formed in procession and proceeded in Masonic clothing to the Abbey Church. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. G. Fisk, who choose for his text 1st Kings vi., the 11th to 14th verses, and upon these appropriate words delivered an instructive and eloquent discourse.

At the close of the service a collection was made by the Provincial Grand Stewards, and the sum realised, £15 8s. 2d., increased to £20 from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, will, by resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge, be paid to the Endowment Fund of the Malvern Rural Hospital.

The brethren re-formed in procession, and walked to the Belle Vue Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was spread by Bro. Browning.

INDIA.

LANOWLEE.—*Lodge Barton* (No. 485).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 28th February, 1871, when there were present:—W. Bro. J. Harris, W.M.; Hales, S.W.; Temooljee, J.W. J. Neil, Sec.; A. T. L. Pennock, S.D.; Nanabhoy, J.D.; Eduljee, I.G.; Desabbay, Tyler; Merwanjee and others. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The candidate not being present to take his degree, a meeting of instruction was held. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

KURRACHEE.—*Lodge Harmony* (No. 484, S.C.)—At a regular meeting of this Lodge held on the 17th April, 1871, when there were present:—W. Bros. Araseer Goosadjeer, W.M.; John Berrie, P.M.; E. Brooks, D.M.; Pestonjee Byramjee, S.M.; Fardonjee Nusserwanjee, S.W.; Dadabhoy Heerjeebhoy, J.W.; Burjonjee Nanabhoy, Treas.; Dorabhoy Nanabhoy, Sec.; Dadabhoy Eduljee, S.D.; Pestonjee Hormusjee, J.D.; Ardaseer Cursetjee, I.G.; Manockjee Framje, Tyler; and Byramjee Eduljee. Visitors:—W. Bro. D. Mackenzie and Bro. Horne. The Lodge was opened in due and ancient form with prayer, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Abdul Rizzack bin Hajee Wahab Tamoor, and found clear, The candidate being present, was admitted properly prepared and initiated in the first or Entered

Apprentice degree, and the W.M. explained the working tools appertaining to that degree. A sum of Rs. fifty-four was subscribed among the members towards the Testimonial to be presented to the Right Honourable the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., M.W. Past Grand Master, and the sum remitted to Bro. Alexander Hay, Honorary Treasurer, through R.W. Bro. John Berrie. It was resolved that Bro. Abdul Rizzack bin Hajee Wahab Tamoor be passed and raised to the second degrees by a special meeting on Saturday the 22nd instant, as he is not a resident of Kurrachee, and intends leaving within a fortnight. There being no other business before the Lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony with prayer.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

CHAPTER OF SINCERITY (No. 174).—The Companions of this Chapter held an emergency meeting on Monday, 19th ult., at the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars. Bro. Robotham, of the Merchant Navy Lodge, 781, was exalted to the Royal Arch degree. The chairs of the three Principals were occupied by Comps. James Terry, as Z.; J. Wright, as H.; and T. J. Barnes, as J.; Comp. Cook, as Principal Sojourner. The interesting ceremony was performed in a most satisfactory manner by the Companions named. The business being ended, the Chapter was closed. The next meeting (emergencies excepted) will take place in October.

CHAPTER OF INDUSTRY (No. 186).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at Freemason's Hall, on the 20th ult. There were present—Comps. H. G. Lake, M.E.Z.; G. Kelly, H.; T. S. Mortlock, J.; Bartlett, P.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z., and others. The ballot was taken for the following candidates for Exaltation:—Bros. J. E. Tallent, W.M.; J. Seex, J.W.; J. T. Bower, W. L. Holt, A. Black, and G. Dyer, all of Lodge of Industry, No. 186; J. T. Hood, of Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, and the Rev. R. Gordon, Chaplain of St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1305. The Ballot proved clear on each occasion. Bros. J. Seex, A. Black, and J. T. Hood, being present, were duly exalted. The elections resulted in favour of Comps. G. Kelly, as M.E.Z.; T. S. Mortlock, H.; T. Price, J.; H. Carpenter, P.Z., S.E. (re-elected); Nochmer, S.N.; M. Edwards, P.S.; and Woodstock, P.Z., Janitor (re-elected). It was resolved to present Comp. H. G. Lake with a P.Z. jewel. Three brethren were proposed for exaltation. A banquet followed the proceedings.

