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## GRAND LODGE of IRELAND.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge was held on Friday, 26th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, to adopt addresses of congratulation to her Majesty and the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Most Worshipful his Grace the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master, presided.

The following Grand Officers were present: R.W. Robert William Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. the Right Hon. William Meredyth, Lord Athlumney, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Arthur Bushe, Grand Treasurer; R.W. the Rev. John James MacSorley and R.W. the Rev. Lord Plunket, Grand Chaplains; the Hon. David R. Plunket, *Q.C.*, *M.P.*, Junior Grand Deacon; Charles D. Astley, Grand Superintendent of Works; Theophilus E. St. George, Grand Steward; George Hepburn, Grand Sword-bearer; Francis Quin, Grand Organist; Stuart Nassau Lane, Grand Inner Guard; Charles T. Walmisley, Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer; Samuel B. Oldham, Assistant Secretary.

The representatives from foreign lodges were: From the Grand Orient of France, R.W. Sir Edward R. Borough, Bart.; from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, R.W. J. Faviere Elrington, *LL.D.*; from the Grand Lodge of Spain, R.W. Captain A. Vesey Davoren; from the Grand Lodge of Canada, R.W. James V. Mackey; from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, R.W. Lucius H. Deering; from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, R.W. John Cottle; from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, R.W. George Huband; from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lisbon, W. John H. Goddard. The attendance of the brethren was very large.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form,

The Grand Secretary read letters of excuse from non-attendance from Charles A. Cameron, *M.D.*; R. B. De Burgh, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Illinois; Godfrey Brereton, *R.M.*, Past Representative from the Grand Lodge of England; and Sir William Hort, Bart., Past Grand Secretary for Ireland.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who was greeted with applause, rose and said: Brethren, I believe there is no occasion for me to address you on the reason I have called this lodge of emergency. The addresses that will be proposed to you will so fully express my opinion, and, I am cer-

tain, your opinion, that I think the best way is to go to business at once. (Hear, hear.)

The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master called on Lord Athlumney to move the first address.

Lord Athlumney rose and said: Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, we are assembled here under the presidency of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, whom we are all so glad to see in health and strength amongst us. (Hear, hear.) We are assembled upon what I consider a very solemn and very joyful occasion. These two adjectives may appear at first to be somewhat antagonistic, but in reality they are not so. I am sure no one can have regarded the events of the last few months without entertaining the most sincere and deep interest regarding the health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Hear, hear.) It seems but a short time since his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Patron of the Freemasons of Ireland, addressed us in the plenitude of health and strength from the dais. He addressed us in a speech which we all remember—a speech which should never be forgotten by those who heard it. (Hear, hear.) It was a noble, a manly, a sincere, and a Masonic speech. (Hear, hear.) Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, it seems as if the plaudits with which his departure from this hall was accompanied are still ringing in our ears. When we heard that he was struck down and laid on the bed of sickness, suffering under a most severe malady—an attack of such severity that we heard of it with fear rather than hope—we all remember what anxiety we suffered, and never, I think, was exhibited more universal national sympathy than during that very trying period. (Hear, hear.) It is said we know not what a day may bring forth—we know not even what an hour may bring forth. We open our morning journals with fear and trepidation. I always myself, and I am sure hundreds of others did the same, looked first of all to see if there were any black edge to the papers before we almost dared to open them. We did not know what an hour might bring forth—we might have heard “the silver cord was loosed and the golden bowl was broken, and that the mourners were going about the streets.” But now it has happened otherwise. A nation's prayers have been heard. The destroying angel that knocks with such stern impartiality at the palace of the Prince and the cottage of the peasant obeyed the Higher Power. The Great Physician heard the nation's prayer—the messenger of death stayed his hand and passed away. We cannot have contemplated these events, I say, without having aroused our deepest emotions of sympathy. And now how different, now how joyous and how joyful, it will be to you to propose an address to her Most Gracious Majesty, congratulating her that the Prince of Wales, her beloved son, has been restored to health, and that her widowed heart has been spared a fresh pang. The address will speak for itself. I have great pleasure in proposing it for your adoption, and I am sure it will receive unanimous assent, being the heartfelt congratulations of the Freemasons of Ireland. (Applause).

“To her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

“May it please your Majesty—We, the Freemasons of Ireland, in Grand Lodge assembled, desire most respectfully to approach your Gracious Majesty with the expression of our most sincere gratification at the recovery of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from his recent illness.

“During the severe and trying ordeal to which the dangerous and protracted illness of his Royal

Highness subjected your Majesty, we forbore to intrude on your Majesty by giving utterance to the feelings of profound sympathy by which we were actuated; but, now that by the merciful interposition of Divine Providence all anxiety has been happily removed, we beg to tender to your Majesty our earnest and heartfelt congratulations on the restoration to health of his Royal Highness, and, at the same time, to assure your Most Gracious Majesty of our unswerving loyalty and attachment to your Majesty and the various members of your Royal family, who, following the bright example set them by your Majesty, have, by their unremitting and loving attention to his Royal Highness in his hour of need, won for themselves universal admiration and esteem.”

The Right Hon. Judge Townsend, who was received with great applause, had great pleasure in being called upon by his respected brother and esteemed friend, the Deputy Grand Master, to second the address which had been just read. When addresses of congratulation and professions of loyalty to the throne of England, and attachment to the person of our Gracious Queen, are pouring in from all quarters, I think it would not be becoming of the representative body of the Freemasons of Ireland to be last in affording their homage, and their assurances of their sympathy with their Queen in her hour of trial. Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to express, in a public manner, to her subjects at large, the feelings of gratification which she felt at the expressions of sympathy which she received from her people in the hour of need. It was well and wise of her to express those feelings. That natural, simple, and heartfelt expression of gratitude to her people had thrilled the heart of every one of her subjects; and they now came forward assured that she would feel towards them as she had felt to so many others—glad that they had been able to appreciate her distress, and thankful that they could join in the joy that must fill her heart in finding her beloved son restored to life, and our country rescued from the danger which the death of the Heir to the Throne of these realms threatened us with. (Hear, hear.) It was but a short time since we opened our papers with trepidation—we looked into each other's faces with anxious and gloomy expressions, and hardly dared to whisper the hope for what had now ripened into certainty—that God has been pleased to spare his Royal Highness to his family and the nation. We ought all to be thankful for this. It was not long since the thunders of a terrible war pealed at our doors, and men gazed aghast on the scenes of the terrible carnage on the battle-field of France—an Emperor flung from his throne, and the heart of Europe shaken to its very centre. They looked on silently. But dark clouds lowered still on the distant horizon which the eye of man could not penetrate. Did they not sometimes see ghastly and fearful figures flit forward from that darkness. Had they not heard of the dark examples of that strange association whose creed is Atheism, whose object is revolution? When we heard of that, and when we knew what dangers might have impended upon us, he scarcely could believe that there were men—and yet it was to be feared that there were in these kingdoms—vile enough, and having courage enough, for the machination of their evil designs. Thank God, they were not of us. (Hear, hear.) If there were any of us among them, they profited not by our teaching. He was not so ignorant of his duty as a Mason as to suppose that that temple in which they were met—constituted to benevolence, to charity, and to brotherly love—was to be contravened by political discussions. He was not the man to make

the floor of the Grand Lodge the arena for political strife; but still he would say this, that with the Freemasons of Ireland such doctrines as these had found no sympathy at all. (Hear, hear.) So far as his experience went, and it reached a great way, those ancient and solemn charges which had been so often repeated—which, in the course of his long duties, he had had occasion to pronounce within those walls—laid down the injunction to Freemasons to be peaceable subjects of the state, loyal to our Queen, kind to our brethren, industrious in working our way through the world; and they had not been employed in plots or conspiracies, nor had there been a single complaint made that discussions in our lodges of such propositions had been for a moment entertained. (Hear, hear.) When the Prince of Wales came amongst them, they welcomed him as their patron and brother. When he would come amongst them again, he trusted his Royal Highness would find manly and generous hearts like his own, ready to shed their last drop of blood in defence of himself and his throne. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He trusted that God, in His Providence, would spare her Majesty to rule over these kingdoms for many years, and that we should live as we would wish ourselves—in peace, love, and harmony with all the world. (Hear, hear.) But, if it be so that God otherwise ordered, he trusted that, if the day came when we must fight for our altars, for our homes, for our lives, and for our liberties, Queen Victoria and her people would find that there is a God who ruleth on the earth who can make her triumphant over all her enemies. (Loud and protracted applause.)

The address was unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Lord Plunket, who was cordially received, moved the adoption of an address to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. They were met on the present occasion, not for the purpose of adulation, nor were they met for the purpose of any political demonstration. (Hear, hear.) Such an object would be utterly inconsistent with the principles of Masonry. (Hear, hear.) But, while they did not feel it their duty to cringe obsequiously at the feet of any person, however exalted his position, yet they were bound by the laws of Masonry to show their loyal emotions to those who are in authority over us. (Hear, hear.) Regarding political demonstrations, they would be less than men if they did not feel a great interest in all those important questions which agitate the minds of the people in this country at the present time; but when they entered the Grand Lodge Room they no longer recognised any differences—they forgot whether they were Whigs, or Tories, or Liberals. Even the deeply-interesting question of Home Rule must be left behind when they entered the room. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) They also forgot religious differences in lodge; but they remembered each one of them that they had a common God. They were bound by the laws of Masonry to remember that they were to depend upon the will of the Great Architect of the Universe. What called them together to-day was the common tie of brotherhood—the feeling of sympathy which they must all extend to those who have been suffering in sorrow, or those who at that moment were in the possession of joy; and, especially, they felt their sympathies drawn but to those who belonged to their own Brotherhood, and, moreover, to that illustrious brother who had done them the honour, and done himself the honour, of becoming a member of the Masonic Brotherhood. ("Hear, hear,"

and applause.) He moved the adoption of the following address:—

*"To his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Patron of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland."*

"May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Freemasons of Ireland, in Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express to your Royal Highness our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on your restoration to health.

"As Freemasons, both individually and collectively, and as loyal subjects, we are animated by feelings of the deepest gratitude and thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe, who, of His infinite wisdom and goodness, has been graciously pleased to hear and answer the nation's prayer, and has raised your Royal Highness from a bed of sickness, and will, we sincerely trust, restore you to perfect health and strength, enabling you to resume the responsible duties of the high station you are called upon to fill.

"And we fervently pray that a prosperous and happy life may be vouchsafed to you, and that you may long be spared to support, by your influence and example, the noble principles of our Order, with which you have so closely and warmly identified yourself."

General Dunne seconded the motion. He spoke of the deep sympathy evoked by the illness of the Prince of Wales, and he thought it was certain that the feelings of the country, except it might be to a very small extent, were true to the Queen and Constitution.

The address was approved of.

The Earl of Charlemont proposed the succeeding address in appropriate terms:—

*"To her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales."*

"May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Freemasons of Ireland, in Grand Lodge assembled, respectfully approach your Royal Highness to offer to you our most hearty congratulations on the convalescence of your Royal husband the Prince of Wales.

"While the heart of the whole empire shared in your sorrow and suffering during that time of gloom and woe when your Royal husband lay sick, as it seemed, even unto death, none more deeply sympathised with you than the loyal body of Freemasons of Ireland, who were honoured with his patronage, and hoped long to enjoy his favour.

"As we mourned with you in your anxiety, as we prayed with you and for you in your trial, so we now rejoice with you in the great mercy which God has vouchsafed to you and to us.

"With feelings of profound emotion and admiration, we witnessed the exhibition of those virtues which your great sorrow and trial brought out so brightly—the love and devotion of the wife—the tender and unwearied ministrations of the woman—the piety and faith in God that sustained you to endure, to trust, and to be resigned—and that noble simplicity of character which is the highest grace of an exalted nature. The hand that smote us so heavily we can now recognise as dispensing great blessings, teaching us the value of the life thus spared to us, and evoking the love and loyalty of the nation.

"May this great trial through which you and your beloved husband have passed sanctify your hearts and strengthen your affections; and may God grant you both a long life in love and honour and prosperity."

Sir Edward Borough, Bart., seconded the proposition, and thought there was not a more popular lady in the British empire than the illustrious lady whom they were congratulating on the restoration to health of her beloved husband, and, high as she stood before, she would stand higher still in the affections of the people.

The address was unanimously adopted.

Master Bushe, in moving a vote of thanks to the Grand Master, said the honour of receiving the Heir to the Throne of these realms in that hall, and installing him as their patron was due to the efforts of his

Grace the Duke of Leinster. (Hear, hear.) They all held in great affection their venerated and illustrious Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) He accordingly moved, "That the best thanks of the Grand Lodge of Ireland be and are hereby tendered to his Grace the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master, for having called the brethren together on the present auspicious occasion, and for the great solicitude he has invariably evinced in the general interests of the Order." (Enthusiastic applause.)

The Hon. David Plunket, *Q.C., M.P.*, seconded the motion, and said they owed much to the Grand Master, and when they were assembled on great occasions, his presence lent dignity and importance to their meetings, ("Hear, hear," and applause.)

The Deputy Grand Master: I do not put the motion to you to say "Yes," or "No," but I ask you to pass it with all the acclamation you can. (Great applause.)

The M.W. the Grand Master: Brethren, I assure you I feel deeply the very kind manner in which you have received this resolution. It gives me great pleasure to have health and strength to be able, at my age, to attend to-day on this very important occasion. We, it may be supposed, are not the first in the field, but I did not like to call you together until we were certain that his Royal Highness was in that state that we could congratulate him on his recovery. (Hear, hear.) I am sure you agree with me that it was much better to suppress our feelings until we could warmly give expression to them. Again thanking you, I beg to sit down. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

The lodge was then closed.—*Dublin Evening Mail.*

#### THE R. WENTWORTH LITTLE TESTIMONIAL.

A meeting of the Committee in support of the above testimonial met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday evening, the 25th ultimo, Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M. for Middlesex, in the chair. Others present: Bros. John Hervey (Treasurer), Barrett, Moss, Boyd, Rosenthal, Levander, and Kenning.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Hervey, the Treasurer, reported that he had in hand £288 12s. 6d.

Bro. J. T. Moss then presented the address, which was agreed to by the Committee.

It was resolved "That a handsome clock be purchased, on which a suitable inscription should be engraved, together with a purse containing £300, be presented to Bro. Robert Wentworth Little by several brethren, in token of their high admiration of his personal qualities, and in recognition of his ability and zeal in promoting the interests of Freemasonry in all its branches."

