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FREEMASONRY AND ISRAELITISM.
 No. XXVI.

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A First Supplementary Paper.

The 27th day of February, 1872, was a memorable day in the annals of the British Empire. I speak not of the pageantry and paraphernalia of royalty, and the external show and dazzling manifestations of rejoicing which the great capital put forth, in connection with the Thanksgiving for the recovery of the heir to the throne from his apparently fatal illness, but of the national acknowledgment which was made of the moral government of Him by whom kings reign, and princes decree righteousness.

Whatever some may think of the uselessness of prayer, for the removal of calamities which appear to come in the natural course of things, and therefore of returning thanks to the Almighty Ruler upon their removal, that day must be regarded and held in remembrance as one on which there was a solemn national acknowledgment of the Great Architect of the Universe, as the Supreme Governor of the World, and the arbiter of nations; and also, as a confession of our dependence on Him, as the supreme Disposer of events. It was a distinct national proclamation of faith in the reality of a special and personal Providence. As it was said, there might be varieties of depth in the conviction, and varieties in the sense of the mystery that encompasses it, but the general impression must have been made on almost every heart. And it is one which time will hardly efface. It was a day on which all ranks and degrees of men were represented in one temple of common worship. The Royal Family, Nobles, Commoners, Church, Army, Navy, Diplomats, Municipalities, Law, and Science, were all formed into one united body, and engaged in solemn acts of devotion and thanksgiving to Him, who doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and amongst the inhabitants of the earth; acknowledging His providential dealing with men, and His wise and beneficent ordering of nations. I know of no more beauti-

ful or touching picture, though but slightly sketched, than that in the *Daily News* :—

“The Queen, having entered her pew, kneels for a moment. On her right the Prince of Wales has taken his place, with his little heir on his left, the child's head just showing over the rails as he looks with curious baby face upon the unwonted sight; next to the child is the Duke of Edinburgh, in naval uniform, and beyond him, again, in the dark green uniform of the Rifle Brigade, is Prince Arthur. The Princess of Wales is on the Queen's left, with her second boy on her left, again; then Princess Beatrice in light mauve dress, trimmed with swansdown, then Prince Leopold in full Highland dress, and, on the outside, the Duke of Cambridge in Field Marshal's uniform. And so down there—under the vast dome of the noblest cathedral in her realm, her family by her side, in her front her faithful Lords and Commons, her judges, her wise men, the great territorial barons of Britain, and the men of Britain who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, the sage whose white hairs fall over the eye, whose fire age has not quenched, and the youth on whose lip the down is but budding, the representatives of her allies, and her subjects of another race and clime; with behind her her army and navy—a support in peace, as ever in war a shield and buckler before her—the Queen bends her head in prayer. A deep silence falls upon the vast upstanding assemblage. The nation as a whole, Queen and people, were thanking God Almighty that He had been pleased to save alive him who stood there by his mother's side, with his child holding his hand.”

There was one feature of this great day, however, which I have not yet noticed, though the most noticeable, perhaps, of all the striking incidents by which it was characterized; the great temple of Christian worship comprised in its congregation, not only Christians of all the various denominations who worship, each after the way which they deem to be most in accordance with the primitive form which has apostolic example or sanction, but those who represented nations and peoples who have not yet embraced the Christian faith. There were Brahmin and Bhuddist, Mahomedan and Parsee, in that vast assemblage. One of the first to arrive, says the daily papers, was the representative of the Turkish Embassy, then came his imperial Highness, Higeshi Fushimi Myn, and his companion, with their dusky features, and large rolling black eyes, under the green and gold turban, or a diamond studded Fez. Again, there was the Maharajah Duleep Singh, with the Maharanee, and their suite, in a flash of diamonds, and a glitter of cloth of gold; and some unknown but evidently Oriental personage of distinction, with his bosom of scarlet embroidered with foliage of gold, and a broad belt of red and gold crossing his manly chest.

What a sublime spectacle, what an impressive and glorious acknowledgment of a nation's dependence upon Him who reigns in righteousness, and makes His sun to shine on the evil, and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust!

It will not be forgotten as a day on which men emancipated themselves from the trammels of party, and raised themselves above the alien-

ation of sectarian differences. Bowing at one common altar, they poured out their united thanksgiving to one common Father and God. As the writer I have already quoted describes it :—

“In quaint court dress and cocked hat there sat, with canons and bishops, the Moderator of the General Assembly of Scotland—the Church of Knox, the Church that burnt the cathedrals and smashed the organs—the Church that furnished the Covenanting Martyrs, who lived the lives of the persecuted and died the death of martyrs, rather than accept the prelatial ordinances of James and Laud. Unitarians, Methodists, Baptists, Roman Catholics—every sect and many creeds met under the noble, sacred roof, to give thanks to the common God.”

The grand metropolitan Cathedral encompassed within its walls, on that memorable day, too, the representatives of many diversified views and convictions, touching politics, religion, and science. Many who occasionally contest with each other principles and opinions of most varied and almost opposing aspect, here met on common ground, and on bended knee, and with hearts beating in sympathy, adored Him from whom all good emanates. It was, indeed a temple of peace, harmony, and united devotion.

In what was this Thanksgiving Service extraordinary? It was extraordinary, in the first place, I think, for the various and diverse persons taking part in it. It was a solemn Thanksgiving to the Father of Mercies for the recovery of the heir-apparent to the throne from the jaws of death. As the Archbishop reminded the congregation, prayers had been offered for the Prince's recovery from his seemingly fatal illness, not only in all the national established churches, but “in the broad circuit of the British Empire many joined in our prayers, who scarcely knew the God to whom we prayed; and none were more hearty in their prayers, than God's ancient people.” And now here was gathered up into one great national act of worship, in the form of Thanksgiving for his recovery, the representatives of all nations, and tribes, and kindreds of people. As a contemporary writer remarked, “the tendency of modern thought, while it infinitely enlarges our conception of the Divine operations, is, perhaps, to diminish the vividness and directness with which we feel them. The tendency of modern habit and fashion, without any conscious thought, is to discourage those frequent references to His working which belonged to the simpler times of our forefathers, and—in a spirit which surely is the reverse of philosophical—to be content merely with reference to second causes. This Thanksgiving Service had a striking significance, as a formal rejection of those supposed modern ideas.”

There was no evidence, on that memorable day, that the nation was becoming tired of monarchy, and were impatient for a republic. There are, perhaps, few young men of ardent temperament, who have seriously given their attention to politics, who are not, more or less, imbued with the notion that republicanism is the perfection of human government, and who do not fancy that, with a republic, we should get rid of all the ills that flesh is heir to, under a monarchy. But as they advance in life, and acquire knowledge and

the habit of reflection, they generally become convinced that this is a mistake, and expose themselves to the imputation of being renegades from their purer faith. The Monarchy under which we live, and the dynasty which occupies the throne, are evidently and deeply seated in the affections and judgement of the English people, as a nation. But on this memorable occasion, it was the Prince, chiefly, that commanded the deep sympathy of the "masses," for they, not less than the "upper ten thousand," evinced it in their most expressive way.

But what had all this to do with Israel? Much every way.

