

men," and the word "gentleman" re-echoes from one end of the country to the other. Gentlemen by birth, gentlemen by education, gentlemen by profession, and gentlemen by I don't know what. Two centuries ago all the honourable posts in the law and army were, as was then the custom all over Europe, confined to the gentry. A gentleman could only be an officer in the army or a Barrister in the Inns of Court, which accounts for the coats of arms that decorate the halls of the Temple and of Lincoln's Inn. But in other countries, when the *tires état*, or plebians, became too important to be excluded from these offices, the law that excluded them was usually repealed; but in England a different course was pursued—the law was maintained, but broken through on every occasion, and as officers and lawyers still maintained that none but "Gentlemen" could be admitted, Barristers and Captains were at length styled Esquires, and Ensigns and Attorneys Gentlemen. Some centuries ago, the higher orders were alone distinguished by a suavity of manners. Hence a polished man was said to have the manners of a gentleman, and no doubt the barbarity of the lower ranks might have induced the higher ranks to maintain that there was no polished man but a gentleman. When, however, the benefits of education had descended lower, and plebians had become polished, the saying should have been disused; but here again the inferiors turned the tables against their superiors, by retorting that, if there were no polished man but a gentleman, *every polished man must be a gentleman*. The title of Gentleman is now almost, if not entirely, swamped in courtesy, and we are now accustomed to apply it to those who combine with "respectability of position" the advantages of education and refinement. There are, however, exceptions to most rules, and a short time ago I found one to this. A friend of mine, the son of a worthy and esteemed tradesman in this town, desired to join a Masonic lodge. He is a young man of integrity, intelligence, education and character, but was rejected, because a few aristocratic (?) Masons had determined *not to admit any tradesman!* I do not wish to be sarcastic in commenting upon the proceedings of my brethren, but I must say their decision certainly astonished me. Do they know what a tradesman is? I am almost inclined to believe they do not, by the fact of these very exclusive individuals principally consisting of tailors, shopmen, clerks of various kinds, small ship-brokers, and others of a similar stamp. On the other hand, as they do not recognise gentility by moral or intellectual endowments, what do they mean by "gentlemen"? Who are gentlemen, according to their very logical notions? Are they aware that the nurse of James I., who had followed him from Edinburgh to London, once entreated him to make her son a gentleman? "My good woman," said the king, "a gentleman I could never make him, though I could make him a lord." Bonaparte, too, when in the plenitude of his power, though he created dukes, grand dukes, and even kings, never ventured to make a gentleman. In Bailey's Dictionary (edition of 1707) we find a gentleman to be "one who received his nobility from his ancestors, and not from the gift of any prince or state." Gentility, according to heraldry, is superior to nobility; gentility must be innate, nobility may be acquired; noblemen may be only persons of rank and distinction, but gentlemen must be persons of family and quality. Could any title of the peerage add to the nobility of that Hampden upon whose sarcophagus is in-

scribed, "John Hampden, twenty-fourth hereditary lord of Great Hampden"? None but gentlemen, according to Rüxner's *Furnierbuch*, who were able to prove their descent from four grand parents of coat armour—or, as the Germans express it, to prove four quarters—could offer themselves as combatants at the grand national tournaments in Germany, and every German gentleman is not less proud in showing the name of his ancestors in these lists, than our families of French origin at finding their names on the roll at Battle Abbey. The English gentry alone were formerly Knights Templars, and until the reign of Henry VIII. only English gentlemen of four quarters were admissible into the Orders of Malta or of Saint John of Jerusalem.

If, then, we object to tradesmen of character and position, where are we to look for the *rara avis*—gentleman?

Hull.

W. B.

#### ISRAELITISM & FREEMASONRY.

The very interesting articles of Bro. Carpenter, on "Israelitism and Freemasonry," have drawn such general attention to the fate of the lost ten tribes of Israel, and have excited so much interest, that no apology is necessary for prosecuting further inquiries into the subject, especially as Bro. Carpenter's articles have come to a close. Permit me to suggest to Bro. Carpenter that he would be conferring a great favour on his numerous readers, if he would kindly give a *resumé* of his articles, so that one might see, at a glance, the conclusions he has arrived at, and (if necessary) the reader might refer to the articles themselves in order to examine the arguments on which such conclusions are based. It will be obvious that, for various reasons, such a *resumé* could be best prepared by the writer of the articles, and therefore I urge on Bro. Carpenter the propriety of so doing. I attach so much importance to this matter (knowing that THE FREEMASON has been purchased and read even by strangers simply because it contained articles on this most interesting question) that, if Bro. Carpenter's numerous engagements will prevent him from carrying out this suggestion, I will myself (though closely engaged in my professional avocations) undertake the task, rather than that it should remain undone. It is to be hoped, however, that Bro. Carpenter will see the utility of the suggested *resumé*, and will kindly undertake to do the work, which can be carried out so much better by him than by any one else.

Permit me to take this opportunity of replying to one or two observations which have been made on my articles on "Israelitish Origin of the Anglo-Saxon Race." It has been pointed out that I refer to Josiah's visit to Bethel, and his destroying the altar erected there by Jereboam, and that a strong argument is founded thereon to prove that all the Israelites were not carried away by the Assyrians. It will be recollected that the visit of Josiah to Bethel was foretold by the disobedient prophet from Judah, who was slain by a lion on his return from Bethel. I am reminded that this place (Bethel) was in Benjamin, and, consequently, belonged to the King of Judah, and, therefore, the argument (based upon Josiah's visit) that the inhabitants belonged to one of the ten tribes, is fallacious. The reply to this simply is, that, although some geographers certainly place Bethel Luz in the land

belonging, as they allege, to the tribe of Benjamin, there is not an atom of evidence in support of that assumption, but very much to the contrary. I have seen scores of plans or maps of Palestine, showing the land divided out among the several tribes, with as much minuteness as the counties of England are marked out on the Ordnance survey; but I have never been able to understand where these geographers obtained their very precise information. Some writers (Kitto, for instance) have got over the difficulty, in some measure, by having *two* Bethels—one in the land of Ephraim (which I contend is the right place), and the other in the land of Benjamin; but, with singular inconsistency, he marks the Bethel in Benjamin as the place where Jereboam set up his molten calves. Now, as we find that there was a chronic state of war between Judah and Israel up to the time of Jehosaphat and Ahab, and that Jereboam's reason for setting up the calves was to prevent his subjects from visiting the adjoining kingdom; and as this continued to be the policy of the kings of Israel for many years, it is absurd to suppose either that Jereboam would set up his idols in a place beyond his jurisdiction, or that the kings of Judah would allow them to remain in their dominions if they were so set up. The narrative shows clearly that, wherever this Bethel was placed, it was not within the limits of the kingdom of Judah. The position of Bethel Luz is ascertained with considerable accuracy, but it is clear that the geographers are wrong in including it within the region occupied by the tribe of Benjamin. My argument, of the existence of some descendants of the ten tribes in the land of Israel, at the time of Josiah's visit to Bethel, therefore remains untouched.

W. E. N., 766.

#### FREEMASONRY AT NEWPORT.

The banquet of the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, in celebration of the re-election of Bro. H. J. Gratte, as Worshipful Master (it being his second year of office), took place at the Westgate Hotel, on Wednesday evening, 10th inst., and was served up in consonance with the well-known reputation of the worthy brother, who is host of the establishment.

The regular lodge at which the business, concurrent with installation ceremonies, was transacted, was held on the previous Wednesday, (for which day the banquet had according to custom, been fixed, but was postponed in consequence of the death of Bro. William Williams, the respected Secretary of the lodge), on which occasion the following appointments were made: Bros. H. J. Gratte, W.M.; Rev. Samuel Fox, I.P.M.; W. Pickford, Treas.; George Rogers, Org.; C. H. Oliver, M.C.; George Fothergill, S.W.; C. W. Ingram, J.W.; Charles Rowe, S.D.; W. Watkins, J.D.; B. Lawrence, I.G.; Chas. D. Phillips, and W. H. Pickford, Stewards; Henry Fletcher, Tyler.

On Wednesday, 10th inst., there was a Lodge of Emergency, at which several visiting brethren from Metropolitan and other lodges attended. The sublime degree was gone through in deference to the wishes of these brethren, who expressed themselves highly pleased with the correct and very effective working by the W.M.

The banquet at the Westgate was on the table shortly before six o'clock. Of its excellence we have already spoken. Now, as to the proceedings. The chair, as a matter of course, was taken by the W.M., supported on the right and left by the following brethren: S. George Homfray, D.P.G.M.; L. A. Homfray (Isca) 683; Rev. S. Fox (Silurian) 471; H. Hellier, 471; Wm. Pickford, 471; John Middleton, 683; H. J. Parnall, 471; John Hunter (Moir), 326 Bristol; James R. Shorland (Colston), 610 Bristol;

Edward Schneider Lean, 1029, Ascension I. (West Africa); Rudolph G. Glover, P.M. 181 (London); J. C. Parkinson, Prince of Wales's, and P.M. 181 (London); William Adam, P.M., St. John's, 90 (London), and 471; George W. Jones, 471; John Griffiths, 471; William Watkins, 471; James Harrison, 741; A. McMahon, 471; B. Briggs, 610; J. S. Stone, 471; Samuel Davis, 471; Edward W. Perren, 471; Thomas Brooke, 471; James Thompson, 683; Walter West, 683; Henry Fletcher, Tyler; Henry Griffiths, W.M. 1071; E. W. Richards (Abersychim) 813; Pa. James, ditto 471; R. B. Evans, 471; C. H. Oliver, 471; C. H. Oliver, jun., 471; Wm. West, 471; Thomas Williams, 683; W. H. Pickford, 471; H. Koebel, 988, Jullender, East Indies; Henry Greene, 471; Wm. Evans (Caerleon), 471; Edwin Hibbard, 471; John C. Guthrie, 500 (Dublin); Thomas Moses, 471; Samuel Goss, 471; T. L. Davies, 471; J. Gould, 471; James Ewins, 683; J. Berlyn, 471; Charles P. Evans, 471; John James, 471; George Forthergill, 471; P. Ordors, 471; Wm. James, 471; J. Horner, 471; A. Taylor, 471; R. H. Richards, 471; Thomas Ellis, 471; &c.

The brethren wore the collars of the Order, with the jewels pertaining to Craft Masonry and the Royal Arch Degree. The purple of the P.G.L. was as prominent as the Blue. Music was provided as usual, Bro. Rogers presiding at the pianoforte, and the brethren freely contributing to the harmony of the evening by the exercise of their vocal powers.