INDIA.

POONA.—*Chapter St. Andrew* (No. 68, S.C.)—A meeting of this Chapter was held on the 2nd May, 1171. Present:—M. E. Comps. Fernandez, Z.; W. H. Wakeman, H.; J. C. Graham, as J.; Ex. Comps. Jones, Scribe E.; Kirby, Scribe N.; Brewer, 1st Soj.; Bomanjee, 2nd; Pestonjee, 3rd; and Comps. Callaghan, and Nauaboy. The Chapter was opened in due and ancient form, and the summons convening the meeting was read. The ballot was taken for three brethren for exaltation, which proved unanimous. Bro. Lustig, who had already received the Mark, Past, and Excellent degrees, was admitted, properly prepared, and exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree in due and ancient form. A letter was read from Comp. Harris, resigning membership in consequence of proceeding to England. There being no further business, the Chapter was duly closed with prayer.

MARK MASONRY.

METROPOLITAN.

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 118.—This lodge met at Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Wednesday the 21st ult. Bro. Morton Edwards, Grand Junior Deacon, occupied the chair. Three Brethren were advanced, viz. Bros. Craven, Clayton, and Larkin. The working of the degree was highly creditable to all concerned, and on this occasion a very handsome and valuable set of lodge furniture and jewels were used for the first time, and were much admired. The proposed **by-laws of the lodge** were considered and adopted after which the lodge was closed and the brethren separated.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

INDIA.

POONA.—*Ascalon Encampment*.—The regular meeting of this Encampment was held on the 11th April, 1871. Present: Em. Sir Kts. Colonel L. W. Penn, E.C.; Captain B. H. Mathew, P.E.C.; Sir Kts. A. T. L. Pennock, Prelate; P. Callaghan, 1st Captain; J. C. Graham, 2nd Captain and Treasurer; W. H. Wakeman, Registrar; J. C. Fernandez, Expert; G. Bowler, Captain of Lines. The Encampment was opened with prayer. The usual routine business having been gone through, the ballot was taken for Comps. J. Kirby and C. W. Murphy, which proved unanimous. The two Companions being present, were introduced properly prepared and installed as Knights Templar. The principal business before the Encampment being the installation of the Eminent Commander elect, Sir Kt. P. Callaghan, Em. Sir Kt. B. H. Mathew presented Sir Kt. Callaghan, to the E.C., who having duly administered the charge, requested all Sir Knights below the rank of E.C. to withdraw, which having been done, Sir Kt. P. Callaghan was installed in conformity with the rules of the Order. The Sir Knights having again resumed their stalls and saluted the E.C., who was then duly proclaimed E.C. of the Ascalon Encampment for the ensuing year. The Eminent Commander then appointed his Officers as follows:—Sir Kts. T. Cooke, Prelate; J. C. Graham, First Captain; L. Smith, Second Captain; A. T. L. Pennock, Registrar; J. C. Graham, Treasurer; G. Bowler, Expert; C. W. Murphy, Captain of Lines; J. Kirby, Equerry. The Almoner then collected the usual alms. The Priory was then opened in due and ancient form, and Sir Kts. J. Kirby, and C. W. Murphy were installed into the Order of Knights Hospitallars of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta. The Eminent Prior elect, Sir Kt. P. Callaghan, who was then duly installed as Eminent Prior for the ensuing year. The Eminent Prior requested that all who held office in the Encampment might hold the corresponding office in the Priory. There being no further business before the Priory, it was closed with solemn prayer, and the Fraters retired to the banquet hall, to partake of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

INDIA.