No other people in ancient or modern times could ever bring together, without violence or coercion, nor indeed by it, such a mass of heterogeneous elements as was presented on this day of Thanksgiving. A mere invitation brought into the great Metropolitan Christian Temple, the representatives of all civilised nations and peoples, excepting the still separated remnant of the kingdom of Judah, who are not yet to unite with their ancient brethren of Israel, worshipping at the same altars, and offering up common prayers to their common Father. The Hindoos, besides being here represented, thronged their temples in India, the Mahomedans their mosques, and the Jews their synagogues, in order to unite with us in their devotional thanksgiving. Can we fail, while reflecting on so remarkable and exceptional a religious phenomenon, to call to mind the words of the prophet, concerning Israel's future: "Behold, thou shalt call a nation which thou knowest not; and nations that knew thee not shall run unto thee, because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy one of Israel; for He hath glorified thee . . . So shall my word be, that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in that whereto I sent it" (Isai. lv., 5, 11.) And again—although the glorious prophetic promise will not be wholly fulfilled until after the final gathering and uniting of Judah and Israel, it seems to have a partial and is obtaining a progressive fulfilment, in like manner as all the Divine purposes appear to have hitherto had— "Also, the sons of the stranger that join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants; everyone that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant, even them will I bring to my holy mountain; and make them joyful in my House of Prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a House of Prayer for all people" (Ch. lvi., 6, 7.) The Lord's ancient 'house,' in His "holy mountain," is still desolate and desecrated by the foot of the Moslem, for the "times of the Gentiles" are not yet fulfilled. Yet, while He said of Judah, that they should be wanderers throughout the earth, finding no rest for the sole of their foot, He said of Israel, "the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name shall the House of Israel no more defile, neither they nor their kings, by their whoredom (idolatry), nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places. . . . Let them put

away these from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever" (Ezek. xliii, 7, 9.) So that, though the Lord's house, which stood in His "holy mountain," in the midst of the earth, is thrown down, and the land defiled, He still has His chosen temple, and His word goeth forth from this favoured Island—a mountain rising up in the midst of the sea, and thus rendered, in the theocratic sense of the word, "holy," even as Zion was called "holy," though possessed by "a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers" (Isa. i. 4.)

This great day of Thanksgiving, of which I write, had the Heir Apparent for its object. The Prince, as far as he is known, has not done anything to place himself on a higher level in our national affections than some other persons who might be pointed to, outside the royal circle. But he has afforded many proofs of his desire to promote the public welfare, and to aid the cause of beneficence. Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that many people regard him with doubtful feelings, and even speak of him in disparaging terms. The wherefore need not here be inquired into; enough that it is the fact. Nevertheless, for his recovery from a condition of extreme danger, the united prayers of all ranks and degrees of men, with only such exceptions as tend to confirm the general proposition, were offered up to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. And now, his recovery being pronounced, there was an equally united thanksgiving offered to the same Divine Ruler, for what they believed to be an answer to their prayers. Is there not in all this something more than can be accounted for on ordinary principles? They who deny that God governs the world, by the continuous exercise of His divine wisdom, and omnipotence, and rather believe that there is nothing by which our world is affected, beyond the constant and never varying operation of "natural laws"—laws operating by no more intelligence than the movement of a clock—cannot, of course, acquiesce in any idea of an inspiring impulse or suggestion from Him, without whom not even a sparrow falls to the ground, and who has promised to Israel, that He will direct them in all their ways. They are, in relation to this at least, "without God in the world." But it is otherwise with those who agree with the view taken of prophetic scripture throughout these articles on Freemasonry and Israelitism. They will agree with me also in this, that Israel, as the chosen instrument for the accomplishment of God's gracious purposes, in the government of the world, and in the well-being of mankind, will ever have afforded to them the means of realising those purposes. "Thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham, my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. . . . fear not, I will help thee, saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel," (Isa. xli). "This people have I formed for myself, they shall show forth my praise." (Ch. xliii. 21. 8-14).

(To be continued.)

BRO. LESSING ON FREEMASONRY.

A Series of Conversations.

PRELIMINARY: BY BRO. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE (KNOWN AS CRYPTONYMUS).

In that transition period of German thought which was to be ultimately brought to an issue by the counter-currents in the minds of Goethe and Schiller—and mainly by the former,—there existed a precursor. That precursor was Lessing. Pure in morals, faithful in actions, clear as a bell in induction, he was an aid to humanity. Numerous as are his works, it is singular to think that they have so little apparent present influence on the general thought of the world. Weird waggeries abound at the present time, but one of the masters of criticism, and the truest friends of the human race seems to have been consigned to an oblivion, only to be accounted for by reason of the difficulty popularly ascribed to the German language. To obviate this, I now, without further preface, give to the Masonic world the benefit of Bro. Lessing's ideas on the solemn aims of the fraternity. It is not here my duty to expatiate upon the serious topics embraced by these conversations. I will only add that eighteen years ago, I first issued Conversations One to Three; but the remaining portion never was added, from circumstances relating to the tenure of the paper in which they were published, by the kind permission and advice of Bro. the Rev. T. E. Cox, P.G.C., then holding the editorial chair of the now deceased *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*.—CRYPTONYMUS.

ERNEST AND FALK.

CONVERSATIONS FOR FREEMASONS.

By BRO. GOTTHOLD EPHRAIM LESSING. Now Translated for the first time by BRO. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, F.S.A., otherwise CRYPTONYMUS.

PART THE FIRST.—1778.

Dedication.

"To His Serene Highness the Duke Ferdinand Most Serene Highness.—I also was at the fountain of Truth, and drew water. How deep my bucket went must be decided by him from whom I have to expect the permission to sink it yet deeper."

"For a long time the people has desired water and is parched with thirst."

"Your Serene Highness's most humble Servant."

PREFACE.

(Written by a third person not engaged in the Conversations.)

If the following pages do not contain the true essence of Freemasonry, I should much desire to be informed in which of the innumerable treatises, resulting from it, a more exact definition can be found.

But if Freemasons, of whatever degree, will truly acknowledge that the point of view whence on this occasion, the subject has been regarded, be the only one from which not a phantom displays itself to a terrified beholder; but to a healthy vision, a veritable form, the one other question arises,—how it comes that such a truth has not long since been spoken?

Much may be said in answer to such a question. Yet it will be difficult to discover any other pos-

sessing so much analogy to it as this one: Why systematic handbooks of the Christian faith originated at so late a period of time? Why have there been so many and excellent Christians who neither could nor dared express their belief in a comprehensible manner?

Even the last would have occurred far too soon in Christendom, the faith winning but little thereby; if Christians had not fallen upon the whim of explaining it in a way altogether contrary.

The application of this is left to the reader.

CONVERSATION.—I.

ERNEST. Friend, what art thou thinking of?

FALK. Of nothing.

ERNEST. But you are so silent.

FALK. For that very reason. Who thinks when he enjoys? And I enjoy the invigorating morning.

ERNEST. You are right, and might have returned the question.

FALK. Were I thinking of anything, I should have spoken. Nothing is more delightful than *thinking aloud* with a friend.

ERNEST. Certainly.

FALK. If *you* have enjoyed the beautiful morning sufficiently, if anything occurs to *you*, speak. I think of nothing.

ERNEST. Good! I just recollect that I have wished to speak to you on a particular subject.

FALK. Name it, then.

ERNEST. Is it true, friend, that you are a Freemason?

FALK. The question is one which is not one.

ERNEST. Indeed! But answer me straightforwardly.—*Are you a Freemason?*

FALK. I believe myself to be one.

ERNEST. The answer is that of a person not sure of his facts.

FALK. Nay; I am somewhat certain of what I say.

ERNEST. In that case you must know whether, and when, and where, and by whom you were initiated.

FALK. I know that, certainly; but that would not be saying much.

ERNEST. No?

FALK. Who does not initiate, and who is not initiated?

ERNEST. Explain yourself.

FALK. I believe myself to be a Freemason, not so much because I was admitted by elder Freemasons into a legally established lodge, but because I perceive and acknowledge what is Freemasonry, but why it is, and when and where it has existed, how, and by what caused it has been assisted or hindered.

ERNEST. And *yet* you are doubtful? "You believe yourself to be one."

FALK. This expression is one to which I have become accustomed. It is not as if I could not convince *myself*, but I do not like to place myself directly in anyone's way.

ERNEST. You answer me as a stranger.

FALK. Stranger or friend, it would be all the same.

ERNEST. You are initiated, you know everything.

FALK. Others are also initiated, and think that they know.

ERNEST. Could you, then, have been initiated without knowing what you know?

FALK. Yes—indeed.

ERNEST. How so?

FALK. Because many who initiate know it not, because the few who know it cannot speak it.

ERNEST. And could you know it without having been initiated?