Grace was said by the Rev. Samuel Fox, the P.G. Chap., and the cloth having been removed, the usual toasts were proposed. We give the list as it was set forth in the programme: "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The M.W. the G.M. of England, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge;" "R.W. the P.G.M. of Monmouthshire;" "The V.W. the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers of Monmouthshire;" "The W.M. 471;" "The P.M.'s 471;" "Principals and P.P. Silurian Chapter;" "The Visitors;" "The Isis Lodge;" "The other Lodges of the Province;" "The Officers of the Silurian Lodge;" "The Masonic Charities;" "To all poor and distressed, &c."

The proposal of most of these toasts fell to the share of the Worshipful Master, who most ably acquitted himself of his rather onerous duties. The loyalty which is proverbial amongst Masons displayed itself in great strength on this occasion, and the "fring," or that peculiar mode of doing "the honours," was delivered with great *élan*. After the "Queen and the Craft," the "Masonic National Anthem" was sung, and in connection with the toast of brother the Hereditary Apprentice, "God bless the Prince of Wales," found vent in fervent aspiration and full harmony.

Bro. Homfray returned thanks for the toast to the D.P.G.M. with great good taste, assuring the lodges of the province that nothing should be wanting on his part to fulfil the duties of his position with earnestness and fidelity.

The health of the W.M. (Bro. H. J. Gratte), was very appropriately and eulogistically given by Bro. the Rev. P.G. Chaplain. It was as he said, the toast of the evening. Enlarging on the responsible duties of the chair, and showing the dignity of the position of the W.M., as ruler of the lodge, the rev. gentleman, in words of genuine sincerity, congratulated Bro. Gratte on his election for a second time to the post of honour (Masonic fire).

Bro. Gratte feelingly responded. Last year it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to lay upon him His chastening hand. Disabled for three or four months by severe illness, he was prevented from taking an active part in his Masonic duties. The fraternal feeling and brotherly love evinced towards him on that occasion he should never forget, and he regarded his re-election by the Silurian as a fresh proof of their confidence and esteem. (Applause.)

The seventh toast (the P.M.'s 471) fell to the lot of Bro. G. W. Jones, who coupled therewith the health of P.M. Bro. Fox and P.M. Bro. Wm. West, both of whom returned thanks in terms of no ordinary felicity.

With "The Principals and P.P. Silurian Chapter," were coupled the names of Bros. Hellier and Oliver, who duly responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and in doing so alluded to the presence amongst them of several distinguished brethren, mentioning especially the name of Bro. Parkinson, whom he understood was the managing director of a most important undertaking—the Alexandra Docks—which they all knew was bound up with the commercial prosperity of Newport. Although politics were interdicted at Masonic meetings, he was not aware that a reference to commercial matters was prohibited. (Hear, hear.) And as they all were, more or less, directly or indirectly, connected with the shipping interests of this port, they could not but regard with feelings of the liveliest satisfaction the approaching completion of so important an undertaking. He connected with the toast of "The Visitors," the name of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, whose presence amongst them he welcomed in his commercial as well as his fraternal capacity (drunk with Masonic honours).

Bro. Parkinson, who was very cordially received, said: I will not lose one moment in endeavouring to find expressions for the gratitude of which the hearts of your visitors are naturally full, but will proceed to tender you our warmest thanks for the hospitable reception you have given us, and to reciprocate in their entirety, the good wishes which your Worshipful Master has just so heartily expressed. Our experience to-night has been one of such varied and unqualified satisfaction, that we labour at this moment under a double debt of gratitude, and know not whether to thank you first for the intellectual treat afforded us in your beautiful hall—a treat which, as it seemed to me, tickled nothing either to impress the imagination or touch the heart—or to award priority to your fraternal greetings at this board. Several things have been made clear to me to-day. I have learnt, and shall upon all suitable occasions be prepared to testify, that Newport contains a compact phalanx of Freemasons, to whom the acquisition of our "mystic knowledge" is a labour of love, and who bring to the ceremonial and traditions of our Order thoughtful and cultivated minds, so that no word or symbol, no jot or tittle of the vast and beneficent superstructure we call Freemasonry, but receives due consideration, and is made to bear practical fruit. It is, brethren, as a working Mason of many years' standing that I venture to pay my humble tribute of praise to the supreme excellence of the working I have seen to-day. My admiration of it, and the great enjoyment I have experienced here, make me hope that I shall take part in many such evenings as this. And if there be at any time, or in any form, any service I can render you in Freemasonry, pray count upon my co-operating with you with all my heart and strength. For it is my hope to see much of Newport (cheers), and as the great enterprise with which I have the honour to be connected approaches nearer and nearer to completion, there will be no pleasanter relief to severer duties than sharing with you the privileges of Freemasonry. The subject suggests Masonic phrases. After my inspection, say of the perfect ashler-work down yonder, of the stones "smoothed for the hands of the experienced workmen," "of the uprights fixed in their proper bases," under the direction of Bro. Griffiths, and the "rude matter brought into due form" by the same hands, it will be my delight to join you in studying the lessons enforced by other working tools, and to turn my attention from operative to speculative Masonry. (Cheers.) It is particularly agreeable to me to feel that our interests are identical in the great project to which I have adverted, and that the success and prosperity of the Alexandra Docks will give a powerful stimulus to that progress and enterprise for which Newport is already renowned. (Prolonged applause.) Although I am but a comparatively young member of the Directorate, I venture to speak for the whole body when I say that few things give us greater satisfaction in connection with our enterprise than a conviction of the great material blessings which must follow in its wake, and be diffused around. Forgive

me, brethren, for speaking at this length, for I hope to prove to you that vast undertakings with the objects and of the character of the Alexandra Docks, form no unfitting theme for Freemasons, and, indeed, embody within themselves much that we are instructed to practise, and far more of the true principles of our Order than were made manifest in any of the gigantic works of antiquity. It has been my good fortune to wander, as a tourist, by the banks of the three great sacred rivers of the world—the Ganges, the Jordan, and the Nile. In old Egypt, the mother of nations, the Masonic traveller gazes wonder-stricken on the mighty monuments of dynasties which are forgotten, of a civilisation which is effaced, of a religion which is dead; and he recalls, not without reverence, the tradition which teaches that there was some affinity between the ancient Egyptian mysteries, and those practices and secrets which Freemasons cherish and hand down. In Palestine, the same traveller discerns on the decaying walls of the holy but desecrated city of Jerusalem, the very emblems which it is the business of our lodges to elucidate and explain. At Delhi, Agra, Lucknow, and over the vast plains of Upper India he finds upon the facades of the tombs and palaces of those great Moguls, who overran Hindostan to hold it for centuries in their iron sway, our Masonic symbols; and throughout the gorgeous and mysterious East, there is no difficulty in establishing two facts—First, that the outward forms of what is known to us as Freemasonry were in use there in remote ages; secondly, that its spirit and privileges were but too often wanting in the rulers and the ruled. For, as every candidate for our mysteries is taught, Masonry is free (cheers). The great doctrine of natural equality and mutual dependence runs through and connects its teachings as by a silver thread; while in the countries quoted there are but too many evidences of a debased nationality and an enslaved people. Whether the stranger stands entranced in admiration before the remains of the massive yet delicate architecture of the Pathans, of whom Bishop Heber wrote in his "Indian Journal," "They designed like Titans, and finished like jewellers;" or marvels over the geometrical proportions of the great pyramids of Ghizeh, those venerable past-masters of Time, where mass has been aggregated to mass, and quarry piled on quarry, till solid granite seems to cover the earth and reach the skies—whether in India or in Egypt—there come welling up to him, and echoing through the dim centuries, dreadful sounds. They are the lash of the task master and the groans of the oppressed! Thus it is, he comes to reflect bitterly, that the Masonic symbols he sees have been but an outward and empty sign; that there has been no blessing on the work he beholds in ruins, or with its very meaning forgotten, and that he must look elsewhere for verification of the voice from Heaven, "In strength will I establish this My house, that it may stand firm for ever." This is the moment, brethren, when an Englishman turns with pride to the monuments of industry and the triumphs of the mechanical art of his own beloved country; to her Christian temples, to her secular enterprises, to her havens of refuge, to her network of railways, to her mighty viaducts—aye, why should I conceal it?—to her magnificent and thriving docks!—monuments which I venture to say are equal in design, equal in achievement, equal in grandeur to the mightiest relics of the ancient world, and are immeasurably superior to them in the priceless truth that they are cemented, not by the blood and tears of down-trodden slaves, but by the willing labour of free men. (Continuous applause.) And that they perpetuate, not the lives squandered and the treasure won by some despot on a throne, but the growth, the intelligence, and the activity of a great and united nation. Here, where, as Sheridan wrote very beautifully, and as a great living statesman quoted not so long ago:—

"Content sits basking on the cheek of toil;—where just laws and the wise administration of them have changed the face of a country, and are vanquishing slowly, but resistlessly, the evils

of ignorance and crime; where many an Eden, beauteous in flowers and rich in fruit, has been raised up out of the arid waste by free labour constitutionally directed and controlled:—Here, I say we have a right to look upon the barbaric Past with commiseration, and to an enlightened Future with glowing hope.

“Not in vain the distance beacons, forward, forward, let us range;  
Let the great World spin for ever down the ringing grooves of change;  
Through the shadow of the globe we sweep into the younger day—  
Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay.”

—Worshipful Master, may the bright promise of these bright words be fulfilled by and for us. May we all meet often and meet here on occasions such as this; and may we at each recurring anniversary, celebrate that harmonious progress and that diffused prosperity which form the great happiness of Masonic communities, and are the crowning glory of free states.

The speaker sat down amidst prolonged cheering.

“The Isca Lodge” was responded to by Bro. Jno. Middleton, P.M., and Bro. Thomas Williams, P.M.

The D.P.G.M. acknowledged the toast, “The other Lodges of the Province,” and the two brethren of the Bristol lodges returned thanks for the courtesy of the brethren.

Bro. L. A. Homfray’s health was drunk in a bumper and suitably acknowledged.

Bro. Geo. Fothergill, as S.W. of the lodge was called upon to respond to the toast, “The Officers of the Silurian lodge.” In the course of his speech he feelingly alluded to the loss which the lodge had sustained by the death of their late Secretary.

“The Masonic Charities” brought up Bro. Pickford, whose Masonic begging propensities are irresistible, and who, as well as the W.M., made some practical observations on the Benevolent Funds lately established by the two local lodges respectively, their object being to afford the means of educating within the Province the children of deceased Masons left unprovided for—the chances of obtaining elections to the Metropolitan charities being to remote to satisfy the actual exigencies. It is gratifying to find that this praiseworthy and truly Masonic effort is progressing most satisfactorily, and we confidently anticipate that both the Silurian and the Isca will soon be in a position to undertake to provide for the education of several poor children.

The W.M. proposed, “The Press,” to which Bro. Thos. Williams responded.

The Tyler’s toast, “To all poor and distressed Masons,” &c., drunk in solemn silence, brought a very successful and truly pleasant meeting to a close.