It was also resolved "That the testimonial should be presented to Bro. Little at a public dinner, to be held at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 24th February, at six o'clock in the evening, and that notice should be sent to every subscriber, with a view to his being present on that occasion."

The meeting concluded with the usual courteous vote to the chairman.

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## GRAND LODGE of SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on Monday evening, 5th February, 1872, in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the throne. The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, and the preliminary business disposed of, the Grand Master moved that addresses of congratulation on the restoration to health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be forwarded to her Majesty the Queen and to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. (Cheers.) He was quite sure there was no body of men in the kingdom who excelled the Freemasons of Scotland in their feelings of anxiety during what her Majesty called those "terrible days." (Cheers.) And he was sure there was no body of men who excelled them in satisfaction when they found that the Prince had been enabled to overcome his severe illness. That he had passed through so terrible a crisis, and was now in a fair way of recovery, must, he thought, be matter of gratification to everybody in these realms. He was sure that the Grand Lodge would join in praying that the Almighty Architect of the Universe might see fit to preserve the life of his Royal Highness for the benefit of this country; and that he might be destined to come forth—though changed and weakened from the illness he had undergone—better than ever fitted to discharge those important duties which his Royal Highness might one day be called to perform. (Loud cheers.) The addresses were then read by the Grand Clerk, and were in the following terms:—

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

Most Gracious Sovereign,—We, your Majesty's loyal subjects, Francis Robert, Earl of Rosslyn, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., Right Worshipful Depute Grand Master; Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master, for ourselves and the other office-bearers and members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as well as in the name of the whole Fraternity of Scottish Freemasons throughout the world, beg leave to approach your royal presence with our dutiful and most cordial congratulations on the happy occasion of the recovery of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from his late most dangerous illness. We humbly avail ourselves of this occasion to convey our expressions of loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's royal person and family with feelings of that true, fraternal, and sincere sympathy with which we as Freemasons welcome every event which conduces to the happiness of so beloved and exemplary a sovereign.

That it may please Him by whom kings reign to shower down upon your Majesty and your royal house His divine blessing, and long spare in re-invigorated health and strength the life of his Royal Highness, our illustrious patron, so very dear to the Masonic Craft, as well as to the whole nation, is our humble but sincere prayer.

Given at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, in full Grand Lodge assembled, this fifth day of February, anno domini 1872, anno lucis 5876.

(Signed) ROSSLYN, Grand Master.

*To her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.*

We, the Right Hon. Francis Robert, Earl of Rosslyn, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., Right Worshipful Depute Grand Master; Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master, for ourselves and the other office-bearers and members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as well as in the name of the entire Fraternity of Scottish Freemasons throughout the world, approach your Royal Highness with the warmest expression of our heartfelt congratulation on the happy restoration to comparative health of our much beloved and illustrious patron, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

We gladly embrace this opportunity to express our most loyal and dutiful attachment to your Royal Highness, your royal consort, and family, and most earnestly pray the Great Father, the Great Architect of the Universe, to bestow upon your Royal Highnesses and your royal house every blessing and happiness, combined with long life, health, and prosperity.

Given at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, in full Grand Lodge, assembled, this fifth day of February, anno domini 1872, anno lucis 5876.

(Signed) ROSSLYN, Grand Master.

The addresses were most enthusiastically adopted by the assembled brethren. They were beautifully inscribed in vellum by Bros. Melville

and Adamson. Charters were ordered to be expedited for new lodges: "Jacob's Deale," Cape of Good Hope; "Cosmos," Lima; "Peace and Progress," Lima; "Abbotsford," Gulgung, New South Wales; and "St. Andrew," New Pittsligo. The resignation of Bro. Brodie of Brodie as Prov. Grand Master of Inverness-shire, on the ground of ill-health, was accepted with regret. It was unanimously resolved to submit the name of Bro. William Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden, to the Grand Lodge of Sweden, for appointment as their representative of this Grand Lodge, vacant by the decease of Bro. W. A. Lurie. Several motions from last quarterly communication were then disposed of. Among others was that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:—

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.

His Lordship urged the necessity for the motion, going into full details of Grand Lodge affairs and interests. He stated that, having sent down his proposal to the various lodges, he had received in reply the strongest expressions of sympathy with the object in view. He had that morning received from the Prov. Grand Master of Berwickshire a very cordial letter, enclosing a cheque for £10 towards the fund sought to be instituted. His lordship intimated his intention of heading a subscription-list for the establishment of an orphan school with the donation of 100 guineas. His Lordship's motion was seconded by Bro. Mann, and was carried amid the acclamations of the brethren. A motion for the recognition of a Past Master's ceremonial was also carried, and the details remitted to a committee to report upon. It was also agreed that precedence in Grand Lodge be accorded to all Past Grand Masters in their Order. Several new motions, including that of the Grand Master for working out his project, were then tabled for discussion at next meeting, and thereafter Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

## Original Correspondence.

## FREEMASONRY AND ISRAELITISM.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

DEAR SIR,—Will you please allow me space in *THE FREEMASON*, to call the attention of W.E.N. to the paragraphs in your last impression, which in the reading struck me as an error, arising from an oversight, and not a want of knowledge, viz.:—"He sent them first to the . . . scattered through the nations." "And, here, it is important . . . and other parts of Asia Minor." I have for some time been interested in this subject, and have always thought that *nine* tribes only, were carried away by the Assyrians, Benjamin being left until after the time of Christ, closely connected with the Jews, or tribe of Judah, with whom were also the Levites, who, with Judah, went into captivity to Babylon, and with them returned to Jerusalem, remaining there with Judah, when Benjamin, in obedience to the warning of Christ, finally separated from Judah and followed after the nine tribes, at or before the actual commencement of the siege of Jerusalem and the final dispersion of the Jews, Judah and Levi.

I am not learned, but desire to know the truth, and therefore call attention to this, that if it is an error it may be put right; and if I am mistaken, I trust my brother W.E.N. will kindly show me wherein, that together we may know and rejoice in the truth.

Excuse my troubling you, and believe me  
Yours fraternally,

J. B. 731

King's Lynn, January 31, 1872.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.]

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday evening, the 31st ultimo, at Freemasons' Tavern, the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, *M.P.*, Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, in the chair. The attendance of brethren on the occasion was large and influential, and the President of the day had the gratification of finding that the objects for whom he had undertaken to plead—the aged and helpless—were not the less cared for because the young and strong find so many supporters. It has frequently occurred to us to have to place the benefits which this Charity provides before the brethren; but, in case the good it does may not be generally known, we would again state that it gives a weekly allowance to decayed brethren and the widows of deceased brethren, either to be enjoyed at the almshouses at Croydon (when there is a vacancy), or in the voluntary residences of the pensioners. To the receipt of the pension, candidates have to be elected in the same way as the sons and daughters of Freemasons obtain admission to the schools, with this difference, that a subscription of five shillings a year secures to the subscriber one vote at the annual election of the Benevolent Institution, on the third Friday in May, while a guinea annually paid to either the Boys' or Girls' School obtains one vote at each half-yearly election, in April and October, in whichever Institution the money is paid to.

At the conclusion of the banquet, grace "For these and all Thy mercies," was beautifully sung by the professional ladies and brethren, and the toastmaster then cried "Silence for the Chairman," and the toasts of the evening were commenced. In giving the first toast,

The Chairman said: Brethren, the first toast which I have this evening to call your attention to is one which will require no words of mine to recommend it to your acceptance; it is that of "Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria." (Cheers.) It is a very common saying that the empire over which our sovereign reigns is one upon which the sun never sets. From the whole of that great empire have gone up the prayers of all her subjects, for every heart has felt the deepest sympathy for her in her joy and in her sorrow; but of this I am sure that, although this has been a spectacle which has never been equalled, I believe, in any other country or nation since the world began, yet from none have prayers more fervent been offered, none have felt more deep and sincere sympathy than those subjects who are the citizens of an empire which is co-extensive with that of her Majesty, I mean the subjects of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I feel that I need not detain you longer, but that I should at once ask you to drink this toast with that cordiality with which Masons are accustomed to receive it, and which is more especially called for at such a time as this. Brethren, I give you, "Her Majesty the Queen."

The toast was drunk with all the honours

and followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Chairman again rose and said: Brethren, the next toast upon the list which I see before me is that of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon," who is also the President of this Institution. (Hear, hear.) We all know how great the merits of our Grand Master are. (Hear, hear.) They need be great, because he followed one who was, I believe, one of the most popular Grand Masters who ever sat upon the throne. (Hear, hear.) But I believe that our present Grand Master is not one whit less popular—(hear, hear)—nor less likely to discharge faithfully, zealously, and ably the duties which fall to his lot to discharge. (Hear, hear.) We all—at least, I have no doubt, a great number of you here present—heard the remarkably good speech he made with reference to the events of the last two months at the Grand Lodge last week. We all felt, I believe, that he expressed fully our feelings, and that, in occupying the place which he does, he is the fittest exponent that we possibly could have of the feelings of the Freemasons of England. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I give you "The Health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon."

After a song from Miss Banks,

The Chairman rose and said: Ladies and Brethren, I approach the next toast which I have to propose to you with very different feelings from those with which I have proposed the other healths. There is something connected with one of the two names which I have now to present to your notice which, I trust, never has been connected with it before, and which, I trust, by God's blessing, we shall never have associated with it again. (Hear, hear.) I have to propose to you "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Zetland, our Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters." (Cheers.) Brethren, I expected that this toast would be cordially received by you, and I see that I shall not be disappointed in my expectation. This is the first great Masonic gathering which I believe has occurred since, I hope I may now call it, the recovery of his Royal Highness. (Hear, hear.) It is a very old saying that we never know how precious anything is until we lose it. Loyalty was always a characteristic of Freemasons, I have always believed that Freemasons were amongst the most loyal subjects in the land—(hear, hear)—but yet I believe that it required that we should see our beloved Prince in imminent danger before we felt how dearly we loved him and how great his loss would be. I remember well how cordially he was welcomed as a Freemason when he first came amongst us. I am certain that during his future career, and most certainly in those parts of it which are in any degree chequered with sorrow or distress—and I trust they may in future be few and far between—(hear, hear)—he will receive the same sympathy, and the same cordial feelings will be extended towards him as we extended when he first came amongst us. (Hear, hear.) I must not allow myself to forget the other name which is connected with this toast—one which it would ill become us to forget while we sit in this place, for I think that all we see around us speaks of the prosperous reign of our Past Grand Master, Lord Zetland. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, we should never forget our old friends, least of all our benefactors, and least still Lord Zetland. I give you "The Health of the Worshipful Past Grand Masters, the Earl of Zetland and the Prince of Wales."

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and was followed by the choir singing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The Chairman on rising to propose the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers, said: Ladies and Brethren, I have now to propose to you "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." (Cheers.) I am sorry that the Earl of Carnarvon is not in a condition at present to take part in our Masonic gatherings; but, I trust, that, ere long, he will be sufficiently recovered again to come amongst us. I have lately heard that he is in a fair way towards recovery, and I trust that we may see him again in Grand Lodge. We all were glad when the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's choice fell upon him. (Hear, hear.) He is an old and experienced Mason; he has shown himself well fitted for the highest posts both in the country and in Masonry, and, I think, we are all agreed that he is the right man in the right place. (Hear, hear.) Of the present and past Grand Officers I need say but little. You, brethren, who are, most of you, I have no doubt, much more constant attendants in Grand Lodge than I am, are much more aware of their merits than I can be; but I know that it is usually reported that no Grand Lodge in the world, no Grand Master, is so well supported by his Grand Officers as the Grand Master of England. ("Hear, hear," and cheers.) I shall couple with this toast the name of one who is known to you all, and who is much valued for his many merits, and particularly for those which he exercises in Masonry—I mean Bro. Martyn. (Cheers.)

After the toast had been honoured, Miss Alice Fairman sang, "Looking Back."

The Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., in reply, said: My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren, the task which has been imposed upon me this evening of returning thanks for the Deputy Grand Master of England and all the Grand Officers, past and present, is, indeed, a very arduous one, and it is a task which I am sure any man would shrink from when he came to think of all the merits of those who are implied and comprised in that toast. But I am supported by the remembrance that they possess so many merits that I cannot enumerate them, and that my own must fade before them. For my Lord Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, it would be in vain for me to say anything you might not anticipate; still, I have the greatest pleasure in knowing that it is now fifteen years since I had the pleasure of being exalted in Royal Arch Masonry along with him in the Royal Arch chapter at Oxford, and for the past fifteen years he has conducted himself, as you all know, in every position he has been placed in in Masonry, and in every position, as Lord Percy has said, in a way that gives the greatest and highest satisfaction to all of us who have had the satisfaction of observing his conduct in that career. For the rest of the Grand Officers, they are, as you know, always all before you. You have had an opportunity of seeing and observing their conduct, and I am quite certain that the way in which their name is received in all Masonic assemblies is a guarantee of the way in which they perform their duties. For the past Grand Officers, and in their name, as one of them, I return you my very sincere thanks for the way in which you have received the mention of our names; and for the present Grand Officers, I can but hope and trust that they will worthily fulfil, as I know they will, their

duties during their term of office, and at the end of their year of office they will receive their badges and other honours and distinctions to show that they have done so. (Cheers.)