FALK. Why not? Freemasonry is not voluntary, not to be escaped, but a thing which is necessary, and founded in the being of man and of society. Therefore it is as easy to arrive at it by reflection as by the assistance of others.

ERNEST. Freemasonry not voluntary? Has it not words and signs, and customs, which might be quite different, and are therefore quite arbitrary?

FALK. True. But these words, and these signs, and these customs are not Freemasonry.

ERNEST. Freemasonry is a thing not to be escaped? How did men go on before Freemasonry existed?

FALK. It has always existed.

ERNEST. In that case, what is this fatalistic and certain Freemasonry?

FALK. That which I have already expressed to you. Something which even thou who know it cannot express in audible language.

ERNEST. A monstrous creature, therefore?

FALK. Be not hasty.

ERNEST. Whatever I can comprehend, I can define in audible language.

FALK. Not always, and often, at least, not in such a way as to convey by words to another the the exact definition impressed upon your own mind.

ERNEST. But if not one altogether similar, one, under any circumstances, having an analogous nature.

FALK. A definition bearing such an analogy would be either unnecessary or hurtful. Unnecessary, useless, if embracing to little; hurtful, if conveying too much.

ERNEST. Singular! If then, the Freemasons, who know the secret of their Order, cannot impart it by audible teaching, how do they spread abroad and uphold the Order?

FALK. By actions. They permit good men, and youths, whom they honour with a more intimate association, to conjecture and guess at their deeds—even behold them, as far as they may be beheld; these find pleasure in the pursuits, and do similar good deeds.

ERNEST. Deeds! Masonic deeds! I know of none but their speeches and songs, which are usually better printed than meditated or spoken.*

FALK. An analogy which they have with divers other orations and songs.

ERNEST. Or am I to accept these things as their deeds upon which they exult in those very songs and orations?

FALK. When they do not only exult in them.

ERNEST. And what is it that they glorify themselves so much in? Things which one expects from every good man, every honest citizen. They are so social, so benevolent, so obedient, so patriotic!

FALK. And are these things nothing?

ERNEST. Nothing by which they are distin-

* The reader is requested to bear in mind the fact that Bro. Lessing wrote nearly one hundred years ago.—CRYP-
TONYMUS.

guished from their fellow-countrymen. Who should not practice these virtues?

FALK. Ought!

ERNEST. Who cannot find predisposition and occasion sufficient for this beyond the sphere of Freemasonry?

FALK. But within that sphere, and by it a greater disposition.

ERNEST. Talk not to me of a multiplicity of predispositions. Rather induce due disposition with a tremendous and intensified power! The multitude of disposing forces is like the complexity of wheelworks in a piece of mechanism. The more numerous the wheels, the more easily is the machine put out of order.

FALK. That I cannot deny.

ERNEST. And what necessity is there for another inducement? an inducement dwarfing and making suspect all other mainsprings of action! One giving itself out as the strongest and the best!

FALK. Friend, be moderate. Hyperbole *quid pro quo* of those shallow orations and songs! Probation-work! Apprentices-work!

ERNEST. That is as much as to say: Brother Orator is a gossip!

FALK. Nay, rather that that which Brother Orator extols in Freemasonry is not exactly their work. Brother Orator at any rate tells no tales, and deeds speak for themselves.

ERNEST. Oh! now I do perceive your drift. How was it that I did not immediately recollect these deeds, their self-testifying actions; these deeds I might almost call crying deeds! Not content with upholding each other in the most self-sacrificing manner, what have they not done for the state and nation to which they belong!

FALK. For instance? so that I may hear if you are on the proper track.

ERNEST. The Freemasons of Stockholm, have they not erected a building for foundlings?

FALK. But let us hope the Stockholm Freemasons have kept up their credit for activity on other occasions.

ERNEST. At which?

FALK. At any other, I should have said.

ERNEST. And the Freemasons of Dresden; do they not employ young girls in embroidery and spinning; so that the foundling establishment is much smaller there?

FALK. Ernest! bear in mind the solemnity of your name!

ERNEST. Without any glosses then! and the Freemasons of Braunschweig, have they not given free instruction in drawing to poor boys?

FALK. Why not?

ERNEST. And the Berlin Freemasons, they perhaps did not lend their aid in founding the Basedon Institute?

FALK. What say you? Basedon! Freemasons' founding?—Who has deluded you with this story?

ERNEST. The brazen trumpets of the newspapers have proclaimed it.

FALK. The newspapers! I should like to see the receipt in Basedon's own handwriting, and I should like to be certain that it is not addressed to *the* Freemasons, and not to the Berlin Freemasons.

ERNEST. What is the matter! do you not approve of the Basedon Institute?

FALK. Not approve of it! Who can do so more than I?

ERNEST. Well, then! I must say that I cannot understand you at all!

FALK. I have no doubt of it: and besides this I am wrong. For the Freemasons are able to do some things that they do not do as Freemasons.

ERNEST. And do you apply this to every one of their good deeds?

FALK. Perhaps! perhaps all these good deeds you have named to me are, to make use of a scholastic term, for brevity's sake, only their deeds *ad extra*.

ERNEST. How do you mean this?

FALK. Those deeds only which the public hear of—deeds done, and only to be made public.

ERNEST. To enjoy toleration and respect?

FALK. May be.

ERNEST. But their real deeds?—you are silent.

FALK. If I have not already answered you? Their true deeds are their secret.

ERNEST. Ha! ha! and therefore not expressible in words?

FALK. Not easily. I can only say to you this much: the veritable deeds of the Freemasons are so great, and extending so far, that whole centuries may pass ere it can be said:—This have they done. At the same time, it is they that have done every thing good in the world—mark me, in the *world*!—and they continue to work at all that good which will come into this world; mark me again, in the *world*.

ERNEST. Come, come, you are joking.

FALK. Truly not. But see, there is a butterfly which I must have. I say but to you: the veritable deeds of the Freemasons have this aim, to render all those things commonly called good deeds, unnecessary.

ERNEST. And are themselves good deeds?

FALK. There can be none better. Think for a few minutes over it: I shall be with you again immediately.

ERNEST. Good deeds, aiming to render good deeds unnecessary? This is an enigma, and I do not meditate upon enigmas. I shall rather lie down beneath this tree and watch the ants.

CHESHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

On Monday, 22nd inst., the annual meeting of the General Committee of the above Institution was held at the rooms of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, Hamilton Square, Birkenhead, the W.M. of the Stamford Lodge, No. 1054, Altrincham, presiding.

The Worshipful Masters and Past Masters of the province, together with some past and present Provincial Grand Officers, put in a good appearance. Amongst those present were Bros. E. G. Willoughby, P.M. 477 and 425, P. Prov. J.G.D.; Jas. Salmon, W.M. 425; Dr. J. Sellar, W.M. 721; John Beech, W.M. 361; J. E. Williams, P.M. 425; Joseph Sillitoe, P.M. 605; T. Somerville Jones, W.M. 1276; T. E. Kirk, W.M. 1054; J. P. Platt, P.M. 537, P. Prov. J. G.W.; F. K. Stevenson, P.M. 537, Prov.G.S.B.; Dr. Spratley, P.M. 537; E. Harbord, P.M. 477

and 1350; Thomas Marwood, W.M. 537; T. E. Hignett, P.M. 537; A. J. Brereton, 721; W. Goodacre, W.M. 104.

The following report to the Governors and Subscribers to the charity was read and unanimously adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee, in bringing before you their Ninth Annual Report for the past year, have reason to hope that their proceedings will meet the approbation of the supporters of the Institution generally.

Since the issue of their last report the income of the Institution has been of a very satisfactory character. The personal subscriptions, &c., of the brethren amounted to £78 19s. 6d.; the donations from lodges and chapters to £70 9s. 6d.; and the general fees from the various lodges to £30 17s. 6d.; making a total of £180 6s. 6d.

During the past year the sum of £109 3s. 9d. has been paid for the education and advancement of children of poor and distressed masons; and since the accounts were closed upwards of £167 3s. 10d. has been added to the invested funds, making now the sum of £1,508 1s. 5d., against £1,340 last year.