**PRESENTATION.**—The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall (Bro. Augustus Smith) has presented, for the use of the Provincial and Phoenix Lodge, a very handsome and massive carved solid teak arm-chair. In the centre of the panel forming the back is the P.G.M.’s jewel, enclosed between the square and compass, encircled by a raised ring bearing the word “Cornwall” with fifteen balls. Around this, beautifully carved, is a G.M.’s chain. In the upper corners is the date, 5875, with the initials A.L.; whilst the lower corners of the panel bear the donor’s initials, A.S. On each side of the back are columns—the Doric on the right and the Ionic on the left. From the balls on the top of these columns spring another panel running to a point at the top, over which is an eye. In the centre of this panel is a shield of fifteen balls, over which is the word “one,” and at the lower point on either side “and” “all.” The seat and arms are cushioned with purple silk velvet to be used by the Provincial Lodge, and scarlet for the Phoenix. The carving is beautifully done, and the chair a noble addition to the furniture of a splendid room.

**THE BEST FIRST.**—Turner’s Tamarind Cough Emulsion for the Throat and Bronchia, 13½d. and 2/9 per bot.—All wholesale houses in London and Liverpool, and any respectable Chemist.—[Advt.]

#### MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

The twenty-third annual ball of the Masonic brethren in Liverpool and its neighbourhood, which took place on Tuesday evening, the 9th instant, was, in every respect, a complete success, highly creditable to all concerned in its organisation; and resulting in material benefit to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, on behalf of which the proceeds will be given. There were several circumstances anything but favourable—such as the mass meeting of Conservatives at the Royal Amphitheatre the same evening; but Masonic enthusiasm and charity were not to be turned aside by this or any other inviting cause. The annual recurrence of this fashionable assembly is anticipated by Masons with more than ordinary interest. Apart from its offering one of the comparatively few opportunities to the general public of joining in Masonic festivities, and witnessing the good fellowship for which the mystic Order are distinguished, it has, during a long course of years, firmly established the character of being amongst the most brilliant and enjoyable of winter reunions. The ball, on this occasion, was quite worthy of that reputation. Additional *clat* was given to the ball by the following unusually distinguished patronage:—Lady patronesses: Most Hon. the Marchioness of Ripon, Right Hon. the Countess Bective, Right Hon. Lady Skelmersdale, Mrs. Gilbert Greenall, Walton Hall; and Mrs. R. F. Steble, Sandfield Park. Patrons: Bros. His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool; the Right Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, M.W.G.M.; Sir Thomas G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart, *M.P.*, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M. West Lancashire; L. G. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, P.G.S.W. of England, and P.S.G.W. of West Lancashire; R. Townley Parker, W.P.D. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Gilbert Greenall, P.S.G.W. West Lancashire; Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; George Cornwall Legh, *M.P.*, W.D. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Earl Bective, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; W. R. Callender, W.D. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; Albert H. Royds, R.W. Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, R.W. Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; Sir W. Williams Wynn, Bart, *M.P.*, R.W. Prov. G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Birchall, W.P. Prov. J.G.W. West Lancashire; Charles J. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England; Lieut.-Colonel Steble, Sandfield Park; and S. R. Graves, Esq., *M.P.*; W. Rathbone, Esq., *M.P.*; and the Right Hon. Viscount Sandon, *M.P.* The Committee was constituted as follows: President—Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Thos. George Fermor-Hesketh, Bart.; Vice-Presidents—Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale and Hon. Frederick Stanley, *M.P.*, W.D. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Chairman of Committee—Bro. Jas. McKune; Vice-Chairman of Committee—Bro. George Broadbridge; Director of Ceremonies—Bro. Henry M. Molyneux; with Bro. G. Blundell, Hon. Treasurer; and Bro. George Turner, Hon. Secretary.

The company began to arrive shortly before nine o’clock, and the influx of ticket-holders was continuous until about eleven o’clock, when there must have been nearly 600 present. The fine splendidly-lighted rooms needed no other than their ordinary adornments. A picturesque addition to the brilliant toilets of the ladies was afforded by the characteristic attire of the Masons, with its sparkling jewels, indicative of varying rank and office, and the scene when dancing commenced was unusually attractive. The only drawback to enjoyment, if such it could be called, was, in one sense, the strongest evidence of the success of the ball. Although both the large rooms were called into request for dancing, they became so full that occasionally the desired freedom of movement could scarcely be obtained. That, however, was certainly no cause for regret when the charitable object to be served by the ball was taken into consideration. All that could be wished, under the circumstances, was, not that the company should be less numerous, but that rooms could have been

slightly enlarged for the occasion. To accomplish that was, of course, beyond the power of the committee. Their arrangements left little or nothing to be desired, and if perfect felicity was unattainable by a few specially enthusiastic votaries of Terpsichore, a reasonable share of enjoyment was within the reach of all.

Amongst the more distinguished guests were Bros. J. Pearson (Mayor of Liverpool), J.D. 680; Lieut.-Colonel Birchall, P.P.G.S.W.; Lieut.-Colonel Steble; H. S. Alpass, P.P.G. Sec.; Captain Mott, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Laidlaw, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Armstrong, P.G.T.; G. Broadbridge, P.G.D.C.; G. De la Perelle, P.G.S.; C. H. Hill, P.G.S.; J. W. Baker, P.G.S., &c.; and an additional effect was given to the gay gathering by the presence of a large number of the Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine in the clothing of the Order. Amongst those present were the following: Ill. Sir Kt. G. Turner, Int.-Gen. for W. Ian.; Sir Kts. J. K. Smith, M.P.S.; J. R. Goepel, V.; H. M. Molyneux, S.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; D. W. Winstanley and H. Nelson, Stewards; E. Hughes, O.; W. Doyle and T. Clark, Prefects; J. Wood, T.; J. E. Jackson, A.; J. Skeaf, Org.; W. Crane, H.; and J. Lloyd, Hague, Johnson, A. Pickup, Jarvis, Scott, Morgan, R. Pearson, G. H. Turner, Mawson, Cron, &c. The different lodges in the town were well represented, and amongst the Masters, officers, and brethren were Bros. G. Dyke, R. Morley, J. Macbeth, G. Rigby Smith, J. Sellars, E. Dutch, J. Clegg, R. R. Marter, W. H. Lee, T. D. Fenner, Butterfield, E. Friend, Newton, Pierpoint, Oakchott, J. Jones, Beasley, Ashmore, Lyall, Pierce, H. Pearson, Ridley, C. Leighton, &c. The orders of the Knights Templar, Rose Croix, and Royal Arch were also represented.

The music was supplied by the band of Bro. G. W. Phillips, and was all that could be desired. Bro. Molyneux officiated as Master of Ceremonies, and the refreshment department was under the care of Bro. Vines, of the Canton Hotel, whose catering gave general satisfaction. The Stewards, as a body, fulfilled their duties in a manner which contributed greatly to the success of the ball. Bro. Turner, Hon. Secretary, by his indefatigable exertions in connection with the whole arrangements, secured its complete success, and the result will doubtless be a substantial addition to the funds of a most deserving institution.

#### MASONIC FUNERAL AT HOLYHEAD.

The Lodge of St Cybi, No. 597, held an emergency meeting on the morning of the 22nd Dec., 1871, on the mournful occasion of the funeral of Bro. Samuel Owen Williams, solicitor, of Holyhead. After opening the lodge, the W.M. read the special dispensation, which had been obtained from the R.W.P.G.M., Sir W. Wyrn, to form a Masonic procession in honour of, and as a token of respect to, the departed brother, who, during his short residence in this town, had won the esteem and affection, not only of the brethren of his lodge, but also of the public generally. There were present: Bros. John Peters, W.M.; J. Ll. Griffith, W.M.-elect; W. Riva, P.S.W.; William Lewis, J.W.; Owen R. Ellis, Sec.; John Ellis, S.D.; Dr. Owen Williams, J.D.; Owen W. Jones, Chaplain; Wm. Evans, Steward; James Lloyd, I.G.; Samuel Hughes, O.G.; visiting Bro. William Jones; and a goodly number of the brethren—all in Masonic clothing, with the signs of mourning suitable to the occasion. The procession having been formed, it proceeded from the Marine Hotel to the house of the deceased brother, and led the van from thence to the railway-station. The hearse came next, following which was a large number of the most respectable inhabitants of the town, all eager to show their last tribute of respect. After depositing the coffin in the carriage at the railway station, the brethren returned in the most excellent order to the lodge-room, to complete the Masonic duties of the day. The deceased brother was the son of John Williams, Esq., Bodafon, Llandudno, and about 30 years of age.

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## MARRIAGE.

**BROAD--GITTINGS.**—On the 5th instant, at St. Mark's, New Brompton, near Chatham, by the Rev. A. Willis, vicar, Bishop-designate of Honolulu, Bro. Geo. Broad, Lodge of Benevolence, 184, to Emma, third daughter of Capt. Gittings, R.N., Gillingham, Kent.

## DEATH.

**MARTIN.**—On 10th inst., at Clyde House, Netherfield-road, Liverpool, aged nine years, Emily Alice, second daughter of Bro. R. R. Martin, Temple Lodge, 1094, and Treasurer of Mariners' Lodge, 249. (Friends will please accept this intimation.)

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## MANITOBA.

It may safely be asserted, without presumption, that Freemasonry treads in the footsteps of civilization. Wherever the presence of man is found, whether it be in the ice-bound regions of the frigid zone, or on the burning coasts of Africa, after the log-hut which serves the settler as a home, comes the lodge-room, consecrated to the spirit of fraternity and love. We have heard of lodges on board ship before now—although, possibly, none exist at the present day—and can readily comprehend the solace which Masonic intercommunion must have afforded to the brave sons of Neptune in the olden time, when cruising from shore to shore was not so speedily effected as it is in these days of steam propulsion. But, even if naval lodges no longer exist, ample compensation is found in the fact that, in places which were trackless wastes but a few years ago, there are now flourishing branches of our Frater-

nity; that in lands, like Japan, formerly inaccessible to the advances of commercial enterprise, the voice of civilization is now heard, and the principles of Freemasonry are being rapidly diffused.