BOMBAY.—*Pelican Chapter*.—At a meeting of this Chapter held at the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on the 20th April, 1870, there were present:—V. Ex. and Perf. Bros. Col. L. W. Penn, M.W. (elect); M. Balfour, as Prelate; J. Thomas, as First General and Secretary; Alfred Swift, as Second General; E. Freeborn, Grand Marshal; J. W. Seager; C. Herring; and Captain H. Morland, 30°. Visitors:—Illus. Sir Knights E. Tyrrell Leith, and H. Maxwell. The Chapter was opened in due form. The temporary warrant granted by Ill. Bro. the Honourable J. Gibbs, 33°, and Ill. Bro. J. Percy Leith, 33°, was read. Ex. Bro. Colonel L. W. Penn, Most Wise Sovereign elect, was then duly installed as Most Wise Sovereign of the Pelican Chapter Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.: for the ensuing year, and proclaimed in open Chapter accordingly. Ill. Bro. H. Morland 33°, was announced, the Ex. and Perf. brethren present formed the arch of steel, and Ill. Bro. H. Morland was admitted. Ill. Bros. the Honourable J. Gibbs, 33°, and J. Percy Leith, 33°, having been announced by the Grand Marshal, were also received under the arch of steel. Bros. W. F. Knapp, W. Searle, and G. B. Thomson being in attendance, were first made Knights of the East and West, and then installed as Knights of the Eagle and Pelican and Sovereign Princess of H.R.D.M.: A vote of thanks was accorded to the M.W.S., Officers and Members of the Bombay Chapter for their kindness in installing the M.W.S., and helping to form a Chapter. There being no further work before the Chapter, it was closed with solemn prayer at 8 p.m. At a preliminary meeting of the above Chapter, held in March, Bros. Edwin Freeborn, Joseph Anderson Alfred Swift, C. Herring, and F. Turner were installed.

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS &c., FOR WEEK
ENDING JULY SEB, 1871.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, July 3rd.

LODGES.—Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, King's-street, St. James's; Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall; Asaph, Freemasons Hall.—CHAPTER.—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

Tuesday, July 4th.

Colonial Board at 3.

LODGES.—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead; Grosvenor, Victoria Station, Metropolitan District Railway Station, Pimlico; Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow Road; Golden Rule, Great Western Hotel, Bayswater; Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.—CHAPTER.—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Thursday, July 6th.

LODGES.—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall; Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham Road.

Friday, July 7th.

LODGE.—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.

Saturday, July 8th.

LODGES.—Caveac, Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars; Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF
INSTRUCTION.*Monday, July 3rd.*

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 Tavern, Bancroft Place, Mile End, E.; Tower Hamlets' Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial Road, E.; Union Waterloo, King's Arms, Woolwich; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Motcomb Street, Belgrave Square; Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street; Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Tuesday, July 4th.

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; Sidney Lodge, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st. New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth; Ben Jonson Club of Instruction, Ben Jonson Tav, Goodman's Yard, Minories, E., at 8.
—CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st Mount Zion, White Hart, Bishops-gate-st.; Robert Burns Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's Lane.

Wednesday, July 5th.

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

Thursday, July 6th

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; Tranquility, SugarLoaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington, Crown Hotel, 41, High Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell Alley; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Merchant Navy, Jamaica Tav., W. India Dock Road, Poplar.—CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitty Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, July 7th.

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, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's Lane, Brixton; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester square; 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, Andertons' Ho.; Fleet-st.; Hervey, Swan, Walham-green; Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Charter House, Hat and Feathers Tavern, 27, Goswell-rd.; Robert Burns, Union Tav. Air-street, Regent-st.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes; Lily, Greyhound, Ho., Richmond; Stability, Guildhall Tav., 33, Gresham Street; Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern; Canonbury; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park, at 7.—CHAPTER.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

Saturday, July 8th.

LODGE.—Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.—CHAPTERS.—Mount Sinai, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street; Domatic, Horns, Kennington.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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