At the same time your Committee are compelled to draw attention to the circumstance, that while the expenditure for the past year in the education and advancement of children amounted to £109 3s. 9d., the income derived from interest on the invested sum referred to is only £70 1s. 5d., showing clearly that greater exertions are required from the brethren in general, if complete success is to attend the management of this excellent institution.

It is with very great pleasure that your Committee again refer to the results of another amateur performance, held 28th March, 1871, at the Theatre Royal, Birkenhead, which realised the nett sum of £29 9s. 2d. They also gratefully acknowledge the kind assistance of Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tatershall, at St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, in preaching a sermon specially in aid of this Institution.

Another fact of the most gratifying nature may be mentioned, namely, that the mother of a child educated since 1867, being now in improved circumstances, has withdrawn the child from the Institution, and in order to show her gratitude for the benefits derived, has contributed to the funds the sum of five guineas, thereby constituting herself a Life Governor.

During the past year the large number of twenty children have received the benefits of education, and three have been aided with grants for their advancement in life. There are five candidates for admission to the Institution, in place of five who, under the rules, are ineligible for re-election.

The Committee have to acknowledge the receipt of £10 10s. from the St. George's Lodge, No. 32, West Lancashire, being the first moiety of £21, to constitute the W.M. for the time being, a Vice-President. Such an instance of fraternal regard on the part of a deservedly esteemed lodge in a neighbouring province is at once a testimony to the good work in which the Province of Cheshire is engaged, and to the admirable masonic feeling which has always existed and still continues to animate the brethren of West Lancashire and Cheshire.

It is worthy of remark that these two provinces were the pioneers of provincial educational institutions, and the Committee are glad to find that the Province of Cornwall are just establishing an educational fund on the basis of that in Cheshire, whose rules and annual reports have materially influenced the Cornish brethren in their well timed and excellent determination.

Before closing their Report, the Committee desire to express their heartfelt thankfulness to the Giver of all Good for the marked success which has attended the efforts of the friends and supporters of the Institution, from its foundation to the present day. Much as has been done, however, still there remains a great deal more to be accomplished; and in the Province of Cheshire, where, under the benignant sway of the R. W. the Lord de Tabley, Provincial Grand Master, Freemasonry has in recent years so greatly flourished, there is every reason to hope

and expect that no child of a deceased or worthy distressed brother in the province be left without the most precious boon that can be bestowed, a sound and liberal education. With confidence, therefore, the Committee commend the Institution to the most favourable consideration of the Craft, collectively and individually, assured that their appeal will not be in vain, for in this holy cause in behalf of the orphan the labours of the brethren will be before the Lord, and their recompense will be with their God. So mote it be.
18th March, 1872.

The five candidates for the benefit of the charity were separately introduced, and grants were made as follows: for education, one child, £8; two children, £10 a year each; for advancement in life, one child, four guineas, and one child, five guineas.

The previous grants for the education of fifteen other children were renewed for the coming year.

A vote of thanks to the Mersey Lodge for the use of their elegant suite of rooms for the meeting; to the indefatigable Secretaries, Bros. John P. Platt, and F. K. Stevenson; to the Honorary Treasurer, Bro. Edward Gardner Willoughby; and to the Chairman, concluded the proceedings.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. CHAS. D. ASTLEY, OF DUBLIN.

The remains of the late Bro. Charles D'Olier Astley, were committed to the earth yesterday morning in Mount Jerome Cemetery, with all the solemnity which the office of the Church could impart. The large attendance of brethren of the Masonic Craft attested the esteem in which the deceased was held as Grand Superintendent of Works of the Order, while the considerable body of fellow-officials who followed his remains to the grave afforded ample evidence of the good feeling and respect entertained for him while a prominent officer in the architect's department of the Board of Public Works.

His death, at the early age of fifty years, was deeply mourned by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and it was determined that his obsequies should be made the occasion of bearing testimony to his sterling worth and good qualities.

The funeral left Longford-place, Monkstown, the late residence of the deceased, at half-past eight o'clock. The body was enclosed in a suite of coffins, the external being of polished oak, with brass mountings, the breastplate bearing the following inscription:—

"CHARLES D. ASTLEY,
Departed this life
17th March, 1872,
Aged 50 years."

The chief mourners were Dr. Astley, of Dover, and the Rev. Mr. Astley, brothers of the deceased; James Owen, Architect to the Board of Public Works; Alfred J. Aldrich, Wm. Deaker, Dr. John A. Baker, and the Rev. Benjamin Gibson.

The funeral *cortège* proceeded along the Rock-road and by Merrion to Ball's Bridge, where it was met by a large concourse of citizens in carriages. A procession having been formed, it moved on by the direct route to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the remains were received by the officiating clergymen and the members of the choir at the north door.

The brethren attending entered at the south door, and took up their positions immediately behind the chief mourners, as the body was borne into the church and placed in front of the chancel.

The Rev. J. J. MacSorley, Grand Chaplain, read the first part of the Service for the Burial of the Dead, and the choir sang the appointed psalms to the music of Beethoven's "Marche Funèbre" with peculiarly solemn effect, which was much heightened by the impressive spectacle afforded by the presence of over three hundred brethren attired in full Masonic clothing.

The Rev. H. H. Westby, Past Grand Chaplain, having read the Lesson from 1 Cor., xv., 20.

The Rev. Lord Plunket, Grand Chaplain, ascended the pulpit, and addressed the congregation. He said that while the solemn words that they had just been listening to from God's Holy Word were still ringing in their ears, and before they were called upon to follow the remains of all that was earthly of their dear brother to the grave, he would ask them for a few moments to pause, and try to learn some of the lessons that a scene such as the present was fitted to teach them all. He would especially address himself to those brethren of the ancient Order with which their dear brother had been so long, actively, and honourably identified. For himself, he felt that if ever the responsibility of the position he occupied as Grand Chaplain of the Order should weigh upon his mind more than upon another occasion, it should be upon an occasion like the present, when their hearts were all softened by the contemplation of the departure from amongst them of one well and universally beloved, and when they had the thought that their own time for being called to the kingdom to come might be nearer than they imagined. It was his great privilege and responsibility at all times to help by his ministrations in their councils. He spoke now to men whose time was taken up necessarily with the cares of this world, and whose duties involved engagement from morning until night; but it was well that they should thus, at times, be compelled to look death in the face, remember what death is, and ask themselves what they were doing, and whither were they going. He could not help on that occasion recalling the calm, gentle, dignified countenance of their departed brother; he could not help thinking how he won the respect and esteem of all who knew him; how earnestly he devoted himself to the interests of the Order and the Charities connected with it; how conscientious and earnest a Christian he was known to them all to be, and how deeply regretted he was by each and all.

Greene's Anthem, Psalm xxxix., v. 5, "Lord, make me to know mine end," was then sung by the choir, and the duet being admirably given by Masters Polden and Marchant.

The remains were again borne to the hearse, and the procession having been re-formed, the *cortège*—which, by this time, had been largely increased—moved on to Mount Jerome Cemetery.

Among those who attended were R. W. Robert William Shekleton, D.G.M.; Hon. Judge Townsend, P.D.G.M.; R.W. Arthur Bushe, G. Treas.; R.W. Maxwell C. Close, G. Sec.; R.W. the Rev. John James MacSorley, R.W. the Rev. Lord Plunket, G. Chaplains; Rev. Henry Westby, P.G. Chaplain; W. Charles A. Cameron, M.D., S.G.D.; E. R. Digges La-Touche, P.S.G.D.; W. Alderman Joseph Manning, G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Theophilus E. St. George, G. Steward; W. George Hepburn, G. Swd. B.; W. Francis Quin, G. Org.; W. Chas. T. Walmisley, D.G. Sec. and Treas.; Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, Asst. Sec.; Bro. Samuel G. Downes, G. Tyler; Bro. Edward Batchelor, Asst. Tyler.

Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, R.W. J. Faviere Elrington, L.L.D., Q.C.; from the Grand Lodges of Prussia, R.W. Philip C. Smyly, M.D.; from the Grand Lodge of Spain, R.W. Captain A. Vesey Davoren; from the Grand Lodge of Canada, R.W. James V. Mackey, J.P.; 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 New York, R.W. John Ringland, M.D.; from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Lisbon, W. John H. Goddard; Dr. Lombe Atthill, W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge, and the following Masters of Lodges:—Jos. Ferguson, 2; Thomas Dockrell, 4; William L. Barrington, 6; Joshua Bewley, jun., 25; William Stoker, M.D., 33; Philip T. Lyster, 50; Henry Coulter, 53; Peter Marshall, 75; John Sutton, 93; Thomas B. Gilbert, 100; Henry Gerty, 120; George A. Harvey, 125; John D. Elliott, 126; Arthur Wynne Foot, M.D., 141; Richard W. Boyle, 143; Thomas G. Yeates, 153; John Holmes, jun., 158; William Hawkins, 171; Wm. H. Hillsworth, 225; Thomas Callinan,

227; Charles F. Phillips, 245; John J. Dillon, 250; Henry M. Williams, 494; Ferdinand Winewiser, 500; Capt. Maxwell Harte, 620; George Booth, 666; Capt. Edward Evans, 728.

The following officers of metropolitan lodges also attended:—Henry Wilson, M.D.; Henry Kerr, Robert A. Millner, Arthur Barrington, John White, Arthur Houston, Edward Peele, Edward Long, M.D.; Francis Benson, James Gorton, Ralph Valentine, Henry Cochrane, Benjamin D. Watlock, John Cox, Robert Reeves, William Anderson, William Scott, Thomas E. Linden, Bernard Murphy, Frederick G. Saunders, Thomas Fitzgerald, John P. Ryan, Ambrose, M. McEnery, Wm. A. Bell, Arthur Andrews, E. Bernard Coleman, John De C. Franklin, Lieut. Charles A. Cooper, Benjamin Ormsby, David B. Chambers, Wm. McComas, Wm. Millar, Charles Foot, Thomas Clifford, Wm. H. Harris, John Young, W. M. Mitchell, James Baird, Robert S. Reeves, Rev. R. C. O'Callaghan, James Charles, Folliott H. Pike, George William James, W. O'Donohue, Mus. B.; Robert Wade, David Baldwin, James S. Simonds, Alex. Taylor, M.D.; John Clancy, George Sproule, Wm. G. Sloane, Captain Ed. H. Butler, John Gallie, John A. Hogan, C. C. Macnamara, Robert L. Swan, M.D.; E. S. Harty, James H. North, T. H. Atkinson, James Porter, Robert Thacker, Frederic Bapty, Henry B. Johnston, Thos. G. Yeates, Percival Jones, Joseph S. Wilson, R. W. Griffin, L.L.D.; James Flynn, George T. Whitestone, Wm. Scott, Wm. Allen, Wm. F. Collins, D. Crosthwaite, L.L.D.; Arthur White.

Amongst other brethren and the general public who attended were:—Dr. Owens; Michael Larkin; J. Milo Burke; Jeffry Browning; the Dean of Ferns, Thomas Fry, Jas. Ireland, Henricker Lewis, Michael Meade, Frederick Carolin, Henry Bussell, Patrick Walsh, Edward Hudson Kinahan, J. Manifold Craig, Jas. Wm. Jackson, Thomas W. Kinahan, J. Echlin Ward, Henry Toole, Robert Brunker, John Dunne, Joseph Digges, Lewis Heinekey, John Cox, George A. John, Edward Reeves, Wm. Murphy, Samuel Tudor Bradburne, Robert Warren, William Weatherup, Harry Hodges, Henry Beachman, Captain Gibton, George Gray, Wm. Tomlinson, Henry Digges, Dr. E. Egan, George A. Stephens, Dr. Guinness Beatty, Dr. Sawyer, J. F. Boake, Captain Molloy, James Frederick, H. R. Cox, Thomas Lynch, John Holmes, W. C. Beatty, Henry Smyth, Samuel Eakins, H. Johnstone, E. Wm. Mansell, J. V. Legge, Richard W. Smyth, Mr. Mitchell, H. J. Westby, J. M'Cormick Arthur Molly, T. Jebb, James Robinson, George Woodward, Benjamin Mullin, Samuel Dobbyn, Thos. M'Govern, Charles H. Brien, Richard Worn, W. L. Payne, A. Gray, George Drury, Dr. Hepburn, A. T. Chatterton, Philip R. Patman, Hy. Shaw, C. Grattan, Thomas H. Parkinson, Crown Solicitor; Samuel Pickering, Mervyn P. Crofton, Captain Burney, R.N., J. W. Queale, Colonel M'Kerlie, J. W. Elwin, Robert Ponclue, Fredk. V. Clarendon, Thomas Rutherford, Henry Brett, Wm. Foot, Wm. Geroon, Rev. J. B. Wilson, E. Drevitt Thorpe, Peter Marshall, Wm. Spence, W. MacLvor, Charles Hedgelong, and J. W. Wilkinson.

The members of the Prince Mason's Chapter, No. 5, of which the deceased was a member, who followed immediately after the chief mourners, were:—James Vokes Mackey, J.P.; Richard Thompson, George Hepburn, Mr. Baker, Francis Quin, Thomas Fry, J.P.; William Allen, Arthur Andrews, H. C. Hoyte, Dr. W. B. Jennings, Matthew H. Chamberlain, Richard Allen, Samuel B. Oldham, John Hill, Robert Greer, and Arthur Barlow.

On arrival at the cemetery, the brethren formed a line, right and left, and allowed the remains to pass up the centre, preceded by the Rev. J. J. MacSorley, reading the second part of the burial service. The pall-bearers were:—Dr. Cameron, Dr. Atthill, Wm. L. Barrington, Dr. Henry Wilson, Arthur Barrington, and John Hogan.

After the remains had passed between the double line, the brethren closed in four abreast, and followed the coffin to the grave in this order:—

Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers,
Officers and members of the Grand Master's Lodge,

Officers and members of Prince Mason's Chapter, No. 5.

Officers and members of Lodge, No. 6,
Officers and members of other Dublin lodges,
Brethren generally.

When the body had been lowered into the grave, Dr. Astley, of Dover, brother of the deceased, came forward, and cast upon it a number of violets and immortelles. The final words of the burial service were then read, and the grave closed over all that was mortal of a good man, an esteemed friend, and an upright Christian.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Messrs. Arthur Jones and Son, St. Stephen's Green, by whom they were carried out in a most commendable manner.

CITY OF LONDON MASONIC LIFE-BOAT FUND CONCERT.