In reviewing these gratifying results, we are satisfied that none will ascribe the assertion either to egotism or to arrogance, if we record our opinion that British Freemasons may reasonably indulge in the pleasing reflection that much of the Masonic progress is clearly attributable to the sons of the "old country." Nearly every Grand Lodge in Europe has derived its existence from the Grand Lodges in London and Edinburgh, and our American brethren will be the first to acknowledge that the powerful Masonic organizations which flourish at present in the States are proud to trace their origin to the same source. Wherever the English flag is unfurled, wherever the pioneers of a British colony congregate, the banner of the Masonic Order is, sooner or later, sure to wave; and one of the most recent examples of this curious, but undoubted fact, deserves, we conceive, something more than a passing tribute, inasmuch as it evinces the virtues of zeal and perseverance to a remarkable degree. It is known to our readers that the "Dominion of Canada" now comprises all the British possessions in North America, with one or two exceptions, to which it is unnecessary to allude. Besides the maritime provinces, British Columbia, and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the vast territory formerly under the rule of the Hudson's Bay Company now forms an integral part of the Dominion. This enormous district is called "Manitoba," and, until quite recently, was nothing but a "happy hunting-ground" for trappers and other agents of the Company. That some attempt had been made to colonise it was evident some time ago, when an insurrectionary movement occurred at the Red River settlement; but English Freemasons are, perhaps, scarcely prepared for the intelligence that the population has, since that period, increased so rapidly as to necessitate the formation of several Masonic lodges in the province. Such, however, is the case, and we are indebted to the very lucid and complete "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1871" for much interesting information on the subject. The Rev. Richard Stuart Patterson, Deputy District Grand Master of the province, seems to have proved himself a true Masonic missionary, and from his narrative we glean the following items of intelligence: The first lodge named in Bro. Patterson's report is called "Prince Rupert's," now 240 on the register of Canada. This lodge commenced work at Winnipeg about the latter end of December, 1870, and "has been enabled to procure suitable furniture and regalia." The brethren contemplate building a Masonic Hall, and the utmost harmony has prevailed in the lodge since its formation. The "Lisgar" Lodge meets at Lower Fort Garry, and the brethren

were fortunate enough to secure all the valuable lodge fittings, furniture, and regalia of the late Northern Light Lodge, formerly held under the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The "International" Lodge has been opened at North Pembina, but has not yet been enabled to obtain a suitable room for lodge purposes—the reason assigned being, that, until the international boundary line between the Lake of the Woods and the Rocky Mountains is ascertained, there is no possibility of houses being built on the Canadian side. At present, the Canadian Custom House and the Hudson Bay Fort are claimed by the Americans to be within the limits of their territory. The American brethren located in and near Pembina, however, have promised to assist the new lodge in every possible way, and there is every reason to believe in its permanency and success.

Bro. Patterson also delivered a dispensation for the establishment of the "Assinibonic" Lodge, at Portage la Prairie, and several meetings have been held by the founders for instruction in the work. The greatest harmony appears to prevail amongst the brethren of the new Masonic province, and we cannot refrain from tendering our hearty congratulations to the Grand Lodge of Canada upon the vigorous nature of its youngest offshoot. The introduction of Masonic lodges into those wild and formerly desolate regions cannot fail to prove of incalculable benefit to the inhabitants. The habits of order which are engendered, and the principles of morality which are strengthened, by a faithful adherence to the Craft, must eventually lighten the mass of the rude population, and soften and humanise their manners. We welcome these latest additions to the Masonic flock with feelings of no ordinary interest, and, in the name of the Freemasons of the British Islands, we heartily wish every success to the pioneers of Freemasonry in Manitoba.

**LORD CARNARVON'S HEALTH.**—We are glad to learn from our Newbury Correspondent, that it is now hoped at Highclere Castle that Lord Carnarvon's convalescence is established.

**BRO. M. DIOSY,** W.M. Polish National Lodge, has recently been honoured with the appointment, by Prince Metternich, as sole agent to the trade for the sale of the world-wide celebrated Schloss Johannisberg Cabinet Wines. In spite of the general cry for cheap, cheap wines, which by-the-way, has inundated us with much that is cheap and nasty, the taste for what is really excellent has, thank heaven, not yet died out amongst us.

**FALMOUTH.**—On Friday se'nnight, a party of "unattached" Masons, under the presidency of the Mayor of Falmouth, Bro. W. H. Lean, dined at the Greenbank Hotel, to celebrate the festival of St. John. Although strongly urged by the principal officers, Bro. Augustus Smith, the Provincial Grand Master, declines the establishment of a second lodge in Falmouth, and as there is a pretty numerous and respectable body of Masons here who will not have any connection with the present lodge, Masonic matters here have been for some time past in an unsatisfactory state, and "brotherly love" appears to be at a discount.

### Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### THE GRAND M.M.M.

If it would not be considered presumptuous on my part, I should like to add a little to the observations of the Grand Mark Master respecting the recognition of the Mark Grand Lodge.

Not only is his authority as Grand Master recognised by the Grand Chapters of Ireland, Canada, Pennsylvania, and Iowa, but, in England, all the Grand Bodies (excepting those pertaining to Craft Masonry, under which Mark Masonry should *not* be placed) recognise the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, and, thereby, the Grand Master's authority as the head of Mark Masonry in England. These bodies are the "Knights Templar," the "Red Cross of Rome and Constantine," and the "Ancient and Accepted Rite."

In common with many Masons who have given attention to historical Freemasonry, I regret exceedingly the withdrawal of support from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. I say *withdrawal*, because formerly the certificates of the Mark Grand Lodge were recognised. However, I believe that ere long that influential body will hold out the right hand of fellowship.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### MARK AND ROYAL ARCH.

I am not going to continue the discussion with Bro. W. P. Buchan. His silence as to the origin of the G.C. of Scotland "speaks volumes." I will leave it to the G.L. and G.C. of Scotland to settle with Bro. Buchan whether they or he are right as to the Mark degree having been "wrought long before 1736." The former declared that this was so in 1858, the latter in 1864. If they were wrong in these deliverances, there is the more need for them to mind their own affairs, and leave English Mark Masters to mind their's in peace.

What Bro. Buchan appears to me to lose sight of is this—that modern Masonry, if it is anything superior to Odd Fellows or Ancient Druids, is a clothing in allegory and ceremonial of a certain number of facts which had their existence among the operative Freemasons of old. As at present existing, our ceremonial cannot be proved to have the slightest connection with the operative lodges. Who for a moment believes that William of Wykeham or Sir C. Wren could now work his way into a modern lodge? An Entered Apprentice and a Fellow Craft were facts—the Master of a lodge was a great reality, so was a Mason's Mark. The modern Master Mason, and the modern R.A. Mason, had no existence at all, and these testify to no operative fact or truth whatever; and therefore for a R.A. Mason to claim jurisdiction over the Mark degree as part of his system, is an anachronism. That such a modern continuance as the Arch should clutch hard at an antique relic like the Mark, is natural enough. It is equally natural that Mark Masters should decline to allow the pure stream of their immemorial antiquity to be muddled and muddled by the inventions of 1740.

AN ENGLISH MARK MASTER.

#### PROV. GRAND LODGES IN SCOTLAND.

Bro. Paton has certainly got his fellow in "J. W.," page 25—only, whereas the former's remarks at page 789 show that the writer is mistaken, those of the latter, at page 25, not only show his mistake, but

also prove it! Poor man, he has got himself stuck up upon some imaginary pinnacle, from which, with the supremest contempt, he looks down upon other poor sublunary mortals as "old fogies" and "simple-minded brethren;" but, alas! for the mutability of human affairs, no sooner does he give utterance to his grand Quixotic resolve, "J. W." to the rescue! than his pedestal dissolves from under him, and he is left kicking his heels in the gutter, keeping time to the music, with "Scottish Provincial Grand Officers *must be de facto* Masters and Wardens of lodges in the province."

The absurdity of this is shown by the very law which "J. W." quotes, viz., cap. xiii., sec. 2, which tells us that the Prov. G.M., with all the office-bearers and the Masters and Wardens, shall form each Provincial Grand Lodge. Now, the conjunctions "with" and "and" show us that the Masters and Wardens are simply *part* of Prov. Grand Lodge, and that the office-bearers and the Prov. G.M. are the other portions of it. Further, as the representative of Grand Lodge, it is right that the P.G.M. should neither require to be himself the Master of a lodge, nor that he should be forced to take his officers only from the *de facto* Masters and Wardens, for, as it is the duty of the P.G.M. and his officers to oversee the Masters and Wardens, and to see that they do their duty, greater independence and propriety is secured by not appointing men to watch themselves. Consequently, Grand Lodge Laws very sensibly do *not* require the P.G.M. and the officers of a Prov. Grand Lodge to be *de facto* either Master or Warden of any lodge. They simply require them to be *Master Masons* in connection with the province, as shown at page 801, by Bros. D. Murray Lyon and "Max," as well as by myself.

In conclusion, I recommend "J. W." to peruse the concluding remarks of scene 2, act iv., of Shakespeare's "Much ado about Nothing." GLASGUENSIS.

Time does not permit me, even if inclination did, to reiterate for the special benefit of Bro. C. I. Paton and J. W. the arguments which ten years ago I addressed to Grand Lodge in vindication of the eligibility of any Master Mason to hold office in a Prov. Grand Lodge within whose bounds he is resident. I therefore content myself with quoting the deliverance of Grand Lodge, which settles the fact in dispute:—

*Grand Committee, January 31, 1862.*—Bro. Alexander Hay in the chair.—The Convener of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider and report upon the communication received from Bro. Murray Lyon in regard to the interpretation put on Grand Lodge Laws by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire at a meeting thereof on 24th December last, held for the election and installation of Office-bearers, keeping in view also the interpretation put on Grand Lodge Laws in the report of a former Sub-Committee, submitted to the Grand Committee on 5th June, 1860, stated that said Sub-Committee had met and fully considered the matter, but had differed in opinion. Whereupon a full discussion of the subject was gone into by the present meeting, at the conclusion thereof Bro. Mann moved, seconded by Bro. Skirving—"That with reference to the communication from Bro. Murray Lyon, styling himself Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Ayrshire, complaining that his appointment as such, under commission from the Provincial Grand Master of that province, had not been given effect to, and to the report of the Sub-Committee referred to in minutes of Grand Committee of 5th June, 1860,—[*Vide* Grand Lodge Reporter, No. IV., pp. 111-12]—

the Grand Committee are of opinion that the interpretation put upon the Laws of Grand Lodge by that report, to the effect that office-bearers, to be eligible for appointment in Prov. Grand Lodges, must be Masters or Wardens of lodges in the province, is founded on a misconception, and that no other qualification is necessary than that—'All of them must be Master Masons on the roll of Grand Lodge, members of lodges within the province, and resident in the district for the greater part of the year.'—*Grand Lodge Laws*, cap. XIII. sec. 3.

A counter-motion was proposed by Bro. Mackersy, seconded by Bro. Law, to the effect that the matter be left to the determination of Grand Lodge. On a vote being taken Bro. Mann's motion was carried by seven to four.