The Chairman, in giving the toast of the evening, said: Ladies and Brethren, I feel very much, I can assure you, like a spoiling spirit, because I feel that I am standing in the way of an entertainment which you would much more appreciate than my voice. (No, no.) Well, brethren, I trust that for the sense and credit of the mystic Order that you do so. I assure you I will not make longer speeches than I can help, but I must ask your pardon for making one and requiring a longer hearing than I otherwise should for this toast, because it is the toast of the evening. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I am always glad to take part or to aid in any way that lies in my power the charities of Freemasonry—(cheers)—because I know that in the outside world there is a great deal of misconception as to the nature of Freemasonry; and I must confess that I am not altogether astonished that it should be so, because it is perfectly true that there is a great deal of pleasure and enjoyment in Freemasonry—that we have very convivial meetings, and also that, except in our Masonic Charities, it is not apparent to the world what good we do. You will not suspect me, brethren, of intending to say that there is not good which is not done in Freemasonry, which the world does not see; but what I say is, the world does not see it. Now it is perfectly true on the one hand, that we ought to do good whether the world sees it or not—nay more, our left hand should not know what our right hand doeth; and on the other hand, I might quote you a text against that, because we all know that you can prove anything by texts—there is a text which proves (I am saying it seriously), "So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works." Therefore, brethren, I am glad Freemasonry has large and extensive charities which can be seen by the world. I do not know of any body of men who take such good care of their members as Freemasons do from their cradles to their graves. I may say there is help for the deserving, if they choose to seek it. (Cheers.) At the present moment I have nothing to do with the cradle—(laughter)—but I have to advocate before you the claims of our aged brethren. Now, I am perfectly well aware that there is a great deal to be said about the evil of helping those in their old age who might have provided for themselves in their youth; but it also strikes me that people forget that there are those who by accident or misfortune that cannot be foreseen are left in their old age destitute. We do help, through our Benevolent Fund, those who by sudden misfortune are impoverished and in distress, but who in youth are of such an age that they may recover themselves. But the charity which I now have to recommend to your notice helps those who are in the same position as those brethren, only they are arrived at an age which leaves no chance, humanly speaking, of their ever being able to do anything for themselves. Now, brethren, I do not think I need say more on that point, but I will place before you at once, if you will allow me, very concisely, the state the Institution is in, and the claim it has on our notice. You are told it is a flourishing Institution, therefore that it does not want any subscription. I do not know that I should put it in that light, but I have often heard it said that flourishing institutions have not the same claims as those that are not flourishing. I doubt this assertion.

Allow me to say, this Institution is flourishing, not because it has funds of its own which are not dependent on voluntary contributions, because without it has some funds of that description, I will show you in one moment that it cannot depend alone on that source for success. At present, there are 110 old men who are supported by this Institution, and there are 74 widows of Freemasons. And I am sure that we shall not feel that we ought to help them the less than we have helped their husbands, because women require more assistance than men. There are 74 widows upon the funds of the Institution. Now, these persons get, men £26 a year—no very large annuity, allow me to say, although I believe it amply sufficient—and the widows £25. Now that comes to a very large sum in the whole year, and of that there is now supplied by permanent income from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter funds and so forth, £2057; but the whole expenses of the Institution are £4700 and upwards. This is merely, remember, for annuities; therefore you will perceive that more than half of the funds of this Institution depend upon voluntary subscriptions. Now, brethren, I do not think I am wrong in frankly stating to you the state of the case, because you will see what there is to be done in the Institution; for I have not mentioned working expenses and all other things that come in like that. Brethren, I hope you will agree with me that this Institution deserves support, and you will show by your support that you coincide with me in that opinion. (Cheers.)

Bro. Farnfield (Secretary) then read the lists of subscriptions which amounted in the aggregate to £3567 3s. 6d., with five lists to come in: (Cheers.)

The Chairman said: Brethren, I have much pleasure in announcing to you that the total amount of the lists is £3567 3s. 6d., and I must also add that there are five lists yet to come in. Now, brethren, such a list as this deserves a toast, and a toast requires some one to respond to it, and therefore I shall call upon one who is as fit as any one can be to respond to it, the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins.

Bro. Tomkins, in response, said: My lord, ladies, and brethren, it is with very great pleasure, as the Treasurer of this noble and useful charity and on this occasion as representing all the executive officers who take a deep interest in the welfare of this charity, that I rise to thank you for the kindness which you have shown on this occasion, and for the way in which this toast has been proposed by his lordship and received by you. As his lordship's health will shortly be proposed by some brother in my neighbourhood, I will pass that point by which otherwise I should have alluded to; but I would rather take up the question of the charity of the Craft, and the charity of the Craft is directed to this noble object. It would indeed be a great blot for the Institution if there were no fund for their aged and widows. I feel heartily grateful, and I am sure every brother who has an interest in the charity participates in the same feeling of gratitude, when he sees how an appeal is made to the Craft and how nobly it is responded to by the Craft on this and on similar occasions. It is a very great gratification to every Freemason to see how nobly our charities are supported, and while it is a great satisfaction that this and other charities should be supported as they are, I think it is the duty of your executive to remind you that of late years the Craft has been greatly increasing in numbers. (Hear, hear.) As it has been increasing, the calls

on the charity have been more numerous than before, and therefore your charities are hardly adequate to the demands made upon them. Every Steward who has come forward has performed a simple duty, and I am sure he has done so with a great deal of pleasure; but I would request every Steward and every brother to disseminate, as far as they can, among their friends and acquaintances the necessity for continued and renewed exertions in the future, for the great increase in the number of Freemasons cause great demands. In future years it may be larger than in past years. Therefore, brethren, while thanking you heartily for the kindness and liberality with which you subscribe to this charity, I pray you not to relax your exertions, but, if possible, to increase them, that we may provide future resources for demands that may be made upon us in future years. (Cheers.)

Bro. Frank Elmore here sang in beautiful style "The Woodman's Son."

Colonel F. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and in doing so, alluded to that nobleman's great popularity, not only in the northern counties, where he was a Provincial Grand Master, but in London. He had done everything in his power to advance the interests of Masonry, and had taken a prominent part in the Charities, which were a bright ornament to the Order. He (Colonel Burdett) congratulated him on the birth of a son, and hoped that some day or other that son would be initiated in Masonry, and become as great an ornament to it as his father.

The toast having been drunk,

The Chairman said: Ladies and Brethren, I cannot adequately thank you for the very kind way in which my health has been proposed and received this evening. It is no mere form of speech to say that I am most grateful to you for the kindness which you have extended to me, and the way in which you have received me, because I am conscious of many defects in my occupancy of this chair. (No, no.) It is the first time that I have had the honour of presiding at one of these Masonic festivals; it is only the second time that I have had the pleasure of being present at one of them; and, therefore, if I have not performed all the duties which were incumbent on me, I ask you to forgive me, and to take the will for the deed. (Cheers.) I thank you very heartily, brethren, once and for all, for the kindness which you have shown to me. I trust that this may not be the last time we may meet here. (Cheers.) I thank you for having made my tenure of this office an illustrious one to me, both by the numbers in which you have come and the amount of the lists, which, I am told, is greater by far than usual. I thank especially the reds (as Colonel Burdett calls them) for coming here. I have great sympathy with the reds in every position, both in the hunting-field and in the army, and I am most gratified and feel myself much honoured by their presence here this evening; and if you will allow me, brethren, I will now take the opportunity of thanking the brethren of Northumberland for the way in which they have supported me. They have not done the province discredit. Brethren, I know that you have heard quite enough of my voice now. (No, no.) I can only apologise to you for being obliged to force myself so much upon your notice, and in all sincerity, I say, I think I shall be doing you a favour by taking my seat.

The Chairman next proposed "The other Masonic Charities," and in doing so,

said he hoped the brethren would drink the toast with as much cordiality as they had the others. He was not there to advocate the other Masonic Charities, but he might tell the brethren that the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot would preside at the Boys' School on the 13th March, and the Grand Master at the Girls' on the 8th May. He understood that both those Institutions had already got good lists, and he hoped they would be supported as well as this Benevolent Fund had been.

Bro. Binckes said that, as representing the Boys' School, he offered his sincere thanks to the brethren who were supporting him. He congratulated Bro. Farnfield on the success of this festival, and said that, without any feelings of jealousy, he wished for similar support. He was happy to say that the aged Freemasons were well taken care of, and he was pleased to inform the brethren that the boys and girls were equally well cared for. The support afforded to the Charities was excellent, and he was sorry that Bro. Patten was incapacitated by illness from being present to acknowledge the encouragement given to the Girls' School. He strongly urged the brethren to come forward, and wipe off the debt of £5,000 which was hanging over the "unfortunate Institution of which he was the unfortunate Secretary," and as an individual demonstration of thankfulness for the recovery of the Prince of Wales let brethren in their lodges not indulge in banquets, but offer the price as a thanksgiving, and so reduce the debt on the Boys' School.

The Chairman then gave "The Health of the Ladies," for which Bro. R. J. Spiers, of Oxford, replied, and "The Stewards," to which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, acting President of the Board, responded, and the company afterwards adjourned to the Temple, where they enjoyed a concert, conducted by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist, in which Miss Banks, Miss Janet Haydon, and Miss Alice Fairman, with Bros. George Perren, Frank Elmore, J. B. Ciabiatta, and Chaplin Henry took part. Signor Scuderi performed on the violin. The pianoforte was lent by Messrs. Erard. The entertainment was kept up till a late hour.

The banquet was well supplied by Mr. Francatelli, the manager of the Freemasons' Tavern Company, and did great credit to his arrangements. Universal satisfaction was expressed with everything; and the wines especially, the arrangement of which was entrusted to Bro. Thomas Meggy, as Wine Steward, met with general approbation.

Mr. Goodchild was toastmaster.

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A Supplement of two pages is issued with this impression; it enables us to chronicle the great Masonic events of the past few days, but is inadequate to the extinction of the pile of communications we still have on hand, all of which, however, we hope to publish in due time.

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## AT A MASONIC FESTIVAL.

BY A PROVINCIAL BROTHER.

[We have great pleasure in giving publicity to the following graphic sketch from a valued correspondent.]

IT is a trite, but a true saying that an Englishman likes a good dinner, and we, for one, can bear vigorous witness to the fact that an English Mason nobly sustains the repute of his nationality in this, as, indeed, we may add, in every other respect. However, a poor provincial brother like the writer has but few opportunities of doing justice to the exquisite gastronomic ability of an Ude or a Francatelli, for the very good reason that sublime geniuses of their calibre are not wont to "waste their sweetness on the desert air," or to perpetrate their *chef d'œuvres* in the absence of abdominal appreciation. Having thus formidably prepared the minds of our readers, we make at once the straightforward confession that, on hospitable thoughts intent—or, in other words, bent upon our own temporal regalement—we wended our solitary way to Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 31st January, 1872 (we love precision in dates), on purpose to participate in the varied pleasures which are usually asso-

ciated with doing a good action and demolishing a dainty dinner. Lest any curious reader should desire more copious details of this remarkable event, we will forthwith anticipate his anxiety, and homœopathically relieve his pain. About twenty minutes to six o'clock, post meridian, on the day before mentioned, two hansom cabs might have been seen traversing the devious pathways and unsavoury lanes which lead to Metropolitan Freemasonry's not unhandsome abode. The vehicles arrived at their destination simultaneously—their occupants performed the customary exploit of jumping out, and the (sometimes) unusual feat of paying the Jehus, after which they entered the building, where they encountered a Tyler, dressed up for the occasion in a uniform coat, with brass buttons of the Georgian era, a cap with a fiery peak, like that of Mont Blanc at sunrise, and a pair of orthodox cerulean breeches, whose hue, mellowed in the gaslight which streamed around, reminded us of days when all with us was serenely blue and fair. Our fellow-traveller—for, although we journeyed in different conveyances, it is permissible to call him so, inasmuch as we entered the building together—well, our accidental partner in arrival—lightly bounded up the staircase—we paused to look around; and although nothing like the halls of Vathek met our view, we gained some information. The brother who had so incontinently preceded us was no less a personage than the Right Hon. Henry, Earl Percy, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland (of which he is also Duke, *in futuro*), and likewise the Right Worshipful, and, we are sure, *very worthy*, Chairman of the evening!

After this, we modestly ascended the spiral staircase, and proceeded to the robing-room, where we donned the mystical apron (whose first sight brought tears into our beloved consort's eyes), adjusted our hair with an invisible comb, and felt "all a man and a brother." In the corridors leading to the Festival Hall a considerable number of brethren had assembled—many bearing wands in their hands, and blossoming in all the vernal magnificence of exceedingly-handsome rosettes. These, we were informed, were the Stewards. Other brethren wandered to and fro, gossiping here, exchanging fraternal salutations there, and looking very much as if they liked it. About the middle of the corridor a vision of startling splendour burst upon our view. On looking down the steps leading to the Hall, we saw, passing and repassing, ascending and descending, like Jacob's angels, some of the gentle sex, arrayed in wealth of smiles, as well as regal fabrics, and looking so beautiful that we wished—well, we wished we were—a bachelor. In the distance shone the brilliant scarlet of what appeared to be a whole *posse comitatus* of the Household Troops, though we were sorely exercised, in a mental sense, at the first blush, to account for the presence of these sons of

Mars. Fortunately, at this juncture, we fell in, *promiscuously*, with a learned and obliging brother, who, in answer to our somewhat anxious inquiry as to whether the hosts of Dilke and Odger were threatening our peace, kindly responded, "Oh, these are members of the Honourable Artillery Company—all brother Masons and good fellows—who have come to support our friend 'Peter,' the excellent surgeon of the corps, as one of the Stewards of the festival." Upon this hint, we approached somewhat closer to the warriors—who really looked soldiers every inch of them—and to our great joy, as well as amazement, found that one of them was an old friend of ours, a merry Islingtonian to wit, and a quondam Yorick of many a jovial crew. By this time the company had mustered—the ladies had taken their places, either in a spacious gallery overlooking the dining-hall, or in the porchway of the hall itself—we had almost profanely said in the "pit."

The Stewards then entered in procession, each looking as solemn as though the fate of empires depended upon the perpendicularity of his wand of office. Wrapped in this funereal gloom, they passed round the tables, climbed the dais in the East, safely descended on the other side, and arrived at whence they came. At the rear of the procession walked the Chairman, and with him a brother who, we subsequently ascertained, was the Acting President of the Stewards, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, one of the Grand Deacons, and a warm supporter of the Masonic Institutions. The lugubrious silence ceased as the youthful chairman took his seat in the orient—cheer after cheer broke forth, and after this somewhat stormy welcome grace was said.

Shall we enlarge upon the dinner? Our native bashfulness suggests, No; our bump of candour loudly proclaims, Yes. Suffice it to say that the viands were very good—on the *carte*; the wines passable—but certainly guiltless of age; the waiters animated with abundant *esprit de corps*, and extremely attentive—towards the close of the entertainment. Indeed, one injured Steward assured us, with indignant mien and flashing eyes, that, upon going in quest of a waiter, he had unwarily stumbled behind a screen, whence he was summarily ejected by the aroused British lion in the form of an enraged servitor whom he had rudely disturbed during the agreeable process of quaffing Masonic champagne. For ourselves, we are a philosopher—trifles do not disturb the immobile composure of our brow; but, if that waiter had thus tackled us, we should either have placed him in disagreeable proximity to the floor, or there would have been one man the less in the room—that is all. The best of the banquet were the "sweets"—there the artist's genius shone, and from "Russian Charlotte" and "Nesselrode Pudding"—an easy transition, by-the-bye—we extracted the honey of consolation for the other deficiencies of the repast.