We regret that want of space prevented us from noticing, in due time, a grand concert given in aid of the above fund, under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and under the direction of W. Bro. Herr Ganz, G.O., in the spacious and magnificent hall of the City Terminus Hotel (which, with every accommodation, was given for the occasion by Bro. Spencer) on Monday sennight. We must not, however, late though it is, leave unrecorded the zeal, generosity, and success of all concerned. To give a concert is, no doubt, an easy thing, but to make it a success is a very arduous and laborious one; and too much praise could hardly be given to the Honorary Secretary, Bro. Henry Chapman, and the Chairman of the Committee, Bro. William Carpenter, for such zealous and successful labours, as can be duly appreciated only by the experienced in such matters. A more complete success, artistically, numerically, and therefore pecuniarily, so far as the size of the hall would permit, could not be realised—the only regrettable fact being, that, as the hall is not elastic, hundreds were obliged to be refused admission. Bro. Ganz, who generously undertook the direction of the concert, must feel as much honoured at finding so many of his talented professional—may we say sisters? ready to go hand in hand with him to a good work, as he must have been pleased at seeing so many professional brethren uniting in the honour and sharing the honours with them, and the hearty, and generous labours of them all crowned with such complete success. Where all was excellent, it would be invidious to signalise, but we cannot refrain from expressing our admiration of a charming new song, "Sing, Sweet Bird," composed by Brother Ganz. We must content ourselves with recording the names of those artistes, whose talent and generosity were so signally successful. The ladies—all honour to them!—were Miss Edith Wynn, Mme. Florence Lancia, Mme. Osborne Williams, Mme. Poole, Miss Ransford, Miss Janet Haydon, and Miss Banks; and the gentlemen were Brothers Ciabatta, George Perren, Montem Smith, Edwin Ransford, Frederick Penna, Frank Elmore, Carl Stepan, the new tenor, Mr. Pearson, (a pupil of Bro. Kingsbury's), and eight gentlemen of the St. Michael's Glee Club, under the direction of Bro. Richard Limpus, vocalists; and, aiding in the work as accompanists, were Bros. Lehmeier and Kingsbury. Such perfect success, without a hitch or drawback, rarely rewards even the most zealous, and we have only to add, in justice to our generous and highly gifted brethren the Chevalier de Kontski and Herr Ganz, that, artistically, their "Grand Duo," and the Chevalier's "Grand Fantasia," were the crowning points. We trust that the gratification afforded to their audience will be more than repaid alike, to them: and all their coadjutors, when reading of fellow-creatures saved, they say to themselves with heartfelt gratitude to the G.A. O.T.U.; "I helped to float that Lifeboat."

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MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL,
DUBLIN.

The annual general meeting of the Board of Directors of this Institution was held on Thursday, 14th inst, at the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin. The brethren sat down to breakfast at half-past eight o'clock, having partaken of which they adjourned to the boardroom.

The chair was taken by R. W. Bro. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Vice-President. There was a very large attendance.

Bros. Thomas Valentine and James Girdwood attended as a deputation from Belfast.

Bro. Dr. Smyly read the following annual report.

"Your Committee, in laying before the Governors this, their fourth annual report, have much gratification in being able to state that the Masonic Orphan Boys' School has made satisfactory progress during the past year. The amount invested since last report has been £1,000, and the entire sum at present standing in Four per Cent. India Stock, and Masonic Hall Company's Shares, in the name of the Trustees of the Institution, is £4,791 19s. 1d; while the cash balance at the bank is £185 5s. 8d. The revenue derived from subscriptions and donations for the year 1871 has amounted to £1,149 19s., being more than £300 in excess of that for 1870. The expenditure has increased by a little more than £100, caused by the increased number of pupils.

"The subjoined audited accounts show the details of this.

"The number of orphans at present maintained and educated is thirteen, being an addition of three boys to the number on the roll at last report. Of these, one has, under exceptional circumstances, been placed at Holywood School, near Belfast; the other twelve are still at the Society's Incorporated School at Santry. The reports of the progress of the boy who is at Holywood (George Macartney) are of the most satisfactory character, and the pupils who are at Santry are also making good progress in their studies, and the reports of their health and conduct throughout the year have been satisfactory.

"Your Committee are much indebted to the local Treasurers in the several masonic provinces for their exertions on behalf of the School, and for the several sums collected and forwarded by them.

"Bro. Gumbleton deserves especial thanks for his exertions amongst the members of the order in England, as do also these brethren themselves for their liberal aid to our charity. Our warmest thanks are also due to our Consulting Medical Officer, Mr. Porter, Surgeon to Her Majesty; our Bankers, the Royal Bank of Ireland; and our Stockbrokers, Messrs. Boyle, Low, Murray and Co., for the most valuable, kind, and gratuitous services which they have each respectively rendered.

"Your Committee have to announce that a legacy of £500 was bequeathed by the late Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Kingston, J.G.D. This, however, has not as yet been received.

"A growing desire for the establishment of the school on a liberal footing, as an exclusively masonic institution, having been found to exist amongst the Governors, the Committee thought it most advisable to obtain information on the subject, and accordingly appointed a sub-committee to consider and report thereon. A copy of this report has been placed in the hands of each subscriber.

"The matter was of such importance that the Committee considered that it should be referred to the general body of the Governors, and they do not venture even to express an opinion upon it. Whatever decision the Governors arrive at, the Committee will endeavour to carry out to the best of their ability.

"Your Committee regret that one of your Hon. Secretaries, Bro. the Rev. Henry H. J. Westby, has tendered his resignation, both as Honorary Secretary and also as Trustee. It would be impossible to over-estimate Bro. Westby's zeal on behalf of your school. Prominent among its founders, and untiring in his exertions, he merits the gratitude of the Governors and of the Order. Bro Westby has been pressed to withdraw his resignation, but has refused to do so. It will therefore be necessary at the present meeting to fill the vacated offices.

"Your Committee have no reason to think that the Masonic order, which contains so much of the wealth and influence of this country, will, (in the event of your deciding to have a distinct Masonic Boys' Orphan School or Institution) fail to support so deserving a charity with the necessary funds, more especially as we have but two charities connected with the Order—our Male and Female Orphan Schools.

"In conclusion your Committee earnestly solicit liberal contributions from the brethren, to enable them to increase the number of orphans on the roll, and pray that the Father of the fatherless may bless your work of charity."

Bro. Captain Harte read the statement of accounts.

The report and statement of accounts were both unanimously received and adopted.

The following brethren were elected a Committee of Management for the ensuing year, viz. The Right Hon. and Rev. Lord Plunket, Sir John M. Stewart, Bart, the Rev. J. J. MacSorley, Maxwell Close, W. E. Gumbleton, Robert Warren, Alex. Dixon, Dr. Smyly, William Allen J. Stewart Kincaid, G. H. Major, Theophilus St. George, E. W. Maunsell, Robert Courtenay, S. B. Oldham, Rt. Hon H. E. Chatterton, Hon. J. F. Townsend, Rev. A. Galbraith, Capt. Vesey Davoren, Thomas Valentine, J. H. Jessop, C. H. Woodruff, Dr. Wilson, Samuel Bolton, S. N. Lane, Francis Quin, W. S. Tracy, S. T. Bradburne, Chas. T. Walmisley, and Harry Hodges.

Bros. Dr. Smyly and G. H. Major were elected Honorary Secretaries.

The Chairman declared Henry George Wilson, son of the late Bro. George Robert Wilson, admitted as a pupil of the Institution.

The following was the scrutineers' report of the result of the voting:

Wilson	134	O'Neill	27
Sweetman	108	Barnett	18
Hendley.....	72	Waters	16
Verdon	69	Corry	16
Ferguson	44	Thornton	5
Owen	44	Godbey	5
Sayers	31		

The report of the Sub-Committee was read and very fully discussed, after which it was unanimously resolved:—

"That the Board of Governors are of opinion that the time has now arrived for taking active steps for the establishment of a Masonic Orphan Boys' School, on an independent footing, but do not agree with some of the details set forth by the Sub-Committee; and do, therefore, refer the report back to the General Committee, with a request that they will prepare a plan more in accordance with the views expressed at this meeting, and submit the same to a general meeting of the Governors, to be convened when they shall think fit to do so, and that it be a distinct instruction to the Committee that they are to leave out of their consideration any plan for the admission of other boys into the proposed Institution save the sons of deceased Freemasons.

It was proposed by Bro. Philip R. Patman, P.M. 153, seconded by Bro. Hamilton, and unanimously resolved—

"That we have received the resignation of brother the Rev. Henry Westby, as Hon. Secretary, with regret, and that the best thanks of the Board of Governors are due, and hereby tendered to him for his efficient services in connection with the school."