"*Grand Lodge, February 3, 1862.*—The Most Worshipful the Grand Master (Duke of Athole) occupying the Throne—A Petition and Complaint from Bro. David Murray Lyon, Provincial Grand Junior Warden of Ayrshire, and Report of Grand Committee in relation thereto, was taken into consideration, when after observations from the Depute Grand Master, the following Resolution was moved by Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, seconded by the Depute Grand Master (J. Whyte-Melville), and unanimously carried:—

"Finds, that on a sound interpretation of the Laws of Grand Lodge, a Provincial Grand Master has power to appoint by Commission from time to time, a Provincial Grand Depute and a substitute Master, two Wardens, a Secretary, and Chaplain, all of whom must be Master Masons, having a residence in the Province, but not necessarily Masters or Wardens of lodges within the Province: Therefore sustains the Appeal of Bro. David Murray Lyon, and reverse the Finding of Grand Committee of date 5th June 1860, and that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire founded thereon, and remit to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, with instructions to receive and instal Bro. David Murray Lyon as Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Ayrshire, should his Commission be in all other respects regular."

The Commission in my favour, which was issued by Sir James Fergusson, Bart. (now Governor of South Australia), P.G.M. of Ayrshire, was subsequently presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and I was installed into office.

D. MURRAY LYON.

BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, of Truro, Cornwall, will be very glad to hear from any brethren who possess, or know of, minutes of lodges, or copies of MS. Constitutions, of an older date than A.D. 1720. Our well-known and highly-esteemed Brother is now engaged in preparing another work for the press, which we believe will pay especial attention to the MS. Constitutions of the Freemasons, and has in his possession several copies of these ancient and valuable documents, which he will publish for the first time. He is particularly anxious to have every information obtainable with respect to these manuscripts in the possession of lodges and brethren, as soon as possible.

THE LIVERPOOL SCHOOL BOARD.—The Non-conformists of Liverpool held a conference lately to consider the advisability of recommending a candidate, holding their views on certain questions of grants, &c., to fill the vacancy at the School Board caused by the death of Mr. Eden, a local solicitor, and a member of the Church of England. Ultimately the conference decided to recommend no special candidate, leaving the body to act as individuals thought best.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

Present: Bros. C. C. Dumas (in the chair), J. Hervey, B. Head, J. Symonds, A. Perkins, E. H. Patten, F. Walters, F. Adlard, G. Bolton, H. W. Hemsworth, N. Wingfield, J. R. Sheen, H. M. Levy, T. Cubitt, L. Stean, and W. H. Farnfield (Secretary).

The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. The deaths of two annuitants were announced. Seven males and five females were added to the list of applicants seeking to be placed on the Annuity Fund; one application was dismissed.

The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

We cordially recommend this Charity to the consideration of our readers, as being worthy of their support. None but those really deserving and in need of assistance can be placed on the Fund, there being a wise rule precluding all who have a certain income from participating in its benefits. We think it is to be regretted that a similar rule has not been adopted in our other Charities, as it would have the effect of reducing the number of applicants, and of securing the admission of the more necessitous cases. We note another arrangement in this Institution that does not obtain in either of the others, viz.: If a lodge gives its £50 in the name of any officer, that or any other amount does not entitle that lodge to be represented at the Committee meetings. Now this, in our opinion, is one of several rules which prevent the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from being supported as it ought and would be were more advantages given to subscribers.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly General Court of this Institution was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present: Bros. John Symonds, V.P. (in the chair); R. Spencer, V.P.; F. Walters, V.P.; W. Roebuck, A. L. Dussek, F. Adlard, H. Massey, and Frederick Binckes, the Secretary, who read the minutes of the previous court, which were unanimously confirmed.

The following recommendations from the General Committee were unanimously adopted:—

1. To approve the list of 60 candidates to be submitted for election at the Quarterly General Court on 15th April next.

2. That an additional vacancy be declared by the removal of a boy, owing to confirmed ill-health.

3. That the number of boys to be educated and maintained be increased from 110 to 112.

4. That, in consideration of the Lodge of Bathurst, Africa, having ceased to meet, and there being no other lodge within 700 miles of his residence to which the late Bro. Evans could subscribe, the General Committee be authorised to take the petition in behalf of his son into consideration, notwithstanding his not having subscribed to a lodge for the stipulated period.

Although the numbers are increased from 110 to 112, there will be but 17 to be elected out of the 60 candidates on the list.

The debt of the Institution is now practically reduced to £5,000. Combined effort at the next festival, on March 13th, might, without difficulty, remove it entirely.

All business having been disposed of, the usual vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

### MASONIC FESTIVAL AT CHESTER.

On Monday last, the celebration of the festival of St. John was held by the brethren of the Lodge of Independence, No. 721, at the Bars' Hotel, where the ceremony of installing Bro. John Larden Sellers, *M.D.*, as W.M. for the year was performed in a most effective manner by Bro. R. W. Worrall, P.M., who also delivered the charges most impressively to the following officers elected by the W.M.: Bros. Thomas, S.W.; Dennis, J.W.; Johnson, S.D.; McMillan (by deputy), J.D.; Beresford, I.G.; Williams, Tyler.

After the ceremony of installation, Bro. Worrall, P.M., in a neat and appropriate speech, presented Secretary Bro. Heney Allsop with a beautiful timepiece (voted from the lodge funds) as a slight acknowledgment of his valuable gratuitous services as Secretary of Lodge 721 for some years. This gift was supplemented by another, consisting of ten handsomely-bound volumes of Chambers's Encyclopedia, subscribed for by members of the lodge, and obtained through the active exertions of Bros. J. Jones and Cunnah.

After the lodge had been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. A. C. Lockwood, at the Hop Pole Hotel, and which was attended by about fifty brethren. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the following brethren, members and visitors to the lodge: Bros. Councillor Dickson, 721; J. Jones, 594 (Liverpool); Williams, W.M. 425; Salmon, W.M.-elect 425; Platt, P.P.G.W., 537; McHastie, 425; Hunt, P.M. 425; Hignett, W.M. 537; Taylor, *M.D.*, 425; Willcox, 425; Dr. Davidson, 721; J. McEvoy, I.P.M. 721; J. Huxley, 425; J. Lloyd, 597 (Holyhead); Venables Williams (P.M.), P. Williams, Rhyl, Ellis, Cunnah, Hurden, J. Glyn Jones, and Captain Jones, 721; Evan Jones, 597 and 721; &c.

The W.M. (Bro. Sellers) then proposed the following toasts: "The Queen;" "The Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master of England," which was followed by a song adapted for the occasion by Bro. Evan Jones; "The Right Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, M.W.G.M. of England," song, "Tubal Cain;" "Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire;" "The W.M. 721," by the I.P.M., Bro. McEvoy; and "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. J. Williams, W.M. 425, who, in responding, expressed his gratification, and the pleasure it always gave him in visiting Lodge 721, and expressed a hope that the brethren of that lodge would return the compliment; indeed, it would give him and his brother officers an opportunity of uniting more closely with the brethren of that lodge, if they would visit them oftener. He promised them a hearty reception.

Bro. Salmon, W.M.-elect 425, responded to the same effect.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Worrall," which was received with Masonic honours.

Bro. Worrall, in responding to the toast, said: Although I am a member of another lodge in this city, I can never forget my connection with my mother lodge 721, and as long as I am able, it will give me the greatest pleasure to render my humble assistance in furthering the good cause.

"The Health of the I.P.M.," was next given and responded to by Bro. J. McEvoy.

Bro. Allsop then returned thanks in suitable terms for the handsome presents.

Bro. Platt's name was mentioned in connection with the toast of "The Charities," when he gave a very interesting account of those connected with Cheshire, mentioning, especially, the great assistance rendered by Lodges 605 and 721.

Then followed "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Thomas, S.W.

Bro. Williams, 425, gave "The Town and Trade of Chester," responded to by the ex-Mayor, Bro. Dickson; and, lastly, "All poor and distressed Masons."

The songs of the evening were ably given by

Messrs. Bell and Bates, of the Chester Cathedral Choir, who were specially engaged for the occasion.

The brethren separated at an early hour, well pleased with the rich and varied repast prepared for them by Bro. A. Carden Lockwood.

### MASONIC BALL AT NEWBURY.

The triumph of two years ago encouraged the Freemasons of the town to give another ball, which came off on Friday evening last week, at the Town Hall, and although not quite so numerous attended, everything connected with the arrangements of the affair, and the pleasure of the company were most satisfactory, a result contributed in no small degree by the activity of the committee and their Hon. Secretary, Bro. G. J. Cosburn, and also the obliging attention of the M.C.'s of the evening, Messrs. J. Bance and Boyer. The falling off in numbers was to be accounted for by domestic bereavement, which prevented members of several families from attending. The ball room was tastefully adorned by Mr. G. Boyer, whose attachment to the Craft no doubt assisted his technical knowledge in adapting the decorations to the nature of the gathering. The whole length of the room was appropriated to the purposes of the ball. At the east end was hung the Masonic motto, "*Audi vide tace*," which, on this occasion, would possibly bear a more general than particular application. Festoons of evergreens and flowers looped with blue silver, and white rosettes were carried round the room, pendant from which were Masonic emblems and mottoes. The windows were filled in with handsome candelabra, in the recesses between each were consol glasses in elegant frames. The band occupied an orchestra at the west end of the room, and seats were carried round the room. The hall landing was converted into a saloon for refreshments, and the police station was turned into a reception room for gentlemen. An elegant supper was laid out with much taste in the Council Chamber, this most important department being entrusted to Mr. and Mrs. Balding, whose unremitting attentions to the company gave the utmost satisfaction. Dancing commenced about 10 to the strains of the band of the 1st Life Guards, the *carte de danse* containing an admirable selection of popular music, adding much to the spirit of the gathering, which broke up as the small hours of the morning began to wane.

The company, which numbered about 100, included the following:—Mr. Walter Arundell, Miss Balding, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Ayres, Mr. Aveling, Mr. Applegate, Bro. G. Boyer, P.M., P.P.G.P., Mrs. G. Boyer, Miss M. Boyer, Miss M. A. Boyer, Miss Ward, Miss Berris, Miss Batchelour, Bro. J. Bance, J.W., Miss Bance, Mr. W. and Mrs. Bance, Miss Brooks, Bro. W. C. Bland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Bro. Burns, S.W., Mr. R. Balding, Mr. Brewer, Bro. F. W. Beckinham, I.G., Miss Bristow, Mr. and Miss Biddis, Mr. H. Bartholomew, Miss Ward, Miss J. Ward, Bro. G. J. Cosburn, Mrs. Cosburn, Bro. W. H. Cave, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Mrs. R. Martin, Mr. C. J. Childs, Mr. R. Canning, Bro. Durrant (Maidenhead) and the Misses Durrant (2), Mrs. A. Roake, Miss Roake, Miss A. Roake, Mr. H. Davis, Mrs. F. Davis, Miss Darling, Mr. A. T. Davis, Bro. T. Deller, Sec., Mr. F. E. Frampton, Mr. and Miss Ferris, Mr. Goulter, Bro. F. G. Hall, P.G.A.D.C., Mr. H. Hanington, Miss Ward, Mr. G. Hunt, Mr. S. G. Hunt, Miss Hunt, Mr. Hitchcock, Bro. Johnston, Mrs. and Miss Johnston, Mr. C. Jackson, Bro. Knight, Bro. W. W. King, P.P.G.S.D., Miss E. King, Mr. Legg, Miss Bates, Mr. Norrington, Bro. R. Newton, Mr. Owen, Bro. Plenty, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. E. Parker, Miss Trendell, Miss E. Parker, Bro. R. A. Ryott, Mr. S. Ryott, Miss Ryott, Bro. Ravenor, S.D., Mrs. Ravenor, Bro. Stradling, Mrs. Stradling, Mr. Twitchen, Miss Thomson, Bro. W. H. Webster, Mr. J. C. Free, Miss Lewin, Miss Wragg, Miss Fidler, Bro. Liddiard, Bro. M. Wheeler, Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. S. White, Mr. White, Mr. Ward, Mr. W. Wilson, Bro. G. Wheeler, Miss Day.—*Newbury Weekly News*.