"Order, pray, silence for grace," and in response to the stentorian injunction, all rise while the after-meal thanksgiving is very prettily sung by the choir. The ladies flock back to their seats in pit and gallery, some even invade the vacant seats at the table, and the real business of the evening commences with a speech from Earl Percy in proposing "The Health of her Most

Gracious Majesty." No need to dilate upon her many virtues—Victoria is a name around which circle the prayers and blessings of half the nations, and with loyal demonstrations of enthusiasm the Queen is honoured; and the National Anthem, with a solo by Bro. George Perren, succeeds in eliciting renewed cheering.

The Right Worshipful Chairman, having paid a fitting compliment to the Grand Master, afterwards proposed "The Past Grand Masters of England, the Earl of Zetland, *K.T.*, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, *K.G.*," making graceful allusion to the services of the peer and the recent recovery of the prince. The applause was tremendous, and sounded to our fancy somewhat like the sustained roll of musketry in a well-contested battle—gradually it died out, but was caught up in spirit by the fine voice of Perren, who sang with taste and vigour "God bless the Prince of Wales." It would ill become us to attempt—and we are satisfied, Brother Editor, that you would not permit—any elaborate account of the speeches which followed. To one, however, we must refer, inasmuch as it comprehended the *raison d'être* of the entire proceedings. After a lucid and well-delivered appeal on behalf of the cause of charity, Lord Percy proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution"—a toast which was received with general enthusiasm. A very venerable-looking gentleman, who, I was informed, was Bro. Farnfield, Secretary to the Institution, then read the Stewards' lists of donations received, announcing at the close the very gratifying aggregate of nearly £3,600. Our stay in the Hall was not prolonged after this practical episode, and we retired fully impressed with the conviction that the periodical Masonic Festivals—unnecessary as some of our friends consider them to be—are really important adjuncts to the success of those benevolent Institutions in which every English Freemason ought to take a deep and lasting interest.

THE subscribers to the fund for the erection of a memorial in Wisbeach to the late Bro. Richard Young, at the time of his death Sheriff of London and Middlesex, and formerly M.P. for Cambridgeshire, include the names of several Masons, amongst whom we may mention Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Truscott and Bro. Ex-Sheriff Jones.

"MORTGAGE BROKING.—Messrs. Henry Salter and Co., the Mortgage Brokers, of Pancras-lane, E.C., announce that, in consequence of the extension of their Irish business, they have established a Branch Office at 41, Lower Sackville-street, Dublin, specially for the convenience of their Irish patrons. Mr. H. Salter, jun., has the management of the Dublin branch. The business of Mortgage Broking may almost be said to have been originated by Messrs. Salter, whose name is now well known in connection with it, and as acting for public bodies, legal firms, and owners of property in all parts of England. Ship, Bill, and Stock Broking are long-established branches of business, but it seems to have remained for this firm to make the needful organisation on a sufficient scale to enable mortgagors and mortgagees to carry out with greater facility those exchanges of title-deeds for surplus capital, or *vice versa*, which keep so large a part of the capital of the country in safe and remunerative occupation. It has been recently stated that the annual rental value of property in England and Wales alone, as appears from Parliamentary returns (of which it is assumed that two-thirds are under mortgage), is £143,622,256, which represents a capital of £2,872,445,120; and at the present time there are 4,744,979 houses, representing a marketable value of £1,067,620,275. From deaths, change of residence, division, sale, and other causes for reinvestment of capital, these properties are constantly being transferred, and it is estimated that property exceeding in value £957,481,700 (exclusive of live interests, reversions, and personalty) is constantly available in the market as mortgage securities."—*Money Market Review*.

## GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Comps. S. Rawson, as Z.; F. Pattison, H.; Benjamin Head, J.; John Hervey, G.S.E.; H. Browse, N.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.S.; the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, 1st A.S.; E. Snell, 2nd A.S.; T. Fenn, G.S.B.; James Brett, D.C.; and C. B. Payne, J. There were also present: Comps. Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.C.; Joseph Smith, P.G.B.; N. Bradford, P.G.D.C.; W. E. Walmisley, P.G.S.B.; A. B. Bennett, J. 204; George Kenning, Z. 192; George Pymm, H. 749; William Smith, C.E., P.Z. 33; W. Ough, 657 and 749; H. Massey, Z.-elect 619; G. Davage, Z. 185; James Terry, P.Z. 975; F. Binckes; John Boyd, P.Z. 145; W. West Smith, Z. 79; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C.; T. Y. Strachan, P.Z. 706; H. G. Buss; F. Walters, P.Z. 73; Edward Cox, the Rev. Dr. Bradshaw, and many others.

The G.S.E., after Grand Chapter had been formally opened, read the minutes of last Grand Chapter and notices of motion.

Comp. T. Y. Strachan then rose and said that he apprehended this would be the right time for him to bring on the first motion, of which he had given notice—the non-confirmation of that part of the minutes of last convocation in November relating to the appeal of Comp. Laws, and the decision of the Provincial Grand Superintendent for Northumberland.

Comp. McIntyre, G. Reg., said that he would place the position of Grand Chapter before the companions, in order that they might act upon it with regard to Comp. Strachan's motion. Grand Chapter, as well as Grand Lodge, met in two capacities—in one as a legislative assembly, where laws were made for the Craft and the Arch. But the laws which were brought forward for the guidance of the Craft or Royal Arch had no effect whatever until the resolutions passed at one meeting were confirmed by the next. But Grand Chapter had another function—it sat as a Supreme Court of Appeal; and as a Supreme Court of Appeal, it exercised a jurisdiction similar to that exercised by the House of Lords in its judicial capacity. In the House of Lords as a legislative assembly, a bill had to be read three times before it became the law of the land and was binding on the subjects of the realm. In the Royal Arch, a matter was submitted to the companions in Grand Chapter, and their decision at one meeting had to be confirmed at a subsequent one. But sitting as a court to hear and determine matters, its decision at one meeting must be acted upon, and its decision must be final. He did not say there were no means of inducing Grand Chapter, if it was wrong, to review its decision; but it could not be done by a motion to non-confirm the minutes. Such a procedure, if it meant anything, meant this, that a decision was no decision at all, because it only became a decision when the minutes were confirmed. Power was given to District Grand Lodges and Chapters to hear and determine complaints, and there was an appeal from those decisions to Grand Lodge or Chapter. Suppose a District Grand Lodge or Chapter suspended a man, did it require confirmation before that suspension took effect? Or, if he appealed to Grand Lodge or Chapter, was he unsuspended till the appellate tribunal had decided the case, and the minutes of the Grand Body were confirmed? No; certainly not. So, here; there had been an

appeal to Grand Chapter from the District Superintendent, and the Grand Chapter had determined it sitting in its judicial capacity, and the decision was final. It was but fair to the M.E.Z. that he should know that, in 1852, when there was a decision of the Grand Lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting had to be confirmed, upon motion made, so much of the minutes as related to an appeal were not confirmed; but on that occasion the matter was not brought to the notice of the Grand Registrar, and it was allowed to pass *sub silentio*. Had the matter been called to the attention of the Grand Registrar, and had he been asked to give his decision upon it and the different capacities in which Grand Lodge sat, as a legislative assembly and as a Court of Appeal, he would have said that a decision given by it in one capacity could not be upset by it in another capacity. It seemed to him, therefore, that, if this motion was allowed to be put, the former decision of Grand Chapter was not final, and did not take effect, which was contrary to all principle. They might just as well in their lodges say that, although they put it in form that the minutes be confirmed, the confirmation referred only to those things that required confirmation. Then, this state of things might arise. A gentleman might be proposed for initiation, be balloted for successfully, and initiated; and, at the next meeting, the lodge might non-confirm the minutes, and declare that the initiate was no longer a member of the Order. This seemed so contrary to all the rules by which assemblies were guided, that he would advise the Grand Principal that this motion for the non-confirmation of the last minutes, of what was done by it in its judicial capacity, could not be made.

Comp. Strachan having again risen to speak,

The M.E.Z. said he was in hopes that Comp. Strachan would have been convinced, by the arguments of the Grand Registrar, that he could not proceed with his motion. He was convinced himself, and he ruled, that Comp. Strachan was out of order.

Comp. Strachan, whilst submitting to the decision, trusted that an opportunity would be given him to open the subject at a later period.

The Grand Registrar said it could not be done in the form in which it appeared on the notice paper.

Comp. Strachan said he had looked at the Constitutions, and thought he had conformed to the rules by giving certain notices. He had attended at great personal inconvenience in order to have the question discussed, and had come up with two other companions a distance of 300 miles.

The M.E.Z. said he had not the power to allow the motion to be put.

Comp. F. Binckes asked whether it was not admissible to reply to the arguments of the Grand Registrar?

The M.E.Z. thought not, when the Grand Registrar, who was their legal adviser, gave it as his opinion that Comp. Strachan's motion was illegal.

Comp. F. Binckes thought an important principle was involved, though he himself had no personal interest in the question.

The M.E.Z. said they were not on that point at present. They were on the point whether Comp. Strachan was in order on the judicial question.

Comp. F. Binckes believed there was something to be said in opposition to the arguments of the Grand Registrar.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was then agreed to be taken as

read. All the recommendations contained in the report were agreed to, including the granting of charters to five new chapters.

Comp. Strachan: again rose and said he apprehended the time had now come when he should speak on the subject he had before alluded to.

Grand Registrar had ventured to state in the opinion he had given, that there should be an opportunity, if Grand Chapter had made a mistake, of rectifying it; but he thought that before that could be done it should be brought forward in this way, that Grand Chapter in its proper jurisdiction should be asked to come to a re-decision. But as here the motion was virtually for the non-confirmation of the minutes it was the same thing over again.

Comp. Strachan: said that he had endeavoured to conform to the laws of Freemasonry as far as he could find what they were; he had given the proper notices, and he had received no notice that his notice was not in order. He thought that independent of any other questions it would be doing injustice to send a companion back 300 miles, after he had come that distance, without hearing him. He submitted that he had done everything that was requisite to give him a *locus standi*, and he hoped he should be allowed the privilege of expressing his opinions with the other two companions who had also come up from Newcastle. It was not a matter they had no opinion upon; he had a very strong opinion on it, and he claimed it as a right, as a First Principal of the Order, to expound the views he held on this question.

The M.E.Z. said: Comp. Strachan, I have consulted the Grand Registrar whether I might be allowed to hear your argument without your concluding with a motion. I agree that you have taken a great deal of trouble in this matter and made a long journey on this occasion; but the Grand Registrar's decision is that it would be illegal, and I cannot allow you to be heard. I have made enquiry of the Grand Registrar whether I might allow you to bring the matter forward without your concluding your speech with a motion. He says it is illegal, and I must therefore ask you not to continue your speech. But you may consult with the Grand Officers of Grand Chapter as to bringing this matter in some other way before us, but you cannot do it in the form of which you have given notice, because the Grand Registrar has given his decision that in its judicial capacity Grand Chapter cannot now hear you.

Comp. Strachan: If you decide that I shall not make a speech I shall submit, but I shall protest against the decision as an injustice. I shall submit to your ruling.

The M.E.Z.: You will see that it is impossible that you can bring forward the motion after the decision I have already come to. It is impossible for Grand Chapter to decide that the decision of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland be reversed. I am very sorry that you should have had all your trouble for nothing, but I am afraid it cannot be helped.

Comp. Strachan: If I understand your decision is that I am to sit down I shall do so, but if it is short of that, I shall contend that it is, though the opinion of Grand Registrar is of very great value, I do not find any law which says that the decision of Grand Registrar is to bind you. What I mean to say is, that there is no law which puts it in the hands of those officers to say that a companion should not bring a motion forward on proper notice given. I say it very strongly, because I feel it, for you have brought me here without telling me I could not bring it forward. I do think that coming 300 miles from Newcastle without a hint being given me that there was a doubt on the subject of my motion—and two other companions with me—is a grave injustice, and that this Grand Chapter will not sanction such a wrong.

The M.E.Z.: I must be guided by the Grand Registrar.

Comp. Strachan: Then, I understand that I am not to make a speech on this occasion.

The M.E.Z.: You cannot without making a motion, make a speech; it is not legal. Regretting it, I wish you should have the opportunity of expressing your opinions. Our legal adviser says it is not legal to make a speech unless you conclude with a motion.

Dr. Bradshaw: This is the first time I have had the pleasure of attending Grand Chapter of England, but I should not like to go away with the feeling that another companion imagined rightly or wrongly that he was injured because the feeling of Grand Chapter was against him. I trust I may be pardoned if I venture to ask why it is that a brother cannot speak without concluding with a motion. I think every brother in Freemasonry is allowed to express himself, and that a brother on the opposite side should rise and state why he should not so express himself, and that the votes should be taken. I am myself a Past Master and Past Principal several times at Lymington, and I did not like to hear one companion say that he had come 300 miles to state his opinions and had not been allowed to be heard. I put it to the good sense and good feeling of this Grand Chapter whether the companion should be overruled by some legal difficulty, either that he is too soon or too late. I hope and trust that if there is anything of which he has to complain after coming 300 miles, that we should hear before the public bar of Freemasonry what is the grievance, and try to redress it. If there is a legal difficulty let us try and get out of it.

The M.E.Z.: You have not heard the whole of the argument. You were not present when the Grand Registrar gave his opinion that this motion is not legal.

Dr. Bradshaw: If it is not legal through a technicality, let us get rid of it.

The M.E.Z.: Our Grand Registrar gave his opinion so strongly that he convinced myself and my companions in the chairs, and I think we are bound, having appointed a distinguished companion to the office of Grand Registrar, to be guided by his decision. It is the second time I have occupied the Grand Principal's chair, and I intend to shelter myself behind the advice of Grand Registrar. If I am wrong I shall appeal to him. I rule that Comp. Strachan cannot bring forward his motion.

Comp. F. Binckes, rose to address Grand Chapter, but was stopped, and Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

### P o e t r y .

#### A TRIBUTE OF GRATITUDE.

Addressed most respectfully to Dr. STRONG, Honorary Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, by the grateful daughter of an inmate whom he has recently attended professionally with much care and kindness.

When on the couch of suffering  
An invalid lies racked with pain,  
And all that love can do to sooth  
Appears, alas! to be in vain,  
How beautiful to friends around  
Falls sympathy upon the heart;  
It's gentle influence never fails  
Sweet consolation to impart.