The Secretary reported the receipt of the following donations:—

George Lambert, London, £3 10s.; James Jameson, Airfield, £15; John Suffren, Belfast, £12; James Henry, Belfast, £10; Lodges—9, Dunganon; 25, Dublin; 137, Ballinasloe; and 248, Roscommon, £10 each,

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720.)—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday the 18th inst., when were present:—Bros. H. F. Huntley, W.M.; John Thomas, P.M.; J. M. Young, P.M., and Sec.; H. F. Hodges, S.W.; T. Porve, J.W.; H. Payne, S.D.; J. Pulman, J.D.; W. Withall, I.G.; also Bros. Lane, Woolfe, Trusler, G. Lilley, Holmes, R. W. Huntley, Maddern, Bye, Mansell, Dr. Williams, and visitors Bros. James Stevens, P.M., 720 and 1216; W. S. Cockett, 1216; and Wright. The lodge having been duly opened the following gentlemen were balloted for and approved, and being in attendance were severally introduced and initiated into the order, viz.—Mr Edward George Cumming, Mr. John Leonard, and Mr. William Smith. The ceremony was in each case performed with that perfect care and attention to detail, which this lodge is becoming justly celebrated for, and which is especially due to the valuable aid afforded by Bro. Thomas as preceptor to its Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Maddern applied to the W.M. for instruction how to act under the following circumstances.—A friend of his, connected with the Board of Trade, had placed in his charge a certificate of Grand Lodge, a Master Mason's apron, and a pair of gloves enclosed in a leather case, and which had been washed ashore on the English coast and had been found by one of the coast guard. The W.M. considered that publicity should be given to the fact, and then probably some information might be obtained in reference thereto. The certificate is dated 5th March, 1869, and was granted to Bro. William Sandrey, of the Walton Lodge, 1086, Kirkdale. It was resolved that the Kirkdale Lodge should be written to on the subject. The votes of the Masonic Schools were given to Bro. Thomas in support of the case of the son of Bro. Gates, a P.M. of the lodge. The lodge was then closed and a pleasant hour was subsequently spent in refreshment after labour.

BURGOYNE LODGE, (No. 902.)—This prosperous and highly efficient lodge held its ordinary meeting for March, on the 25th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Simmons, who was well supported by his officers and a numerous attendance of the brethren of the lodge, together with several visitors, among we noticed Bros. Cooper, 834; Stanton, 130; Jackson, 167; Deacon, 205; and Gibbs, P.M. 15. The W.M. at this, his first opportunity for work since his installation, had the gratification of admitting to the light Messrs. Thomas Gilbert and Henry Charles Jeffreys. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner, and Bro. Simmons bids fair to prove the reverse of an exception to the efficient bead roll of Masters of this energetic lodge. After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where after the usual loyal toasts, briefly prefaced by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren, Bro. Henry Smith, I.P.M., proposed "The health of the W.M.," and highly eulogised the proficiency displayed by him in working that evening. The W.M. briefly responded, and in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," remarked upon the happiness the Burgoyne Lodge always experienced in seeing a numerous attendance of guests at its table. The visitors replied individually at some length, each one remarking on the truly Masonic concord displayed in the lodge, Bro. Stanton observing that this was to him peculiarly conspicuous, and a subject on which he might be presumed to be well qualified to speak inasmuch, as he had seen the working of Masonry in numerous lodges in every country in Europe, and the brotherly love and good feeling displayed by the Burgoyne, he had never seen surpassed, nor had its proficiency been excelled by lodges which claimed to be more influential and were certainly more strong in number. In response to the toast of the initiates Bros. Gilbert and Jefferys, concurred in expressing their sense of the impressiveness of the ceremony, enhanced

as it was by the rendering of the W.M. Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer, responded to the toast of his health, with which had been coupled that of the esteemed Secretary, Bro. Scotcher, unfortunately absent through ill health. After a feeling allusion to the cause of this worthy brother's place at the table being vacant, Bro. Poynter observed that all the visiting brethren had remarked on the good feeling and unanimity that appeared to prevail among the members of the Burgoyne. He (Bro. Poynter) could assure the visitors they were always so pleased to meet around that festive board, that what they noticed on any one occasion might be taken as an indication of the normal state of the lodge, they were, he, the speaker, was thankful to say, always in amity. One of the visiting brethren had alluded to lodges more numerous in their members, but he (Bro. Poynter) would remind his worthy brother of what was sometimes said in another place—in an arena for the discussion of subjects most properly prohibited among Freemasons—there it was propounded that votes must be weighed as well as counted; the same thing held good of Masonry, and the influence of a lodge must be measured more by the quality than by the number of its members—more by the excellence, or the reverse, of its working than by its numerical strength. The volunteer corps from which the Burgoyne Lodge sprang had for its motto the proud boast "Peritia potius quam vi"—a motto that rendered obligatory upon those who assumed it—inexorably obligatory, if they would escape the charge of a nauseating vainglorious egotism, indefatigable assiduity in the acquisition of ability. He claimed, however, for the Burgoyne Lodge the right to bear the motto of its parent corps, he believed that they had hitherto proved, and trusted that in the future they would continue to prove, true to the tradition that whatever influence they as Masons had already or hoped in the future to acquire, should be by skill rather than by strength. (Cheers). The Wardens and Junior Officers, having been duly honoured, the evening's entertainment, which had been enlivened by some capital songs, and recitations by the brethren, concluded with the Tyler's toast, and the company separated.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216.)—In evidence of the continued prosperity of this well-known lodge, an important emergency meeting was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The W.M., Bro. S. H. Wagstaff, was supported by his I.P.M. Bro. James Stevens, Bros. G. Waterell, S.W.; John Thomas, P.M., as J.W., (in the absence of Bro. Bridges, at the festival of the Boy's School); Dr. Eugene Cronin, Treas.; J. J. Curtis, Sec.; Hastie, J.D.; Larlham, I.G. and a large number of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. Lazarus, P.M.; Gompertz, P.M.; Copestake, P.M., and several others. The lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock, and, with an interval of about half an hour for refreshments, working was continued until nearly eleven. The business consisted of raising Bros. W. Gray, W. S. Cockett, A. Wilson, and J. B. Schott; passing Bros. R. H. Garland, and W. C. Hale; and initiating Messrs. H. T. Peckham, and T. A. Harper. The greater portion of each ceremony was performed separately for the respective candidates, a mode of working which not only secures a due appreciation of each degree by the recipients thereof, but tends greatly to the utmost perfection in every officer of the lodge. On this occasion the great exertions of the W.M. and his assistants were crowned with great success, and during the interval for refreshment, the visitors generally, and Bro. Lazarus (who is a well-known Mason of 50 years standing) particularly congratulated the lodge on having gratified them with an exhibition of thorough Masonic working. We had the pleasure to learn that although only established less than four years, the Macdonald Lodge has secured its exceedingly handsome and appropriate furniture free from all liability, besides having liberally supported the Masonic charities, and extended its hospitality without stint. We cordially wish the lodge continued prosperity, and acknowledge the courtesy with which we, in common with all its visitors, have ever been received at its meetings.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—This flourishing lodge met on Friday evening, the 15th inst., at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, for the purpose of working the fifteen sections. Bro. Hogard, S.W. 205, in the chair, supported by Bro. Brett, P.G.P., the worthy Preceptor of the lodge as P.M.; Bros. Willing, S.W.; Dwarber, J.W.; and an assemblage of forty-four brethren. The sections were most ably worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren, namely in the

FIRST LECTURE.

First Sec.	Bro. Swallow.
Second	„ Lemann.
Third	„ Mander.
Fourth	„ Brett.
Fifth	„ Mander.
Sixth	„ Annett.
Seventh	„ Colton.

SECOND LECTURE.

First Sec.	Bro. Lee.
Second	„ Lemann.
Third	„ Brett.
Fourth	„ Stacey.
Fifth	„ Brett.

THIRD LECTURE.

First Sec.	Bro. Dwarber.
Second	„ Higgins.
Third	„ A. W. Stead.

The W.M. having risen for the first and second time, several brethren were proposed as joining members, and on his rising for the third time, Bro. Brett proposed, and Bro. Stacey seconded a resolution, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Hogard, for the efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the onerous duties of the chair, also, that as a further mark of their appreciation of his services, he be elected an honorary member of the lodge. This was carried unanimously, and after Bro. Hogard had briefly expressed his acknowledgements of the honour conferred upon him, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and adjourned. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Friday evening at 7 o'clock, and when we say that Bro. Brett is the Preceptor we need add no remarks as to the way in which the ceremonies and sections are worked, but can heartily recommend those brethren in search of Masonic knowledge to pay it a visit.