## SCOTLAND.

CIRCULAR from the GRAND MASTER MASON of SCOTLAND, to the MEMBERS of the GRAND LODGE.

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh.

R. W. SIR,

The following Notice of Motion was tabled at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on 6th November, 1871, viz. :—

Moved by the M.W. the Grand Master the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosslyn, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Mann, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, "That it is desirable that a project for the gradual extinction of the Grand Lodge Debt, the Augmentation and Establishment of the Fund of Benevolence on a more permanent footing, and the Building Lodge Rooms for the assembling of the brethren throughout the Provinces, be taken into consideration at the next Quarterly Communication."

"N.B.—The particulars of the project will be printed and transmitted to the various lodges and Provincial Grand Masters in sufficient time to afford them the fullest information before the next Quarterly Communication."

In reference to the foregoing motion, I have to submit an explanation of the method by which it is proposed to accomplish the objects in view. In regard to—

1. *Grand Lodge Debt.*—This has been incurred by the erection of Freemasons' Hall, &c., for the benefit of the Scottish Craft at large, and, at the time it was incurred, it was anticipated that it would speedily be reduced and worked off. These hopes have been disappointed, and as a result the Grand Lodge is very much hindered in its progress and usefulness by this debt, and a very large sum of money, which might be used for benevolent purposes, is annually expended in payment of interest. It is therefore most desirable for the credit and welfare of the Grand Lodge, and the best interests of the entire Scottish Craft, that a strenuous effort be made to extinguish this heavy burden.

2. *Fund of Benevolence.*—This excellent scheme was instituted in 1846, and has, under the regulations then made, well served its purpose. It cannot, however, be denied that whilst standing before the world as an essentially Benevolent Society, the Grand Lodge takes but a very inferior position amongst the Charitable Institutions of Scotland, and considering the extension of the Craft and the many necessitous brethren and their families requiring aid and assistance, it is well worthy of the lodges throughout Scotland to band themselves together for the extension and enlargement of the General Scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence.

3. *Lodge Halls throughout the Provinces.*—Experience has taught the lesson that lodges meeting in Halls of their own, prosper more and discharge the duties of Masonry better, than those which are obliged to meet in Hotels and Taverns, and when this is so generally recognised and allowed on all hands, little need be said to advocate a project which proposes by degrees to supply this acknowledged want.

It has long been considered desirable that some bond of union should exist between the members of daughter lodges under the Scottish Constitution and the respective lodges to which such members belong, connecting each lodge with its members more closely than at present. In lodges holding under the English Constitution this is done by subjecting each member to an annual payment to his lodge, and in many cases these annual payments are of considerable amount. It is proposed to raise the funds required for the objects referred to by a similar method, but confining the annual payments to a sum so trifling as to be hardly felt by individual brethren. It is believed a sum of *twopence per month*, or *2s. per annum*, contributed by each

brother, will enable the Grand Lodge to proceed to carry into effect the objects proposed.

There are at present on the Grand Lodge Roll, in good working order, 387 lodges.

It has been found on a careful estimate, that of these lodges there are members on their respective Rolls, who are interested in Freemasonry, as follows, viz. :—

6	having	200	Members	.....	1,200
121	"	100	"	.....	12,100
167	"	50	"	.....	8,350
73	"	30	"	.....	2,190
20	"	15	"	.....	300
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387					24,140

From this it will be observed that a contribution of 2d. per month from each brother would yield an annual revenue of £2,414.

This amount may be raised through the ordinary Masonic organisation of lodges, and to a certain extent may be considered compulsory, but I should indeed be disappointed if a very considerable sum could not be added to it by the voluntary subscription and annual donations of individual members of the Craft who are interested in the welfare of the Order.

The allocation of the income to be thus obtained, to the different objects above referred to, it is intended to leave to the disposal and discretion, from time to time, of the Grand Lodge.

It has further occurred to me that something might be done towards improving the financial position of the Grand Lodge by reducing the expenditure incurred in the management of its affairs.

It is impossible for any one at all conversant with these affairs not to perceive that the duties might be performed by fewer officials at considerably less cost. At present the business is managed by a Grand Secretary at a salary of £315, and a Grand Clerk at a salary of £210—together, £525.

Now the labour, although no doubt considerable, is not of such a character as to require the services of both of these officials, and therefore, with every regard to the claims of these gentlemen, I propose to consolidate these offices, and to assign £325 a-year to a Grand Secretary, in full for his own services and those of any clerk he may require in the management of the business, by which a saving of £200 per annum would be effected, and I am convinced the efficiency of the office would be in no degree impaired.

I trust that the Masters of lodges, as well as individual brethren, will take this matter into consideration, and lend their zealous support towards carrying the scheme into practical effect.

I remain, R.W. Sir, yours fraternally,  
ROSSLYN,  
Grand Master.

MARK MASONRY.—On Monday se'nnight, at the meeting of the Freeman Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Mr. George Steele Golding was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. At the next meeting he will be installed, when Bro. F. Binckes, of London, and several of the officers of the Grand Lodge of England and other leading members of the Craft from various parts of East Anglia are expected to be present.

BREAKFAST.—EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills.—*Civil Service Gazette.* Made simply with Boiling Water or Milk. Each packet is labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London." Also, makers of Epps's Milky Cocoa and Condensed Milk.

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## Reports of Masonic Meetings.

[With a view to increase the circulation, and consequently the usefulness, of THE FREEMASON, it is suggested that Lodges, &c., desiring reports to appear in the paper, should take a certain number of copies in proportion to the space required for the report.]

## THE CRAFT.

## METROPOLITAN.

*Bedford Lodge, No. 157.*—At the Freemasons' Hall, on the 12th inst., the installation meeting was held. There were present: Bros. J. Hills, W.M.; W. Holland, S.W.; J. Brander, S.D.; Briggs, J.D.; Levander, P.M., Treas.; S. Hills, P.M., Sec.; Millis, G. Brown, J. Smith, and T. Cubitt, P.M.'s; &c. Bro. J. Hills, W.M., opened the lodge. After the minutes had been unanimously confirmed, and Bro. Pollard (49) unanimously elected a joining member, Bro. George Brown, P.M., installed Bro. William Holland, W.M. The officers appointed are Bros. J. Brander, S.W.; Briggs, J.W.; Levander, P.M., Treas.; S. Hills, P.M., Sec.; L. Drew, S.D.; Selby, J.D.; Pollard, I.G.; and Longstaff, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. G. Brown, P.M., for the able manner in which he performed the installation ceremony. The usual five-guinea P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. J. Hills, I.P.M., when the lodge was closed, and a banquet was served. Visitors: Bros. E. Coste, P.M. 9; J. Goode, 49; F. Walters, P.M. 73; H. Jagar, P.M. 453; G. Motion, 453; G. Ayres, P.M. 112; W. Smeed, P.M. 946; J. Smith; &c.

*Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.*—On the 1st inst., this lodge held their monthly meeting at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate. Bros. M. Alexander, W.M.; Berhowitz, S.W., W.M.-elect; Hunt, J.W.; Roberts, S.D.; Nathan, J.D.; Hudson, I.G.; P.M.'s Ahrends, Alexander, Levy, Abrahams, Phillips, and about ninety brethren, were present, besides numerous visiting brethren, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Dyke Clarke, Deputy G. Master of Turkey; Rev. Mr. Wilson; P. Beyfur, late P.M. and President of the Joppa Benevolent Fund; Barnet, W.M.; Harris, 209; Loewenstark, Dobson, Harris, and last, not least, Lazarus, P.P.G.W. The lodge being opened in a manner which we only can witness at the Lodge of Joppa, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Aloof Pott, Blott, and Meyers were introduced as candidates for the second degree, and after the usual questions, they were solemnly passed to that degree. Next came the raising of Bros. Rossner, Jacobs, and Wright, and by five o'clock the W.M. initiated Messrs. Julius Bernstein, Frederick Bernstein, W. Beck, John Fawcett, and Thos. Miller. After such an amount of business, one would have thought the W.M. had done his duty for the evening, but, to the astonishment of all, at half-past six o'clock, he began to instal his successor, Bro. Berhowitz, as W.M., and he did this, not only to the satisfaction of his numerous friends, but even to his opponents—the latter feeling the wrong they had done him (Bro. Alexander), in opposing his election, so keenly that they moved that the lodge head a subscription for a testimonial to him on his retiring, which was carried with acclamation. In the course of the evening a large amount was subscribed amongst the brethren, which will be presented at next meeting. At half-past seven the brethren adjourned to the banquet-hall, where 110 sat down to a sumptuous dinner. Grace was first said in Hebrew by the W.M., followed by the S.W. in English. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal toast, "The Queen and Craft;" also, "The M.W. Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon," and "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," which were heartily responded to.—At the next toast, "The Past Grand Masters, and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," the W.M. took the opportunity of reminding the brethren that the Lodge of Joppa was the first lodge in the kingdom which offered prayer for the speedy recovery of his Royal Highness. The Lord of Grace had listened to the prayers of the country, the Craft, and the whole inhabitants of the globe, and he was glad to inform the brethren, according to all the latest bulletins, his Royal Highness is steadily recovering. Let us, therefore, now, offer our thanks to the Lord of Mercy for the grace given to the country and the Craft. He further said that, on consideration, we must be convinced, in spite of all medical art, there must be One to guide them; and let us trust that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will not overlook in future that the prayers of humanity, in churches, chapels, synagogues, mosques, &c., to the one God, in whatever form He may have been applied to, have done their utmost. And, next to the God of Grace, he had to thank his fellow-creatures for his recovery.—The toast of "The Visitors," was responded to by Bro. Dyke Clark, Deputy G.M. of

Turkey, who said that, being a P.M. of Europe, Asia, and Africa, he had many opportunities of doing good to all nations, in interpreting in eight different languages, in reconciling man with man, and nation with nation; but, if he learned one lesson, it was, that Freemasons were respected everywhere.—During the evening, Bro. Van Noorden conducted the musical entertainment, assisted by Misses Patty Laven and Ada Percival, and Mr. Wiga. The song, "Our Noble Prince is Safe," by Bro. Louis Emanuel, was charmingly sung by the artistes. Before the lodge was closed, we had the great pleasure of hearing the Secretary, Bro. Albert, P.M., read the report of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, from which it appears that, after assisting, in the course of the past year, a brother with £100, and several others with smaller sums, they still hold invested property worth £1,000 for the benefit of brethren who should be in need and found worthy of assistance. This closed the lodge in perfect harmony, a very comfortable evening having been spent.