Such was the writer's case. She watched  
In anguish by her Mother's bed,  
With no friend near to share her grief,  
And bitter were the tears she shed;  
But when her kind physician came,  
Each day his goodness sooth'd her woe,  
For *he* had passed through suffering,  
And seemed her agony to know.

And by his skilled and patient care,  
The invalid was spared to bless  
The kindness that prolonged her life  
And soothed her daughter's deep distress.  
And oh! may He who answers prayer,  
Upon His heavenly scroll record  
Benevolence that is sure to find  
A sweet and well-deserved reward.

Croydon.

AGNES S.

### OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT SWANSEA.

A very large and influential gathering of the Fraternity took place on Tuesday, the 2nd ult., on the occasion of the dedication of a new hall, which has just been completed for the use of the brethren of the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, who was supported by the following members of the Prov. Grand Lodge: Bros. E. J. Morris, D.P.G.M. and W.M. 1323; Evan Jones, P.S.G.W. and P.M. 651; Rev. Secretan Jones, P.G. Chap.; C. Best Gardner, P.G. Treas. and P.M. 364; L. Tolloch, P.G. Reg. and W.M. 237; R. Boughton, P.G. Sup. of Works and W.M. 651; E. C. Pole, P.P.G.D.C. and W.M. 364; F. D. Michael, C. Bath, J. G. Hall, P.P.S.G.W.; O. G. Williams, G. B. Brock, P. H. Rowland, Rowland Thomas, P.P.J.G.W.; M. Tennant, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Allen, D. Williams, P.P.G. Secs.; H. Rich, P.P.G. Sup. of Works; T. Powell, J. J. Hewson, P.P.G.D.C.; L. Middleton, P.P.G. Org.; H. W. Williams, P.P.G. Pur.; G. Bradford, E. Loveluck, and R. W. Thomas, P.P.G. Stewards.

The following officers from neighbouring provinces were also present: Bro. Capt. J. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth, who was attended by Bros. J. Lewis, P.M. 1098, P.G.J.D.; C. Homfray, and W. Davies, Past G. Stewards; and G. Fothergill, S.W. 471; G. B. Sherrin, 471. From the west came Bros. Sweeney, A. Stone, W. Bonning, and J. B. Phillips, of the Llanelly Lodge; T. Charles, of St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen; and M. Harris, from St. Teilo Lodge. From the east, Bro. J. S. Wilson, P.M. 493, P.P.J.W. Gloucester. The lodges of the province were all well represented, and the respected R.R. Past Grand Master had the pleasure of seeing gathered around him the goodly array of about 150 Masons.

The suite of rooms is most commodious and well arranged. On the ground floor is a spacious vestibule, the approach to the lodge-room being by a handsomely-carved staircase. The refreshment room is 22 feet by 22 feet, and 19 feet high. There is a three-light Gothic window with carved capitals and Gothic heads, Forest of Dean stone. The lodge-room is 45 feet by 20 feet, and about 30 feet high, with open timber roof. Each of the principals of the roof rests on corbels and short columns of carved stone. The corbels are composed of Masonic emblems and foliage, the columns being surmounted with carved caps of natural foliage. At the end is a three-light window of carved stone, with carved caps, label moulding, and carved bosses. The interior is fitted up with richly-carved seating. Leading from the lodge-room are the necessary offices, preparing-room, robing-room, and all requisite conveniences. The builder is Mr. Thomas White; and the architect Mr. Thomas Davies, of Page-street. The building is heated throughout with hot water, the fitting of the apparatus being entrusted to Mr. Charles Edwards, High-street. The painting was done by Mr. Miles, painter and house decorator, Walter-road.

The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. E. Fricker, Org. 237, and the anthems, &c., which formed part of the very impressive ceremonial, were very effectively rendered.

After the ceremony of dedication the newly-elected Master, Bro. G. Bradford, was installed into office by Bro. Tulloch, I.P.M. After having been placed in the chair in the skilful manner with which Bro. Tulloch does all his work, the W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. L. Tulloch, I.P.M.; W. E. Brown, S.W.; W. H. Tucker, jun., J.W.; Rev. Secretan Jones, Chap.; T. Powell, P.M., Treas.; J. Woolley, Sec.; Jas. Goodall, S.D.; C. Bullerwell, J.D.; T. R. Robinson, Dir. of Cers.; G. Shaddick, I.G.; J. B. Richards, and T. R. W. Mason, Stewards; Henry Simons, O.G.

After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet prepared for them by "mine host" of the Castle Hotel, Bro. J. P. Williams. The evening was enlivened by some excellent glees and songs.

## ST. PAUL'S RESTORATION FUND.

Following the suggestion made a short time since in these pages, the Lodge of Antiquity, at their last meeting, voted a sum of £21 to the St. Paul's Fund. It is to be hoped that so good an example will be generally followed by the whole Craft, and as Sir Christopher Wren's connection with Freemasonry is an interesting portion of the history of the Order in England, a few words on that subject will doubtless incite others to contribute to the completion of our noble Cathedral, Wren's glorious monument, thus described in the motto on its walls: "Si monumentum quæris, circumspice." Freemasonry had flourished in the reign of James I., under the Grand Mastership of Inigo Jones, and continued in favour under the Earls of Pembroke, Danby, Arundel, and Bedford, who successively occupied the same high office, until the civil wars, when its progress was checked. Under the auspices, however, of Charles II., who had been admitted into the Order during his exile, Freemasonry revived. On December 27th, 1663, a general assembly was held, when Henry Jermyn, Earl of St. Albans, was elected Grand Master, who appointed Sir John Denham his Deputy, and Mr., afterwards Sir Christopher, Wren and John Webb his Wardens. In 1666 the Earl of St. Albans was succeeded by Earl Rivers, and by him Sir Christopher Wren was appointed Deputy Grand Master. Wren distinguished himself beyond any of his predecessors in promoting the prosperity of lodges then meeting in London, especially that of St. Paul's, which is now called the Lodge of Antiquity. He belonged to that lodge for eighteen years, and during his Mastership he presented three candlesticks to the lodge, which are still preserved and constantly used by the Lodge of Antiquity. After the great fire in 1666, Sir Christopher Wren was appointed the principal architect for rebuilding the city, the cathedral, and the parochial churches. He considered the charge too important for a single person, and accordingly selected for his assistant Mr. Robert Hook, Professor of Geometry in Gresham College. In 1673, the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral was laid with great solemnity and Masonic honours by the King, Charles II., who presented his mallet, made of some wood from the former structure, to Sir Christopher Wren, who gave it to his lodge, where it is now shown, with great pride, to every visitor to the lodge. Long previous to 1718, the year considered by many to be that in which our present speculative or Free Masonry was established, had Masonic lodges been something more than operative societies, and especially so under the rulership of Inigo Jones, for, then, we learn that many learned men were initiated into our mysteries, and lodges were constituted as seminaries of instruction in the sciences and polite arts, after the model of the Italian schools. Few of our public buildings are associated so intimately with the history of the Craft, and the opportunity now offered of assisting in the completion of St. Paul's, as Wren designed it, ought to be eagerly embraced by every lodge and every individual Freemason, and thus make manifest to the world the dignity and usefulness of our Order.

## 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.

*Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79.*—The usual meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, under the presidency of Bro. J. S. Burls, W.M., supported by his officers: Bros. C. Nash, S.W. and W.M.-elect; J. R. Nash, J.W.; W. C. Penny, P.M. and Treas.; J. H. H. Doughney, P.M. and Sec.; H. Roberts, S.D.; C. Munyard, J.D.; J. Shaw, I.G.; J. J. H.

Wilkins, W.S.; W. West Smith, P.M. 890, as D.C.; and a large number of the members, including Bros. R. Boncey, T. Perridge, and H. A. Collington, P.M.'s, J. R. Dussek, F. Coldery, A. C. Bell, C. Fowler, S. J. Jenard, H. Kingston, W. Kipps, H. Pettit, J. F. Taylor, F. Roberts, B. W. Parsons, J. Ashby, W. Duperc, W. Myatt, H. Bond, A. Beckwith, E. Webb, T. Jeans, E. Mohn, &c. The visitors were Bros. James Brett (P.G.P.), W. H. Farnfield (P.M. 907), R. B. Webster (W.M. 140), J. W. Comb (W.M. 548), H. J. Wright (P.M. 72), E. W. Bumstead (P.M. 548), J. J. West (P.M. 548), T. Simpson (P.M. 9), H. Sydney Boate (72), J. Palmer (72), E. Shallless (140), C. H. Porter (147), T. H. Lavers (W.M. 211), W. H. Hailey (315), H. Jolly (I.G. 675), P. Chatterton (829), W. A. Thompson (829), W. J. Hurlstone (862), J. W. Reed (S.W. 871), J. Griffin (S.W. 933), H. Lord (933), &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee was received, showing a large balance in hand and no liabilities, and being approved of was ordered to be placed on the minutes. Bro. J. F. Taylor was then passed to the second, and Bro. J. Ashby raised to the third degree. The W.M.-elect, Bro. C. Nash, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. presiding and regularly installed into the chair, and appointed as his officers: Bros. J. R. Nash, S.W.; H. Roberts, J.W.; W. C. Penny, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); J. H. H. Doughney, P.M., Sec. (reappointed); C. Munyard, S.D.; J. Shaw, J.D.; J. J. H. Wilkins, I.G.; J. R. Dussek, W.S.; W. West Smith, P.M., as D.C.; and W. Kipps, as Organist. The ceremonies were performed in a very accurate and effective manner by Bro. Burls, who had the gratification of having presented to him a very chaste solid gold jewel in token of his services as W.M. during the past year. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned and sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Pycroft (the manager), after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm, and particularly so that of "To the improved health of the Prince of Wales," accompanied as it was with the song, "God bless the Prince of Wales." The evening was further enlivened with many songs from the brethren and visitors, who also expressed themselves as highly gratified and delighted with the evening's enjoyment. Bro. W. Kipps presided at the harmonium in the lodge and at the piano in the banquetting room, and by his admirable performances thereon tended greatly to the harmony and sociality of the evening.

*Lodge of Faith, No. 141.*—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ultimo. Bro. C. C. Taylor, W.M., presided, ably assisted by his officers. There were present nine P.M.'s, and a numerous assembly of brethren. The business of the evening comprised three raisings and three initiations, the ceremonies in each case being effectively and impressively rendered by the W.M. Bro. W. Stewart, P.M., informed the lodge of the fund which is now in course of being raised on behalf of the widow of the late highly-esteemed Bro. S. B. Wilson, and advocated the cause with great heartiness; upon which it was unanimously resolved that £2 2s. be given from the lodge fund in aid of that highly-laudable movement. The enjoyments of the banquetting table were next upon the programme, and after the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given and responded to; but on this occasion the W.M. deemed it proper to depart from the usual course by proposing the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and concluded with the hope that all hearts might be lifted up in thanksgivings to the G.A.O.T.U. for the recovery of our royal brother. As may well be imagined, this toast was responded to most loyally and with great enthusiasm. The evening's proceedings were interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. W. Stewart, S. Davis, M. Davis, Pitt and Dunthorn (one of the newly-initiated), and a more pleasantly disposed assembly can scarcely be conceived. The brethren of this lodge may well be congratulated on the perfect unanimity which has so long prevailed amongst the members, for although, as is naturally the case, perfectly opposite opinions upon the various questions which arise in a lodge are often very warmly expressed, yet there is a display of forbearance and feelings of good-fellowship, that in no case is the harmony of the lodge ever disturbed. The visitors were Brothers Gompertz (P.M. 869, P.G.S. Essex), Charles Atkins (S.D. 27), Hare (1020), Turner (1017).

*Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.*—A meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Tavern, Deptford, on the 25th ult. Bro. F. Walters, P.M. and Sec., opened the lodge. Present: J. W. Reed, J.W.; W. Myatt, S.D.; G. Andrews, J.D.; S. A. Lewin, I.G.; J. Hawker, P.M.; R. Killick, C. Letton, J. Lea, W. Shaw, W. H. Truelove, J. Ragg, R. G. J. Harris, G. Harvey, G. T. Limn, T. J. Blackmore, H. C. Rattle, J. G. Vohmann, T. Spencer, F. R. Hood, C. Wood, J. H. Wilson, B. J. Cole, B. James, E. James, J. Woollett, &c.; visitors, Bros. J. Roper (147), N. Wingfield (P.M. 169), C. Hollier (P.M. 184), T. McCull (190), J. Absell (813), J. Carver

(J.W. 1155), G. Burney (1155), A. Anglier (1227), G. Jones (1326). Bros. J. Spencer, F. R. Hood, and G. Jones (1326) were raised to the third, and Bros. R. Killick and T. J. Blackmore were passed to the second degree. Bro. W. Andrews, W.M., then took the chair and Messrs. B. James, E. James, and J. Woollett were initiated. Bro. T. Killner, S.W., having declined the honour, Bro. Reed, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Andrews, W.M., was elected Treasurer, Bro. Collington honorary member, and Bro. J. McRitchie (1326) joining member. Bro. Andrews, W.M., announced his intention of presenting to the Boys' School, in the name of the W.M. of the lodge for the time being, the five guineas voted for a testimonial for his services as W.M. Some propositions for initiation, &c., were made, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of banquet.

*Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178,* met at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, Bermondsey, on the 1st inst. The W.M., Bro. G. J. Grace, in a proficient manner passed four brethren to the second degree and initiated three candidates into the mysteries of the Order. Banquet was afterwards served. There were present during the evening: Bros. Grace, W.M.; J. Green, I.P.M.; J. W. Avery, P.M., W.S.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Dudley, S.W.; J. H. Harmsworth, J.W.; T. W. Cox, J.D.; C. Deakin, I.G.; J. Ruse, D.C.; &c. Visitors: Swann (174), Wintle (S.W. 548), Cracknell (829), Etheridges (829), Vincent (1076), Willett (1076), Hammond (1216).