PROVINCIAL.

TRURO.—*Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131.*—On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the members of this lodge assembled at their lodge-room, Quay-street, Truro, to celebrate the festival of St. John. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. T. L. Dorrington, and after the initiation of a candidate and the usual business had taken place, the installation of Bro. Alfred W. May, as W.M., for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. R. John, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and the following officers were appointed: Bro. T. L. Dorrington, I.P.M.; W. Middleton, S.W.; N. B. Bullen, J.W.; J. C. R. Crewes, S.D.; H. B. Bullocke, Chap.; T. Chirgwin, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; E. Treleaven, Sec.; J. James, D.C.; Clarke, I.G.; Wellington and Nankivell, Stewards; Langdon, Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Bray's, Red Lion Hotel, where a banquet of the choicest description was prepared. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. May, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Middleton and Bullen, occupied their usual places. Such a gathering of distinguished Masons has not taken place for many years, there being present the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bros. Augustus Smith, Sir F. M. Williams, M.P., P.G.W. of England; Reginald Rogers, D.P.G.M.; W. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.W.; W. J. Hughan, P.P.G. Sec.; T. Solomon, P.P.G.S.W.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec.; J. Hele, P.G. Org.; T. Shum, P.P.G.S.W. of Somerset, Col. Hogg, M.P.; representatives from the Phoenix Lodge, Truro; Druids, Redruth; Boscawen, Chacewater; Tregullow, St. Day, &c., &c. The usual loyal and other toasts were given and ably responded to, that of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales meeting with an enthusiastic reception. Altogether the evening passed most pleasantly, and the gathering augurs well for the future prospects of this lodge and Masonry in the province.

WARRINGTON.—*Lodge of Lights, No. 148.*—The annual meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, December 26th. The W.M., Bro. W. Richardson, was supported by a large number of brethren. The lodge being opened in form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Grime being a candidate for preferment, and having sustained his claim, was entrusted and subsequently passed. The chair was now taken by Bro. John Bowes, P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland, as Installing Master, when Bro. James Jackson, W.M.-elect, was duly presented and installed according to ancient custom. The thanks of the lodge was unanimously voted to Bro. Bowes, and after some other business, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

LANCASTER.—*Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281.*—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 10th Jan., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. There were present: Bros. W. Hall, W.M.; J. D. Moore, G.S.B., I.P.M.; W. Hemings, S.W.; Edward Airey, J.W.; E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec.; W. J. Sly, S.D.; John Harrison, J.D.; R. Taylor, I.G.; J. Stanley, as Tyler; R. Gregson, Steward; G. Kelland, P.M.; and others. After the usual business had been transacted, Bro. Moore proposed, and Bro. Simpson seconded, a donation of five guineas from the lodge funds to constitute the W.M. a Life Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was carried unanimously. Bro. James Taylor, 1051, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. A subscription book of the Hamer Testimonial was presented and directed to be left with the Secretary, and notice to be given to the members of the lodge that subscriptions would be received by him towards that object. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in due form. It was understood that, at the next regular meeting of the lodge, Bro. Dr. Moore would give a short lecture on "Masonic Clothing."

TAVISTOCK, CORNWALL.—*Bedford Lodge, No.*

282.—Bro. R. M. W. Webb was installed W.M. of this lodge on Wednesday, 10th inst., and he appointed the following as officers: Bros. E. Browning, I.P.M., S.W.; J. Walker, J.W.; J. Williams, Treas.; W. R. Northway, Sec.; J. H. Tonkin, S.D.; G. Rowe, J.D.; J. J. Daw, D.C.; B. B. S. Richards, Org.; S. D. Nicholls, I.G.; J. Shenale, S.S.; J. G. R. Harris, J.S.; W. L. Sampson, E. Handy, Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, where a banquet was laid out before them by Bro. Northway. Among the visitors during the day were Bro. W. Derry Pearce, mayor of Launceston; Dr. Merrifield, Plymouth; P. D. Maddox, Launceston; Harvey, Browning, and Husson, Plymouth.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.—*Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 496.*—On Tuesday week the annual meeting of this lodge was held by the brethren and was honoured by the presence of the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. the Rev. F. B. Puall, and E. Carlyon; among the visiting brethren were Bros. W. N. Abbot, W.M. 917; and F. B. Williams, 917. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bro. P. Giles vacated the chair in favour of Bro. B. Brokenshar, who, kindly consented to perform the ceremony of installation of W.M., which he did in his customary efficient manner. Bro. W. Giles being the one whom the brethren had selected to rule over them for the ensuing year, on the conclusion of the beautiful ceremony, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. G. Dyke, P.P.G.O., S.W.; Charles Full, J.W.; Wm. Guy, P.M., Treas.; E. W. P. Kitt, Sec.; Joseph Grose, S.D.; Joseph Lewis, jun., J.D.; John Floyd, I.G.; H. Borrowes, Tyler. After business of ordinary routine, and Bro. W. Guy had consented to become Steward of the Annuity Fund, the brethren and visitors retired to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. A pleasant evening was spent and the brethren separated at an early hour. This lodge will be honoured in the summer by the Provincial Grand Lodge being held in the town, when a large muster of brethren is anticipated.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.—*Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.*—The installation meeting was held at the Town-hall, Devizes, on the 9th instant, for the purpose of placing in the chair, for the second time, Bro. Joseph Burt, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. G. O'Rielly, who, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, resigned the chair to the V.W. Bro. Samuel Wittey, D.P.G.M. Wilts., by whom, assisted by Bro. R. de M. Lawson, P.S.G.W. Wilts., Bro. Burt was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. G. O'Rielly, I.P.M.; F. V. Holloway, P.M. 663, P.P.S.G.D. Wilts., S.W.; J. H. Chandler, J.W.; Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.M., P.G. Chap. England, P.P.G. Chap. Wilts., Chaplain; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; William Nott, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Wilts., Sec.; H. J. Ward, S.D.; T. B. Fox, J.D.; Thos. Waite, P.M., D.C.; John Marsh, I.G.; and J. Hayter and J. Philpott, Tylers. The V.W. Bro. Wittey then, on behalf of the members, presented to the W.M., Bro. Burt, a P.P.S.G. Warden's jewel in gold, which had been subscribed for by them as a token of their recognition of his services to the lodge (of which he was one of the founders) ever since its commencement, and more especially in the office of Treasurer, which he had held during the past ten years. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where there awaited them a banquet, provided in good style by Bro. Raymond, to which Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Eristoke Park, had, as usual, contributed a good supply of venison and game. The W.M. was supported by the officers and brethren of the lodge, and several visitors, including the V.W. Bro. Wittey, P.M., D.P.G.M. Wilts.; Bros. R. de M. Lawson, P.M., P.S.G.W. Wilts.; J. Keaway, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Somerset; Rev. H. Richardson, Chap. 573; and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and after spending a pleasant evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

WINDSOR.—*Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771.*—This lodge held its annual election meeting at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday, January 9th. The W.M., Bro. John Fuller, was supported by Bros. A. B. Wall, S.W.; W. Neighbour, J.W.; Edward Grisbrook, S.D.; W. H. Bingham, J.D.; B. Natali, I.G.; and the following members, viz.: Bros. J. Devereux, S.P.M.; C. Holmes, P.M.; R. Martin, P.M.; C. Holden, Sec.; R. J. Lawton, T. E. Scott, H. Nicholson, W. H. Cutler, John Willett, R. Jeeves, H. Webber, A. Fox, &c., &c. The following visitors were present: Bros. G. H. Powell (P.M.), W. Binnie (S.W.), G. B. Aymore (J.D.), W. Bladen, J. H. S. Reed, P. Lovegrove, all of No. 209; and G. New, of No. 809, British Kafaria. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read. The election of Bro. James Stevens, P.M. of the Macdonald Lodge, as an honorary member of the lodge, in considera-

tion of Masonic services rendered, was unanimously confirmed, and at a subsequent period of the evening, Bro. Stevens was presented, by the Senior Past Master, to the brethren present, and expressed his acknowledgment for the high distinction conferred upon him. The lodge having been duly raised, the sublime degree of Master Mason was taken by Bros. Nicholson, Webber, Jeeves, and Kent. The ceremony of raising was most ably performed by the W.M., the impressiveness of the ritual being considerably enhanced by the appointments of the special chamber devoted to this portion of the Masonic rites. The traditional history having been delivered, the lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. A. B. Wall was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Some further Masonic business was then disposed of, and the brethren adjourned to supper at the White Hart Hotel, after which a brief hour of social enjoyment and performance of loyal, Masonic, and charitable duties was spent before separation.

ALDEBURGH.—*Adair Lodge, No. 936.*—The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge, took place on Friday, the 5th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Wm. Hayward, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. George Harper. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the White Lion Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the W.M., Bro. Hayward, in proposing the health of the Installing Master, referred in appropriate and impressive terms to the assistance rendered to the lodge by Bro. Harper, and presented him with a valuable P.M. jewel, as a token of respect which the brethren bear towards him, and in appreciation of his services during the two years he has filled the Master's chair.

ULVERSTON.—*Lodge of Furness, No. 995.*—The first regular monthly convocation for the year of this flourishing lodge took place in the Temple, Theatre-street, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., when there was a good number of brethren present. The W.M., Bro. R. Pearson, officiated as the humble representative of King Solomon. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Robert Blake was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the lodge being closed down to the first degree, Mr. John Hartley and Mr. William Kirkby were balloted for and duly elected as fit and proper persons to be admitted to the mysteries of the Order, and Mr. Hartley being present, was regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry according to ancient form. The ceremonies in both degrees being admirably rendered by the W.M., whose proficiency in the ritual has been frequently demonstrated by his efficient and careful working of the other offices he has previously passed through in the lodge. The W.M. was supported by his officers as follows: Bros. Roger Dodgson, S.W.; W. Harrison, J.W.; James Postlethwaite, S.D.; the J.D., John Gelder, was absent through indisposition, and his post was filled by a Past Officer; Wm. Whiteside, I.G.; Paxton, Sec.; Brockbank, Treas.; Bell and Lockett, Stewards. The lectures in the first and second degrees were rendered in an able and impressive manner by Bro. Roger Dodgson, S.W., whose ability in the Craft promises well for his advancement to the higher post of W.M., the duties of which he is so thoroughly conversant with and so eminently qualified to perform. The W.M., at the close of the business, brought forward the subject of Bro. Hamer's (P.P.G. Treas. W.L.) Testimonial Fund, which he ably advocated, and explained that it was hoped to raise sufficient funds for the purpose of buying a scholarship, to be attached to one of the Charities, and to be called the "Hamer Scholarship," and thus perpetuate the name in that most Masonic of manners, a perpetual charity. A special circular to each member was resolved upon, and it is hoped a fair contribution will be made up. The lodge was then closed in solemn form.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.—*Earl of Durham Lodge, No. 1274.*—The second annual meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Chester-le-street, on Wednesday, January 3rd. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Gray, assisted by his officers. A goodly number of the brethren being present, and the minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. the Rev. John Crennell, P.M. 104, and member of 305 and 1274, who had consented to officiate as Installing Master, the W.M.-elect, Bro. A. Harkness, P.S.W., was duly presented by Bro. Blackett, P.M. 124, and member of this lodge, when Bro. Crennell proceeded with the ceremony of installation in a most able, eloquent, and impressive manner, which repeatedly elicited the hearty approval of the brethren present. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. John Gray, I.P.M.; W. Coxon, S.W.; J. Turnbull, J.W.; Rev. F. W. Bewsher, Chap.; J. Crawford, Treas.; W. Little, Sec.;

J. Jackson, S.D.; G. T. Manners, J.D.; G. Ridley, I.G.; R. F. Gibson, S.S.; H. Dickson, J.S.; and J. Burnup, Tyler. The festival having been postponed to March from unavoidable causes, the new W.M. invited the brethren to refreshment in the room under the lodge. After partaking of which, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in a thoroughly fraternal spirit, a most agreeable and pleasant evening being brought to a close by the brethren separating at 10.30 p.m.

### ORDERS OF CHIVALRY.

#### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

PRESTON.—*Prince of Peace Encampment.*—The regular assembly of the Knights of this encampment was held on Monday, the 15th January, at the Masonic Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston. The E.C., Sir Kt. John Walker, Prov. G. Standard-bearer, presided, and was supported by Sir Kts. W. H. Wright, D.P.G. Com.; Colonel Birchall, P. Grand Hospitaller; G. P. Brockbank, First Grand Capt.; Major Wilson, P.G. Standard-bearer; George Galoway, Prov. G. Sub-Prior; Worsley, P. Prov. G. Standard-bearer; J. Daniel Moore, *M.D.*, First Captain; Capt. A. H. H. Whitehead, Reg.; and others. The encampment was opened in due form by the E.C., and the general business transacted. The ballot was taken for five candidates for the honour of admission into the Order, all of whom were unanimously elected, and the Eminent Dep. G. Commander, Sir Kt. Wright, having been entrusted with the baton of command, proceeded, in that faultless and impressive manner for which he is so justly distinguished, to instal as Knights Companions of the Order of the Temple, Comp. W. J. Sly, of the Rowley Chapter, Lancaster, and Comps. Captain Lockhart and S. T. Parkinson, of the Unanimity Chapter, Preston, the important duties of Expert being very effectively rendered by Sir Kt. Brockbank, and the symbols explained by Sir Kt. Dr. Moore. The members then proceeded to the choice of an Eminent Commander for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of the present First Captain of the encampment, Sir Kt. Moore, to that office. The business of the evening being ended, the encampment was duly closed, and the members adjourned to refreshment.

### INSTRUCTION.

The Lodge of Instruction held at Bro. James Avery's, Queen's Arms, Weston-street, London-bridge, which has been established some five years, continues to meet as usual every Monday evening, at eight o'clock. Extensive alterations have recently been made in the lodge-room, which now affords greater conveniences than formerly. The two rooms in the front of the house, on the first floor, have been made into one room, and every attention has been paid to the promotion of the comfort of the brethren. The three ceremonies only are worked at this lodge, and a good opportunity is afforded to any young Mason who wishes to work up.

EASTERN STAR.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction, held at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, on Monday evening, 5th February, at seven o'clock, by fifteen members of the Metropolitan Lodge. Bro. Brett will preside as W.M. on the occasion. These friendly visits of different lodges, for the purpose of working the sections, were commenced by the Doric Lodge and the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, and will undoubtedly tend to secure that uniformity of working which is so desirable in Craft Masonry. We trust that the brethren of the Eastern Star will give their Metropolitan visitors a hearty greeting.

CONFIDENCE.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday next, January 24th, at Bro. Forster's, the Railway Tavern, London-street, City, on which occasion Bro. Stacey, P.M., will preside. To commence at seven o'clock punctually.

The "Royal Albert Edward" Lodge, No. 1362, will be consecrated at the Town Hall, Redhill, on Thursday next, the 25th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 26, 1872.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of lodges and chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, JAN. 20.

Audit Committee Boys' School.  
Lodge 715, Panmure, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
" 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Lewisham.  
" 1329, Sphinx, Stirling Castle Tavern, Church-st., Camberwell.  
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.  
Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7; Bros. Thomas and Worthington, Preceptors.  
Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

#### MONDAY, JAN. 22.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's, St. James's.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (15), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. James Terry, Preceptor.  
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
Camden Lodge of Instruction (701), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.  
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.  
St. James' Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.  
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Willey, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.  
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 7; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

#### TUESDAY, JAN. 23.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 205, Israel.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.  
" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.  
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.  
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Artillery Arms, Rochester-row, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotnamme, Preceptor.  
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.  
Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.  
Ben Jonson Lodge of Instruction, Ben Jonson, Goodman's-yard, at 8.  
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.  
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
" 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.  
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; J. Robt. Nab, Preceptor.  
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (223), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales' Road, Kentish Town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7½.  
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.  
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.  
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 25.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tav., Bishopsgate-street.  
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street.  
" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
" 766, William Preston, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.  
" 1362, Royal Albert Edward, Town Hall, Redhill (Consecration).  
Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge-house Hotel, Southwark.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.  
The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Ceremony, explanations of Banners and Ensigns, and part sections.  
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Goat and Compasses, Euston-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.  
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal Hill Greenwich, at 8.  
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.  
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30.

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 26.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 509, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury.  
K.T. Encampment, Faith & Fidelity, Freemasons' Tav. Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Htl., Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.  
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Htl. Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, at 6; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.  
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, Preceptor.  
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales' Road, N.W., at 8.  
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Gladstone Tavern, Brompton-road, S.W.  
United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.  
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.  
St. James' Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8.  
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.  
Burdett Counts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.  
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.  
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee, P.M. 193, W.M. 1298, Preceptor.  
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. Wes Smith, Preceptor.

The following stand over till next week:—"Freemasonry in the United States," by Bro. W. J. Hughan; "Freemasonry and Jacobitism," by "Errol;" Consecration of a Lodge at Oldbury, West Lancashire; Festival of Lodge 345; Song by Bro. Cameron; also reports of Lodges 73, 143, 597, 619, 1059, 1113, 1331, St. Andrew's (Nova Scotia), and St. Stephen's (Edinburgh).

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Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

THE FESTIVAL of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, London, on Wednesday, 31st January, 1872, under the presidency of THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL PERCY, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

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Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons or their Widows.

ELECTION, MAY, 1872.

THE favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM ALLISON, AGED 62 YEARS.

He has been a Mason 27 years, having been initiated into the Barton Lodge, No. 733, in Hamilton, Canada West, in 1844; Exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 733, in 1845; Joined the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, in 1848. Became a Knight Templar in 1856. He suffered a considerable time from disease of the throat, rendering it necessary for him, thirteen years ago, to undergo an operation; the result of which and old age unfits him to contribute anything towards his own support. He is entirely dependent on the small sum he receives from three Lodges and one Chapter as their Tyler. He was formerly in good circumstances, having been a Foreman in a Boot and Shoemakers' Warehouse, in Canada.

The case is strongly recommended by

- Bro. the Right Worshipful FREDERICK PATTISON, P.G. Warden; 57 1/2 Old Broad-street, E.C. † G. BOLTON, P.M., 169, 147, 1155, P.Z. 169; Russell-street, Rotherhithe. † C. COUPLAND, P.M. 913, A.S. No. 13 Chapter; Burrage-road, Plumstead, S.E. † SAMUEL MAY, P.M., P.G.S., 23, 101, 780, 87, 1185, Grand Stewards' Lodge, V.P. † EDWARD ARNOULIN, P.S.W., No. 12, 172; St. John's-street, Clerkenwell. † C. W. ASHDOWN, S.W. 1076; Lime Villa, Gurney-road, Stratford, E. † F. T. P. BIRTS, 13, P.M. 829; Powis-street, Woolwich. † G. B. DAVIS, W.M. 13; Wellington-street, Woolwich. † J. DELLAGANE, P.J.W., No. 12, 172; St. John's-street. † C. A. ELLIS, P.M. and W.M., No. 913; 19, Vicarage Park, Plumstead. † JOHN GRAYDON, P.M. 13 and 913, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 13 Chapter, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. † W. J. GRAHAM, W.M. 700; Albion-terrace, Charlton. † J. HENDERSON, P.M. 13, 829, 913, 1107, P.Z. 13; 33, Eleanor-road, Woolwich. † MCKIBERNAN, 192, 1288; 62, St. John's-square, Clerkenwell. † KNIGHT, W.M. 1107, J.W. 913, P.G.S. Kent. † GEORGE KENNING (V.P.), P.M. 192, J.W. 1293, P.G.D. Middlesex; Upper Sydenham, S.E. † S. H. PAIR, S.W. 913, 1107; Artillery-place, Woolwich. † PICKING, P.M. 13, and 1227, 1076; 28, Victoria-grove, South Hornsey. † J. ROWLAND, P.M. 700. † C. J. SUTTON, P.M. 55 and 1107, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; 268, City-road. † EDWARD WEST, W.M. 1327, P.M. 1076, S.G.D., Herts.; North Woolwich.

Gentlemen against whose name it appears will be thankful to receive proxies on behalf of William Allison, 44, William Street, Woolwich

Boys and Girls' Proxies will be gladly received for the purpose of exchange at Bro. W. Francis', No. 8, Red Lion-square, London; Bro. Ed. West, North Woolwich; and Bro. Kenning, Upper Sydenham, London.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ELECTION—APRIL, 1872.

THE Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

BEATRICE MARY WRAY, AGED 8.

Her father, Bro. WILLIAM WRAY, formerly a ship-builder at Burton Stather, Lincolnshire, was a Subscribing Member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, and the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull, died suddenly of apoplexy on the 5th June, 1871. His widow is left with three children, all under fourteen years of age (another shortly expected), with very inadequate means to educate and support them.

The case is strongly recommended by the Provincial Grand Board of Benevolence of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and the following Brethren:—

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