## PROVINCIAL.

*IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge, No. 114.*—The ordinary meeting of this, one of the oldest and most exclusive lodges in Suffolk, was held on Thursday, 25th ult., when there were present: Bros. C. E. Long, W.M.; R. W. Beaumont, R.V.; S. Wright, J.W.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C., W.M. Prince of Wales's Lodge, Chap.; W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; A. D. George, S.D.; J. J. Burton, J.D.; Emra Holmes, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; Past Masters P. Cornell, P.G.S.D., I.P.M.; Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; H. Harris, F. Gull, W. Boby, Rev. A. W. Moore, and Rev. T. G. Beaumont. Amongst the visitors present were: Bros. Capt. Durrat, Dr. Fleming, P.P.G.S.W.; R. G. Wood, R.E., P.P.G.S.D. Hampshire, C. Childe, Isaac Newton, University of Cambridge; G. S. Golding, I.P.M. Phoenix Lodge, P.G.S.B.; W. A. Smith, I.P.M. Perfect Friendship Lodge, P.G.D.C.; H. Samuel, W.M. Angel Lodge, Colchester; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.G.C. Essex; F. Cole, Angel Lodge Colchester; S. B. King, P.M.; H. G. Moore, P.M., &c., &c. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. J. Burton, of Lincoln's-Inn, and Westminster and Keystone Lodge, as a joining member, who was duly accepted, and appointed to the office of Junior Deacon. The ballot was then taken for Arthur Philip Viscount Mahon, M.P., proposed by W. Bro. the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. C. F. Long, W.M., and Mr. Henry Miller, proposed to Bro. Emra Holmes, and seconded by the W.M. Both candidates being present, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Cornell, I.P.M., and the W.M. Bro. Long. Bro. the Rev. Augustus Moore was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The brethren, numbering nearly forty, afterwards sat down to an admirable repast, provided in Bro. G. Spalding's best style. After the removal of the cloth, the various loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and the harmony of the evening was promoted by the vocal efforts of Bros. Geo. Turner, A. D. George, W. A. Smith, H. Miller, &c. Bro. G. Cook presided with his customary ability at the pianoforte, and one of the most agreeable evenings was spent by the brethren.

*LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Sincerity, No. 292.*—This lodge held its annual festival and installation on the evening of Monday, January 8th, when a large number of visitors and members of the lodge met together to do honour to the occasion. At the regular meeting in December, the choice of the brethren had fallen on Bro. T. H. Hustwick, J.W., as their W.M. for the ensuing year. After the usual preliminary business had been disposed of, the W.M.-elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Thomas Wylie, P.G. Reg., by Bro. the Rev. J. H. Jukes, P.M. 120, and P.P.G. Chaplain Herefordshire, and Bro. Laidlaw, P.M. and P.P.G. Supt. of Works, the ceremony of installation being rendered in a most impressive manner by the P.G. Reg. After the return of the brethren, and the usual proclamations, the W.M. appointed his officers as follows, addressing to each in turn a few words of encouragement and congratulation: Bros. Foy, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Hess, P.M., Treas.; Russell, Sec.; Hughes, S.D.; Fletcher, J.D.; Llewellyn, I.G.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Each officer, on being led to his seat by the Installing Master, received from him an address explanatory of his duties. The new W.M. at once commenced the active duties of his office by initiating into Free-

masonry a gentleman who had been duly proposed and balloted for—the work throughout being creditably performed, considering that, to some of the officers, this was the first time they had shared in the work. The lodge was afterwards duly closed, when the brethren reassembled at the Angel Hotel to partake of a most excellent banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in proposing the usual loyal toasts, remarked on the universal sympathy shown by the nation in general, and the Craft in particular, towards the Queen and the Royal family during the recent severe illness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and felt sure that he only echoed the sincere wish of the Craft when he hoped that, by the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., the Prince might be spared for many long years of usefulness amongst us. After the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales," Bro. R. Wylie, P.G. Deacon, sung "God Save the Queen" and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" in such a manner as to call forth the warmest applause of the brethren. In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. the Rev. J. H. Jukes, P.P.G. Chaplain Herefordshire, expressed the gratification it afforded him at having assisted at the installation of so old a friend as their new W.M.; that he had come from Hereford for that sole purpose, and would carry away with him a grateful remembrance of the kindness and hospitality afforded him by the brethren of the Lodge of Sincerity. Many excellent songs were given, and at an early hour the brethren separated, after having spent a most pleasant evening. Much regret was expressed that the I.P.M., Bro. Pillain, was unable to be present, on account of his health. Amongst the visitors present were: Bros. the Rev. J. H. Jukes, P.M. 120, &c.; Dr. Ridley, P.M. 321 (I.C.), and S.W. 1350; Laidlaw, P.M. 216 and P.P.G. Supt. of Works; M'Kune, P.M. 216; Jeffery, 1094; &c., &c.

HELSTON.—*True and Faithful Lodge, No. 318.*—On Thursday, 25th ult., the annual meeting of this lodge was held, when Bro. H. Trembath was installed as Worshipful Master by W. Bro. T. N. Curry, P.G.S.D. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, S.W.; R. H. Cade, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.D., Treas. (re-elected); J. Q. James, P.M., Sec.; T. Davey, P.M., D.C.; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, Chap.; P. G. Hill, P.P.G.R., Org.; W. K. Stephens, S.D.; E. R. Ridington, J.D.; T. J. Joyce, I.G.; and R. James, Tyler. The brethren of the lodge, joined by several visitors, enjoyed an excellent banquet at the Angel Hotel, which was served in Mrs. Bennett's best style. The proceedings were very harmonious and enjoyed by all.

YEOVIL.—*Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 329.*—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the lodge-room, Three Choughs Hotel, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and to instal the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened in due form by the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Capt. Hy. Bridges, who attended to perform the ceremony of installation. The minutes of the former lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. R. J. F. Thomas, P.G. Chap. England, presented the W.M.-elect, Bro. John Chaffin, S.W., to Bro. Capt. Bridges for installation, which ceremony, it is needless to say, was performed in a most able and impressive manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. John Howe Farley, P.P.A.G.P. and P.S.G.D. Somersetshire, I.P.M.; William B. Millborne, S.W.; Wm. Cox, J.W.; Rev. R. J. F. Thomas, P.M. and P.G. Chap. England, Chap.; John Millborne, Treas.; Henry Raymond, P.M. and P.P.J.G.D. Somersetshire, Sec.; Charles Parsons, S.D.; Robert J. Damon, J.D.; J. W. Nosworthy, P.P.G.O., Org.; R. S. Chant, I.G.; John Hole and Edwin Helliar, Stewards; and James Harvey, Tyler.—Bro. the Rev. R. J. F. Thomas, P.M. and P.G. Chap., then rose, and proposed in eulogistic terms, "That the hearty thanks of the lodge be recorded to the retiring W.M., Bro. Farley, for the very able and efficient services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office," which was seconded, and enthusiastically carried.—Bro. Farley, P.M., acknowledged the compliment in a most suitable reply.—The W.M. then alluded to the very high compliment which the V.W.D.P.G.M. had conferred on them by attending that day to perform the ceremony of installation—a compliment which was immediately acknowledged with the fraternal thanks of the brethren present. The sum of £10 having been voted in aid of the Yeovil General Hospital, and £5 towards the relief of the suffering poor of the town, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. T. Sharland, which, together with the arrangements, were so perfect as to call forth the warmest approbation of the whole party. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the utmost enthusiasm, all the brethren joining heartily in the strains of the National Anthem and

"God bless the Prince of Wales." The beautiful singing of Bros. W. Millborne, Raymond, Thomas Sampson, and J. R. Damon contributed largely to the harmony of the evening, especially the latter, whose style was much admired for the tender feeling and pathos with which his selections were rendered, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

UXBRIDGE.—*Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.*—The January meeting of this lodge (the oldest in the province of Middlesex) was held at the hall in the Chequers on Monday se'nnight. Bro. Jaquin, W.M., presided, and the members present were: Bros. W. H. Coulton, I.P.M.; Coombes, P.M., Sec.; C. Horsley, P.M.; Lonsdale, S.W.; J. L. Coulton, J.W.; B. Swallow, S.D.; C. Cloak, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; and numerous other brethren and visitors. The W.M. worked the several degrees with much ability. Bro. Folkey was raised to the third degree, Bros Pitkin and Jenkins were passed, and Messrs. Raven and Kosner were initiated. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the election of Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and Bro. Lonsdale, S.W., was unanimously elected to the office of Master for 1872-3, his ability as a working Mason having long been appreciated. Bro. Woodward was again elected Treasurer. After the appointment of the Audit Committee, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very quiet, but excellent repast at the Chequers' Hotel, which was supplied by Bro. McPherson. At the conclusion of the banquet, Bro. Charles Horsley, P.M. (having been deputed for that purpose by the W.M., Bro. Jaquin), presented to Bro. W. H. Coulton, Prov. G.S.W., the Immediate P.M. of the lodge, a very beautiful gold watch; and, in an eulogistic address, pointed out the distinguished claims of Bro. W. H. Coulton to the gratitude of all the members of the lodge for his untiring devotion to their service during his year of office, for his very arduous duties, admirably performed, when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex visited the Royal Union Lodge last March, and for his revising the whole of the by-laws, in conjunction with Bro. Horsley; and he trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him for many a long year, and give him health and strength to wear the gift which he had so much pleasure in presenting.—After the warm applause which the remarks of the presenter had called forth had died away, Bro. W. H. Coulton warmly returned his heartfelt thanks for the munificent gift which had been presented to him, and said, if he had done anything during his term of office for the good of his mother lodge, he was more than amply rewarded by the kind and generous remarks of the presenter, and the fraternal greetings of the brethren.

GLOSSOP.—*Devonshire Lodge, No. 625.*—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Norfolk Arms, Glossop, Derbyshire. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Bramhall, W.M.; J. Vertegans, P.M., P.P.G.A.J.D.; Dawson, S.W.; D. Davis, J.W.; Mason, and others. The lodge was attired in mourning through the sudden death of Bro. Woodhead, printer and proprietor of the "Glossop-dale Chronicle." The Master Mason dress was worn, with the usual crape rosettes, supplied by George Kenning, London. The very appropriate lecture was given by Bro. Vertegans, in a most impressive and beautiful manner, and the condolence of the brethren was expressed for the widow and children of our departed brother.

LOUTH.—*Lindsay Lodge, No. 712.*—The brethren of this lodge held their Festival of St. John the Evangelist, on Friday, 26th ult. A goodly number of brethren were present to witness the installation of Bro. Geo. Hy. Porter, P.P.G.O., as W.M., whose patient and assiduous study and untiring energy in the interest of the Craft have, for many years, been the admiration of his fellow-workers. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. James Fowler, I.P.M. and P.P.G. Sup. of Works. The W.M. selected and invested the following officers: Bros. F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec., S.W.; Rev. S. Pepper, J.W.; Rev. Geo. Wash, P.P.G.C., Chap.; E. Locock, P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. G. Tupholme, Sec.; F. Goodhand, S.D.; W. Oliver, J.D.; J. Fuller, I.G.; Jos. Richardson, Steward; W. Griffin, P.P.G.D. of C., D.C. and Almoner. After the close of the business the brethren adjourned to a banquet joined by Bro. Richardson, of the Mason's Arms Hotel, in his usual splendid style, and a most friendly evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given and responded to. A handsome sum was collected by Bro. Locock, P.P.G.W., after the banquet, to be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the support of aged Freemasons and their widows.

LIVERPOOL.—*Derby Lodge, No. 724.*—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 24th Jan., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. F. Jones, the W.M.-elect. There was a numerous attendance of visitors and members, the former consisting of:

Bros. Jas. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas. West Lancashire, Installing Master; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; Thos. Platt, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; H. James, W.M. 203; R. Nelson, P.M. 241; H. Pearson, W.M. 249; W. J. Sunt, P.M. 823; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; T. S. Jones, W.M. 1276; Bradley, 884; Ockleston, 241; McArthur, 1086; C. Leighton, 249; Fieldmann, 241; Rupell, 419; R. Wilson, 43; R. W. Holt, Pennington, Taylor, Evans, and Brewer, all of 1276. The following P. Masters of the Derby Lodge were also present: Bros. Stediford, Chesworth, Caine, and Hill, besides many other brethren. Bro. Ward ably presided at the organ. The lodge was opened by Bro. Hill, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the transacting of the ordinary business of the lodge, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Robert Crispe into the mysteries of the Craft. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. F. Jones took the customary O.B. A Board of installed Masters was then opened by Bro. Hamer, as W. Installing Master who then proceeded to instal the W.M.-elect in that able and efficient manner for which this Masonic veteran is so justly celebrated. Bro. Jones having been placed in the chair of K.S., forthwith proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, viz.: C. H. Hill, I.P.M.; Shortist, S.W.; McLaren, J.W.; Chesworth, Treas.; Hutchin, Sec.; Ballard, S.D.; Beckin, J.D.; Ward, Org.; Barker, I.G.; Parker and McSwiney, Stewards. The lodges was then closed down by the new W.M., and the brethren retired to refreshment. During the course of the proceedings the W.M. in the name of the lodge, presented a gold P.M. jewel to Bro. Hill, I.P.M., for his services to the lodge, for which Bro. Hill returned thanks in suitable terms, and after spending a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated in peace and harmony, much pleased with their entertainment both moral and social.

BRIGG.—*Ancholme Lodge, No. 1282.*—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 19th ultimo, for the purpose of installing Bro. Decimus Maltel Robbs as W.M. for the ensuing year. After the ceremony of installation, the new W.M. proceed to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. George Nelson, I.P.M.; Geo. Murriss, S.W.; William Pigott, J.W.; J. Fryer, Sec.; H. H. Cave, S.D.; W. A. Field, J.D.; and J. B. Kirkham, I.G. The usual proclamations and salutes were given in a hearty and impressive manner, the W.M. closing the lodge in the three degrees in a way that promises well for the future working the lodge. The brethren retired to Bro. Kirkham's, where a banquet was laid out for them. Grace was first said by the Chaplain of the lodge (Bro. the Rev. J. Hodgson), who had been invested with his collar of office during the evening. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and after spending a pleasant evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

##### PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

On Tuesday afternoon se'nnight, the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. John Fawcett, held his annual convocation in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, when there was a very numerous assemblage of the companions of the Order. The Chapter was opened shortly after one o'clock by the M.E.Z. J. Fawcett, assisted by Comp. Anthony Wilkinson, Prov. G. H., and Comp. W. Brignall, Senior Prov. G. J. Amongst the visitors present was M.E. Comp. Lonsdale M. Cockcroft, Provincial G. Superintendent for the Province of Northumberland.

The customary reports having been made from the representatives of the different chapters in the province, the Prov. G. Superintendent congratulated those present on the flourishing condition of this most distinguished branch of the Masonic Order, and strongly exhorted them to persevere in their efforts to uphold its dignity. He then appointed and invested his officers for the present year as follows: Anthony Wilkinson, *J.P.*, Prov. G. H.; J. Morrell, Prov. G. J.; W. H. Crookes, Prov. G. S.E.; J. E. McNay, Prov. G. S.N.; G. Lawson, Prov. G. Pr. Soj.; D. Clark and T. Nelson, Prov. G. Assistant Sojs.; Rev. J. Cundill, B.E., Prov. G. Treas.; W. Brignall, jun., Prov. G. Reg.; W. A. Malcolm, Prov. G. Sword-bearer; R. Dixon, Prov. G. Standard-bearer; J. W. Marshall, Prov. G. Org.; S. J. Wade, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; and J. Thompson, Prov. G. Janitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in proper form.

DURHAM.—*Chapter of Concord, No. 124.*—On Tuesday evening se'nnight, the annual meeting of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, under the presidency of Comps. W. A. Malcolm, Prov. G. Sword-bearer, M.E.Z.; C. Rowlandson, H.; and W. Brignall, jun., Prov. G. Reg., J. Several candidates for exaltation were balloted

for, after which the officers for the present year were elected, viz.: Comps. C. Rowlandson, M.E.Z.; W. Brignall, jun., H.; James Monks, J.; T. W. Hearon, S.E.; R. Peele, S.N.; J. Gray, P.S.; W. Donkin, Treas.; and J. Carter, Janitor. The chapter was then closed, the M.E.Z. having announced previously that he would cause a Chapter of Emergency to be summoned before the next general meeting to work up the arrears of business.

PLYMOUTH.—*Concord Chapter, No. 223.*—A meeting of this chapter took place on Friday, the 26th ult., when two brethren were exalted. The chapter was numerous attended, and the working very satisfactory. Comp. J. M. Hifley, Z., in the chair. The first part of the ceremony of exaltation was performed by the Ven. Comp. T. Pollard, P.Z., &c., in his usual impressive manner, assisted by Comp. W. Browning, P.Z., as Principal Sojourner. The historical lecture was delivered by Comp. A. Woolf, P.Z., the symbolical lecture by Comp. W. Browning, and the mystical lecture by Comp. F. Stevens, P.Z., of London, in a very efficient manner, to the pleasure and satisfaction of the companions present. Among the members present were Comps. J. Montgomery, H.; J. May, P.Z.; J. Blackwood, S.N.; Meaby, P.S.; J. P. Phillips, S.A.S.; J. Pool, J.A.S.; &c., and visitors, Comps. Isaac Watts, P.Z. 70 and 156; Baxter, St. Aubyn Chapter; Thomas, 158; &c. The companions retired for refreshment, the usual toasts being given and appropriately responded to, and a very pleasant evening spent.

LIVERPOOL.—*Temple Chapter, No. 1094.*—This young and prosperous chapter held its meeting at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult. As this was the night for the installation of chiefs, a goodly number of the companions assembled. The chapter was opened at 6 p.m. by Comps. Hamer, P.Z.; J. K. Smith, P.Z.; and Pemberton, J. Comp. J. B. Robinson, H., the Z.-elect, and a number of the companions then entered, and after some little business had been transacted, all below the rank of M.E.Z. were requested to withdraw. The ceremony of installation of chiefs was then proceeded with, Comp. Hamer, P.Z., conducting this in his usual effective manner. Comp. Robinson having been installed as First Chief, Comp. Pemberton was afterwards duly installed as H. The elect for the third chair, Comp. Winstanley, being unavoidably absent, his induction was postponed. The companions having re-entered the chapter, Bros. Jeffrey (1094) and Jones (1336, Wrexham), after being duly elected, were exalted into H.R.A. Masonry by the newly-installed Z. in a most effective and able manner. Before the chapter was closed, Comp. Hamer was elected a honorary member, and three brethren were proposed for exaltation. Afterwards an excellent banquet was served by Comp. Ball, the House Steward, which having been partaken of by the members and visitors, was afterwards followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. "Our Masonic Rulers, supreme and subordinate," was responded to by Comp. R. H. D. Johnson, P.Z. The Installing Officer's health being proposed by the M.E.Z.—Comp. Hamer replied, and said that it always gave him the greatest pleasure to be present with, and work for, his Masonic brethren. He thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him a honorary member. He had promised to assist the chapter at its formation, and after having passed through its three chairs, he considered it his duty to resign as a subscribing companion, he already being such in several other chapters and lodges. In conclusion, he asked the companions to join him in drinking "The Health of the Three Principals," and alluded in flattering terms to the working of Comp. Robinson, Z.—This was duly honoured, and the M.E.Z. responded. In the course of his remarks, he stated that he had recently gone to reside in Manchester, but that during his year of office the chapters should not suffer inconvenience on that account, as he would attend its meetings regularly, and do all he could to further its prosperity.—The Second Principal briefly responded, stating that he thanked the companions for the position they had placed him in, and that he would endeavour to merit their confidence by strict attention to his duties.—"The Health of the Past Chiefs" was then honoured, three being present—viz., Comps. R. H. D. Johnson, J. K. Smith, and Hamer—allusion being made to the energy and industry of each, to their Masonic zeal and ability, and the prosperity which had attended their efforts in making the Temple Chapter a great success.—The First Principal, in proposing "The Newly-exalted Companions," said that he considered them to be his eldest children in Arch Masonry, and he hoped that they would appreciate its ceremonies, and live long to remain in companionship with the members of that chapter.—Comp. Jeffrey responded. He hoped that the children would reflect credit upon their parent, and give every satisfaction.—"The Officers of the Chapter" was replied to by Comp. Macmudrow, P. Soj., in appropriate terms.

"The Visitors" were then kindly alluded to amongst whom we noticed Comps. Banning, 823 and 310; Hocker, 220 and 673; Jones, 249; Holland, 823; and Hill. This toast was responded to by Comp. Holland, of the Everton Chapter, who stated that he had been very much pleased with the proceedings of that evening, and he trusted that as many as could make it convenient would attend the chapter to which he belonged, and he promised them a hearty greeting and fraternal reception.—During the evening Comps. Deacon and Washington contributed towards the pleasures of the members by singing appropriate selections.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 16, 1872.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-street.  
 ,, 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1351, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.  
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.  
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Goat and Compasses, Euston-road, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., 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, FEB. 12.

Lodge 5, St. George & Corner-stone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.  
 ,, 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 90, St. John's.  
 ,, 136, Good Report, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 ,, 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 ,, 222, St. Andrew's, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.  
 ,, 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.  
 ,, 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. James Terry, Preceptor.  
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), 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, FEB. 13.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 ,, 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.  
 ,, 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 ,, 180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 ,, 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.  
 ,, 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, New Bond-st.  
 ,, 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
 ,, 834, Ranelagh, Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.  
 ,, 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 ,, 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
 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. Cottehrune, Preceptor.  
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
 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, FEB. 14.

Committee R. M. Benevolent Institution, at 3.  
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.  
 ,, 15, Kent, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st.

Lodge 87, Vitruvian, White Hart Hotel, College-street, Lambeth.  
 ,, 147, Justice, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
 ,, 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 ,, 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 ,, 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.  
 ,, 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.  
 ,, 1228, Beacontree, private rooms, Leytonstone.  
 ,, 1260, Hervey, Iron School Room, Moore Park, Walham Green.  
 ,, 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping.  
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), 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.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. 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, FEB. 15.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 49, Gihon, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-st.  
 ,, 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 ,, 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
 ,, 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 ,, 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 ,, 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
 ,, 1139, South Norwood, South Norwood Hall.  
 ,, 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Htl., King's Cross.  
 ,, 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tav., Stockwell.  
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
 K.T. Encampment, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.  
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Ceremony, illustrations 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, FEB. 16.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.  
 ,, 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.  
 ,, 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 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 Coutts 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. West Smith, Preceptor.

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AGED 10 YEARS.

His Father, Bro. WILLIAM RAMSEY PARKER, formerly Wine and Spirit Merchant, Worksop, Notts., now out of business and in ill-health, was initiated in Peace and Unity Lodge, Preston, in 1861, and from that time, up to the end of 1867, was a member of three lodges in Sheffield and Doncaster (West Yorkshire); he was the Founder of the Pelham Lodge, Worksop, and great credit is due to him in the way he accomplished it; afterwards W.M. of the same lodge. He was also a member of the R.A. Chapter of Paradise, Sheffield; a Knight Templar; and a member of the Rose Croix Encampment, Sheffield. He has a family of five children (eldest a girl, under 13) and unable to earn a livelihood, or provide any education for the four boys.

The case is one deserving the sympathy of the Craft, and strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

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The Brethren marked thus † will be happy to receive Voting Papers.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

APRIL ELECTION, 1872.

YOUR votes and interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

FREDERICK CHARLES GATES,

AGED 7½ YEARS,

Son of the late Bro. JAMES HAYDEN GATES, of Clapham, Surrey, Builder, who died in June, 1871, after a long and painful illness, leaving a Widow and seven children totally unprovided for, his severe sufferings from hereditary disease having, during the previous two years, incapacitated him from attending to his business pursuits. Bro. Gates was initiated in the Panmure Lodge, 720, served the offices and passed the chair of that lodge, and was also Past H. of the Chapter attached thereto. Whilst in a position to do so, he faithfully discharged his Masonic duties, and supported the Charitable Institutions by every means in his power.

The case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:

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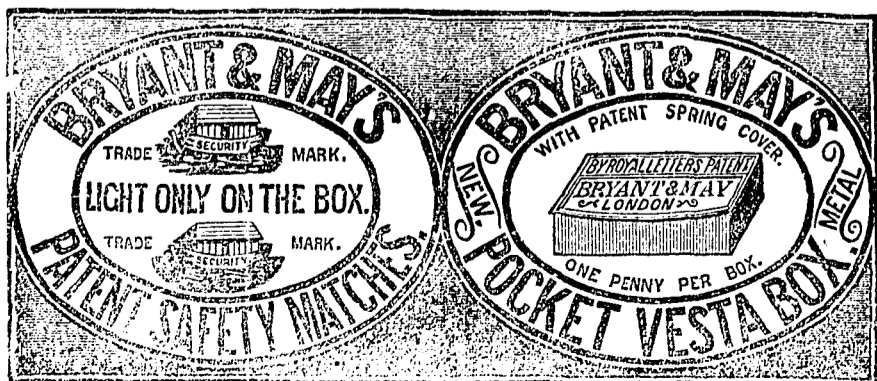
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*DEDICATION of the NEW MASONIC HALL AT BRISTOL.*

The new Masonic Hall at Bristol was dedicated on Friday, the 2nd instant. Amongst those present were Earl Limerick, Grand Master of the province of Bristol, Lord Elliott, and other well-known members of the Craft. It may not be amiss to preface our account of the proceedings with a few facts relative to the history of Freemasons in that ancient city, and a description of the handsome structure which has now been dedicated.

The connecting link between ancient and modern Masonry in Bristol is not easily traceable, and we must, therefore, content ourselves by stating that, so far as we can ascertain, some of the lodges at present in existence owe their origin to charters granted by the Grand Lodge of London, which dates from 1717, and of which the Duke of Cumberland and George IV. (when Prince of Wales) were successively Grand Masters. In 1813 the Grand Lodges of London and York were amalgamated, under the title of the "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England," with the Duke of Sussex as Grand Master. The Earl of Zetland succeeded the Duke of Sussex in 1830, and held the office until a year or two since, when he resigned, and the present Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, was elected. There are six regular lodges in what is known as the province of Bristol—viz., the Royal Clarence, No. 68; the Beaufort, No. 103; the Royal Sussex, No. 187; the Moira, No. 326; the Colston, No. 610; and the Jerusalem, No. 686. Attached to the Clarence, Beaufort, and Sussex are Royal Arch Chapters, and there is also a Canynge's Lodge of Mark Masters, Conclaves of Knights, &c. Each lodge is governed by a Master, who is elected annually, and all are subject to the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master being the Earl of Limerick, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. A. F. Powell. What transpires in the various lodges is known only to the members of the Craft; but we have evidence that the Masons of the present day, like their "ancient brethren," are not indifferent to their duties, when either the promotion, preservation, or restoration of public buildings is concerned, inasmuch as they have left their impress on such edifices as the Guildhall in Broad-street, the Horfield Barracks, Redcliff Church, the Cathedral, &c. The foundation stone of the Guildhall was laid with Masonic forms in 1842, that of the Barracks at Horfield in 1844, Redcliff Church restoration in 1846, and the corner-stone of the west nave of the Cathedral in 1870. The ceremonial at Horfield Barracks was made a very attractive spectacle, as it was a combined display of Masonic, military, and municipal gentlemen. The Freemasons of Bristol and other places attended in great force, and with full regalia took part in the procession. It is Redcliff Church, which Queen Elizabeth declared to be "one of the most famous, absolute, fairest, and goodliest parish churches within the realm of England," that the Freemasons of Bristol have chiefly identified themselves of late years. On the 21st of April, 1846, they assisted in laying the first stone of the new work in connection with the restoration of that noble structure. A local paper says the laying of the restoration stone was performed by the Worshipful the Mayor, Mr. J. K. Haberfield (who was subsequently knighted), and that the Freemasons of the city and neighbourhood attended with all their imposing paraphernalia. The Mayor laid the stone, but the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. D. Bushell, applied the rule and level to ascertain that it was properly fixed, and after other Masonic forms had been gone through, made an effective speech, in which he wished every success to the undertaking.

The good wishes expressed by the D.P.G.M. in 1846, may be said to be all but realised in 1872, and the Masonic Fraternity may congratulate themselves in the fact that both individually and in their corporate capacity they have

had no small share in producing so satisfactory a result. There is every reason to believe that *Nil Desperandum*, who, at a cost of £2,534 8s. 8d., restored the handsome North Porch, was a distinguished member of the Craft. At all events the Craft was represented by the D.P.G.M. Bro. W. Powell (who succeeded Bro. W. D. Bushell) on the laying of the first stone of the Porch on the 24th November, 1848; and until his death in March, 1854, Bro. Powell proved himself a most zealous coadjutor in the restoration of the church, at which he had been a constant attendant for forty years. In 1853 it was announced that the Misses Powell had collected subscriptions, amounting to nearly £200, towards the "Ladies' Window" in the south transept, and, as a memorial to Bro. Powell, his family filled in the south-west window of the same transept with a design in stained glass. Another member of the Craft, Bro. Sholto Vere Hare kindly intimated in 1857 that, on the restoration of the west window, he would present stained glass to fill it of a design to be approved by the committee. This work was subsequently accomplished, and by the removal of the organ the west window was thrown open to the nave. The present D.P.G.M. Bro. W. A. F. Powell has also taken great interest in the restoration of Redcliff Church. He is a past president and one of the members of the Canynge's Society, and was president of the Commercial Society, by whom the South Porch was restored, and it was on his suggestion that the several lodges in Bristol determined on completing the restoration of "The Ladye Chapel," which a committee of ladies had been obliged to abandon for want of funds. The Freemasons had previously restored the north-east corner of the chapel, and they completed their work in 1870 by laying down an encaustic pavement, and decorating the roof in a style unsurpassed in any building in the West of England. On the 21st of April, 1870, the members of the Craft attended Divine Service at Redcliff, and on its conclusion proceeded to the Ladye Chapel, where an address beautifully illuminated, was read by the Provincial Grand Registrar.

The Earl of Limerick, P.G.M., presented the address to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Randall), who acknowledged the work done by the Freemasons, as did also by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol.

At one time the Freemasons had two places of meeting in Bristol, viz.: in Bridge-street and Broad-street, but for several years past all the lodges have assembled at the Masonic-hall in Bridge-street. The rapid increase in the Craft, and the gradual residential exodus to the suburbs, has long forced on the attention of the Governors of the hall the necessity of providing a new hall. Park-row was at first fixed upon as a site in that locality actually secured on which to erect a building for the use of the Craft. Just at that time, however, the Philosophical Institution in Park-street, was placed in the market, owing to the completion of the New Museum in Queen's-road, and on examination it was found so well adapted to the requirements of the Craft that it was purchased, and the site in Park-row abandoned. As soon as the Philosophical Institution was vacated, it was taken in hand by a sub-committee, and under the general superintendence of Bro. J. A. Clark, P.G.A., has been transformed into one of the most handsome and commodious Masonic-halls in the provinces. At present the Freemasons only occupy the vestibule and reception room adjoining, and the rooms on the first floor. The basement, the late library and reading room and lecture room, it is proposed to let off until the Craft are in a position to occupy this part of the building themselves as club rooms, &c. The ceiling of the lofty staircase, leading from the vestibule, is enriched with the fine paintings of the four cardinal virtues—Justice, Fortitude, Temperance, and Prudence. These paintings, which were executed by Bird, R.A., adorned the ceiling of the old hall in Bridge-street. The ceiling is also decorated with buff, gold, and green, relieved with vermilion and amber tint. The compasses and square occupy the angles, with a five-pointed star in gold at the external angle. The walls are painted a sharp claret colour. In the vestibule the ceiling is painted buff, relieved with colour, and gray

granite walls. Figures are to be inserted in the several niches, and emblems in the sunk panels over the doors. The walls of the reception room are painted sage colour, and the ceiling a warm gray, with cornice and mouldings, relieved with crimson and gold. The door is grained on the outside, and on the inside painted so as to harmonise with the general character of the room.

The lodge-room, lately the museum room of the institution, has been painted throughout. The walls are stencilled in oil, with an Egyptian design, modified somewhat and enriched by Moorish characters, relieved with leaf of gold, and having a gold bordering in the Grecian key pattern. Beneath this is a casing of pitch pine, stained and ornamented, forming the back of stalls down each side of the room, for the brethren. Each stall has a couple of small panels in it, relieved with blue. These seats are on a dais, and approached by three steps, painted gray and marble. The dais at the eastern extremity of the hall, will be occupied by the officers' seats, and is handsomely tessellated. Over the Master's chair is a shell-shaped canopy, gilded and decorated in colours. The cove under the gallery, which extends right round the hall, is diapered in white and gold, and enriched with stars, a rope moulding running round the face of the gallery; while the railings are painted white and picked out with gold. Above the gallery at the end of the hall hangs a large portrait of the Duke of Sussex, late Grand Master of the Order in England. There are also hung upon the walls heavily-framed portraits of Bros. Richard Smith, F. C. Husenbeth, and W. Powell, late P.D.G.M.'s of the Province. The western extremity of the hall is occupied by the organ, standing on a platform. It is surmounted by the crown and cushion, richly gilt; in the centre is a clock, and the show pipes are plain gilt. The ceiling, from which hangs five gas sun-lights, has eight panels richly painted with emblems of the different Masonic degrees; and the skylight in the centre is decorated with the well-known emblems of the Craft, the compasses and square. The doors of the lodge are painted uniformly white and gray, the panels bearing devices richly painted and gilt. A handsome Brussels carpet covers the floor, bearing the Craft emblems worked in brilliant colours, with a border pertaining to the Royal Arch degree. Adjoining the lodge is a chapter-room, a small but handsome apartment, the walls of which are painted of a delicate salmon colour, the cornice and mouldings being handsomely gilt. A canopy, draped, for the Grand Master or his deputy, stands in front of the centre window, which has been darkened, and the panels of the door contain the jewels of the different degrees. This room is illuminated by means of a sun-light. At the other end of the lodge, on the opposite side, is what is called "the preparing room," in which neophytes are prepared for initiation. The walls of this apartment are painted a warm gray, and the door is done in deep marone, relieved with crimson mouldings, and panels of deep chrome. A polished oak gallery runs round the room, the railings of which are white, picked out with gold. The skirting is painted marone colour, to match the door, the ceiling being of pure white, and there are four gas branches projecting from the walls. We may add that Mr. Diment, builder of St. James's-square, has carried out the whole of the work, with the exception of the carpentering, which has been executed by Mr. Eastbrook, of Stapleton-road, and the gas-fittings by Mr. Hunter, of Durdham-down. Mr. Vowles, of St. James's-square, has repaired and fitted up the organ.

The new hall described above was dedicated by the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, G.M. of the province, assisted by the D.P.G.M., the members of the Grand Lodge, and several distinguished brethren of the Craft from all parts of the kingdom. Amongst those present we observed Lord Elliott, Col. Adair, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Grand Chaplain, &c. The brethren assembled at "high twelve" in large numbers. It was intended that the ceremony should commence at one o'clock p.m., but, in con-

sequence of a delay in the arrival of some of the trains by which the visiting brethren travelled, the ceremony was postponed until a somewhat later hour. Every precaution was taken that none but Freemasons should be admitted, as every person presenting himself at the entrance was required to write his name, the number of his lodge, and his Masonic rank, on which he received a ticket, without which no person was admitted to the hall. The Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished visitors assembled in the late library on the ground floor, where a procession was formed in accordance with the Book of Constitutions. The procession, on leaving the library, passed through the reading-room into the vestibule and up the staircase into the Grand Hall, which was previously well nigh filled by the brethren—indeed, so numerous was the attendance, that the gallery was filled as well as the body of the hall. On the entrance of the procession, the Grand March was played on the organ, and the brethren received the Provincial Grand Lodge according to ancient custom. The customary circuit of the hall having been made, the procession halted, and, facing inwards, the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the visitors of distinction, occupied the stalls and seats on the dais, as had been previously arranged.

The D.P.G.M., addressing the P.G.M., said it was with much pleasure that he now requested him to dedicate that hall. He might mention that the brethren had for some time past contemplated a change of residence. The old hall in Bridge-street had long since been found to be too small, and in addition to this, there was a tendency amongst the brethren to move their habitations westward. It was fortunate for the Craft that the building of the Philosophical Institute presented itself to them. As a proof of its adaptation to the purposes to which it was to be applied, he would state that not a single shilling had been spent in alterations. They had, of course, gone to considerable expense in embellishments, but if the architect by whom the building was originally designed (Sir Wm. Cockerell) could revisit the scene of his former labours, Sir William would find that nothing had been altered, and that, even if he had intended it, he could not have reared a structure more suited to Masonic purposes.

The P.G.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in complying with the request made to him. He said he attended that day with the more pleasure as he knew from his experience of the Freemasons of Bristol that, whenever they were called upon, they never failed to perform their duty. He congratulated them on having so fine a building—so perfect in all its parts, and so well adapted to the various ceremonies of the Craft. He was proud that he had been asked to dedicate the hall for the purposes of Freemasonry for, he hoped, all time.

The ceremony of dedication was then proceeded with, and, as may be imagined, it was of a most elaborate and impressive character, all the gorgeous and symbolical accessories of which Freemasonry is capable being brought into requisition, aided by both vocal and instrumental music. After the ceremony, the Chaplain delivered a most effective and eloquent address, which was warmly applauded by the brethren. The ceremony concluded by the usual proclamation of the fact of dedication being made by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was then held, and the officers of the Grand Lodge appointed for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. S. H. Lowe, P.S.G.W.; H. Merrick, P.J.G.W.; S. E. Taylor, P.G. Treas.; R. J.

Bramble, P.G. Reg.; E. J. Inskip, P.G. Sec.; Coaffee, P.S.G.D.; George Gay, P.J.G.D.; J. A. Clark, P.G. Supt. of Works; Samuel Bryant, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; Gullifer, Asst. Dir. of Cers.; J. Hatherley, P.G.S.B.; J. Churchill, P.G. Org.; Maby, Asst. P.G. Org.; and J. Perrin, P.G. Purs.

This portion of the business concluded, the G.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the adoption of an address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, congratulating him on his recovery from his recent illness. The motion was carried unanimously, all the brethren rising to their feet. It was ordered that the address should be engrossed on vellum, and forwarded to H.R.H.

Subsequently, a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, College-green, when a very large company sat down.

#### MASONIC BALL AT NORTHAMPTON.

On Thursday, 25th ult., a grand Masonic ball was held in the Corn Exchange, Northampton, under most distinguished patronage.

The patronesses were the Duchess of Manchester, the Countess Spencer, and the Lady Southampton. The patrons were Bro. the most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M.; Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, K.Z., M.W.P.G.M.; Bro. his Grace the Duke of Manchester, R.W.P.G.M. of Norths. and Hunts.; Bro. Right Hon. and R.W. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. of Warwickshire; Bro. R.W. Sir Thomas George Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., J.Z.P., P.G.M. of West Lancashire; Bro. R.W. Wm. Kelly, P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland; Bro. the Hon. and R.W. the Earl Jersey, P.G.S.W.; Bro. the V.W. Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, P.G.C.; Bro. his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, K.G.; Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Southampton, Bro. the Right Hon. George Ward Hunt, J.Z.P., Bro. the Right Hon. C. W. Fitzwilliam, Bro. William Wells, W.M. and P.M. 412, &c.; Bro. the R.W. V. Cary Elwes, P.P.G.S.W. of Lincolnshire; Bro. R.W. C. W. Elkington, P.D.G.M. of Warwickshire, P.G.S.B.; Bro. R.W. S. Ings, D.P.G.M. of Norths. and Hunts.; Bro. W. Ed. Cox, P.G.S.W. of Norths. and Hunts.

The Stewards were the Worshipful Master (Bro. M. W. Flewitt) and P.M. of the Pomfret Lodge, No. 369, in this town. Bro. Valentine Thomas Barford (395) officiated as honorary Secretary, and Bro. Alfred Dorrell was Master of the Ceremonies.

The ball, which was a very brilliant and successful affair, was held in aid of the Masonic charities, and in connection with the Pomfret Lodge. In consequence of the number expected to attend, the large hall of the Corn Exchange was engaged, and the result proved that the choice of a room was a fortunate one, as it was the only one capable of containing the visitors who attended. The actual number present was 369. The arrangements were exceedingly good, and were highly creditable to the Stewards and committee, who were determined that, as no Masonic ball had been held here since the 26th January, 1843, the present one should be one noteworthy of the Order to which they belong, and which is pre-eminently distinguished for the usefulness and munificence of its charities. The consequence was that no pains were spared to ensure success, and the efforts of the committee were well rewarded.

Nothing was omitted that was calculated to promote the comfort of the guests. The upper portion of the hall was partitioned off for a supper-room by a screen covered with scarlet cloth, which ran across the whole width of the room. Plenty of room was then left for dancing, the floor being covered with a suitable cloth, 500 yards of which were used for the occasion. The hall was well warmed, and in order to give greater brilliancy to its appearance, additional gaslights were introduced. A large circular pipe, from which issued about 100 jets, was suspended in the centre of the hall, and at the top of the screen, dividing the ball room from the supper-room, there were three handsome brass gas candelabra, which added much to the effect of

the scene. On the north wall, facing the entrance, was a large Prince of Wales's feather in gas-lights, and facing it on the south wall was a star in gas-lights, and over it the Royal arms. A tasteful orchestra was erected for the band immediately in front of the screen, and adjoining this were tables for the supply of tea, coffee, lemonade, and wine, previous to and after supper. In front of the orchestra was a remarkably handsome silver fountain from Rimmell's, from the branches of which streams of Eau de Cologne were thrown out during the whole of the night. Handsome pier glasses were placed at intervals on the walls, which were decorated with great taste and elegance by workmen under the superintendence of Bro. E. W. Tuffley, who was assisted by Bro. James Watkin and others, Mr. C. Lewis, on the Wood-hill, being engaged also as a decorator. From the upper portion of the walls were suspended elegant wreaths of evergreens, intermingled with flowers, and these were met with corresponding wreaths on the lower part. At both ends of the hall were large designs in evergreens, 14 feet in height, of the compass and square, and on the walls between the wreaths were Masonic emblems and other designs in evergreens and flowers. In addition to these there were various coloured shields, on which were Masonic emblems, and which were a great relief to the foliage by which they were surrounded. Flags of all nations, and of every variety, were suspended from the walls on all sides, and added much to the appearance of the hall. For the convenience of the dancers, and by the kindness of the Racing Committee the large number boards used at the races were placed at the disposal of the Stewards. There were twenty-four dances, and, as each dance came off, the number of the dance on the list was denoted by a number which was exhibited at the top of the hall, and the result was, there was neither delay nor confusion.

The visitors began to arrive about quarter-past nine, a very large concourse of people being assembled round the Exchange. Amongst the guests were the principal inhabitants of the town, professional or otherwise, and a considerable number of visitors from the adjoining parts of the county. The dresses of the ladies were exceedingly handsome, and, as was remarked by more than one person, the beauty of Northamptonshire was well represented. Dancing commenced at a quarter before ten o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until five o'clock. Supper was served at twelve o'clock, and, by the general consent of all present, it was one which was worthy of the occasion, and which reflected the highest credit upon the Messrs. Higgins, by whom it was provided. The ball was opened by the W.M. (Bro. M. W. Flewitt).

The music, which was excellent, was supplied by the militia quadrille band.

Among the gentlemen recently nominated as Queen's Counsel we are delighted to see the name of Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, whose talent is so widely acknowledged.

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