DERBYSHIRE.

DERBY.—*Arboretum Lodge* (No. 731.) The anniversary meeting of the above lodge was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Arboretum Hotel, Litchurch, Derby, on Wednesday the 13th inst. The lodge was opened at 2.30., when Bro. John Smith, P.M., was for the second time installed as W.M. of the lodge. The installation ceremony being performed by Bro. Thomas Cox, P. G.R. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—T. R. Gee, S.W.; J. C. Merry, J.W.; W. H. Burton, Treasr.; R. Bennett, Sec.; F. H. Wilton, D.C.; T. H. Warner, S.D.; C. Dersantory, J.D.; G. H. Sheffield, J.G.; J. Thompson, Organist; J. R. Reed, and H. Foulkes, Stewards; and W. Stone, Tyler. After the ordinary Craft lodge business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet; provided by Bro. Baldock, in his usual faultless manner. Bro. J. Smith, W.M., presided, Bro. T. R. Gee, S.W., being in the vice-chair. In proposing the toast of "the officers," the W.M. presented to Bro. Gee, on his retirement from the secretaryship, a very handsome silver tea and coffee service, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, to mark their appreciation of his efficient discharge of the duties of secretary during the past four years. A Past Masters jewel (manufactured by Bro. Kenning), was also presented to Bro. Gribble, the immediate Past Master, the W.M. leaving the room for a few minutes to present it personally, Bro. Gribble being indisposed and unable to attend. Bro. Pearsall (Litchfield Cathedral) sung in his usual excellent style; and Bro. Bedmore (organist of Litchfield Cathedral) presided at the harmonium with great ability. Amongst the Brethren present, in addition to the officers, were G. T. Wright, P.M.; J. Cox, P. Prov. G.S.W.; H. Hillam, P. Prov. G.S.; F. Campion, Prov. G.S.W.; F. Iliff, P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. Roe, jun., J. M. Ritchie, G. Carr, A. O. Francis, John

Brown, J. Jones, H. Burn, J. Coulthurst, R. McCombe, J. Mervy, G. Woodiwiss, C. Low; F. H. Plock, W. Knight, E. J. Peach, J. W. Hackett. Visitors:—F. Bailey, 441; C. F. Oding, 253; J. L. Spooner, 353; J. Preece, P.M., 755, 1143, P. Prov. S.G.W., North Wales and Shropshire; C. Trigg, P.M., 1039; J. G. McClean, P.M., 1039; T. Bedsmore, J.W., 1039, P. Prov. G.O., Staffordshire; S. Pearsall, P.S.W., 1039; J. Wilkins, 30; J. R. Deeley, 30; W. Mervy, S.W., 1179; J. Merry, P.M., 1179; R. Mayger, P.M., 624, P. Prov. G.R., Staffordshire; W. Johnson.

DURHAM.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.—*Faucett Lodge* (No. 661.)—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 11th inst., at the lodge room, Lord Seaham Hotel. The following brethren were present:—Bros. N. B. Wright, P.M.; R. Candlish, P.M.; J. Ayre, P.M.; T. Gibbon, P.M.; Jas. Armstrong, G. Stokeld, T. Shepherd, J. B. Wells, J. Patinson, H. Rittinger, J. Thomsen, W. Stratford, J. Cottar, L. S. Newyr, J. Potts, W. Willis, and J. Taylor. Among the visitors present, were: Bros. T. Elwin, P.M.; C. Young, I.G.; Walbert Beattie, W. Brandt, and P. Stabler, of St. John's Lodge, No. 80; J. Robinson, and D. Wake, of Phoenix Lodge, No. 94; R. Humphrey, S.W.; N. Fryer, I.G.; N. Tomkinson, J. Sharpe, C. M. Robson, Palatine Lodge, No. 97; Whiddle, W.M.; J. Hartness, Carl Stilleke, Williamson, Lodge, No. 949; J. Symington, P.M., and Blagdon, Lodge No. 659, Northumberland. The ceremony of installation took place at five o'clock, and was performed by Bro. James Ayre, who installed into the chair Bro. William Forster, in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz., Bros. Wright, I.P.M.; Armstrong, S.W.; Shepherd, J.W.; Richardson, Treas.; Rittinger, Sec.; Wells, S.D.; Gibbon, J.D.; Thomson and Potts, Stewards; Ayre, Dir. of Cers.; Stratford, I.G.; Taylor, Tyler; Candlish and Stokeld, Auditors. The brethren then adjourned and partook of a sumptuous banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M., in an able manner. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured and a thoroughly enjoyable evening spent by the brethren, who separated highly satisfied with the day's proceedings.

HAMPSHIRE.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331.)—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Royal Hotel, on the 7th inst. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. C. Carnegie, I.P.M., Grand Purs. Hants, (the W.M., Bro. Fenn, being detained at Woolwich on duty) who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. Capt. Richardson, R.E., S.W.; A. McKenzie, J.W.; J. Laverty, S.D.; K. Bennett, J.D.; R. White, Sec.; F. Anderson, I.G.; U. Lucas, O.G. There was a strong muster of the brethren, and several visitors; among the latter was Bro. Warne, Pannure, No. 723, who presided ably at the harmonium. The lodge was opened in due form in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Sergeant B. Fitter, R.H.A., a candidate for initiation, which was unanimous in his favour. Bro. Silk, a candidate for the F.C. degree, was then questioned respecting his knowledge of the former degree, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted with a test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Silk was passed to that degree, Bro. Richardson explaining the working tools. The questions appertaining to the degree were answered by the brethren for the information of Bro. Silk. The lodge was then closed down to the first degree, and Sergeant Fitter was initiated into Masonry; Bro. McKenzie presenting the working tools, and Bro. Richardson, giving the charge. The questions belonging to the first degree were then answered by the brethren for the information of Bro. Fitter. The report of the Committee of Reference relative to the rules of the proposed Charitable Association in connection with the lodge was

read, but further action was deferred till the next meeting of the lodge. Bro. Carnegie stated that the W.M., the Junior and Senior Wardens, and himself, had attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge on the 6th inst. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

LANCASHIRE (WEST.)

LANCASTER.—*Lodge of Fortitude* (No. 281.)—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. William Hall, who was supported by the following officers and brethren: W. Bro. J. Daniel Moore, G.S.B., I.P.M.; Bros. W. Fleming, S.W.; E. Airey, J.W.; James Hatch, P.M. Treas.; Edmund Simpson, P.M. Sec.; W. J. Sly, S.D.; W. Heald, J.D.; Jas. Taylor, Organist; Richard Taylor, I.G.; Watson and Bealey, Tylers; Gregson, Steward; John Hatch, 281; E. Storey, 281; John Harwood, 1242; and J. Banning, 343, Past Masters; W. Hartley, W.M. 1353; and Williams, 1453. The lodge was opened and usual business transacted; the Secretary read the reply that he had received by command of the Prince from General Sir W. Knollys, to the address of congratulation on the recovery of the Prince of Wales. Bro. Moore, G.S.B., in obedience to the request of the W.M., gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "Masonic Clothing," which was listened to with great attention by the brethren, who afterwards awarded an unanimous vote of thanks to the doctor, trusting that the lodge might at some future time be favoured with other lectures on Masonic subjects. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Preston for 5th April was announced, and a candidate for initiation proposed. After hearty wishes had been expressed from several lodges, the lodge was closed in due form.

ULVERSTON.—*Furness Lodge* (No. 995.)—The monthly gathering of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Temple, Theatre-street. There was a numerous attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. Pearson, was supported by Bros. T. Dodgson, P.M.; J. Case, P.M., D.C.; and Roger Dodgson, S.W. The J.W. was absent through indisposition all the other officers were in their places. The minutes of last communication having been confirmed, Messrs. John Grieve and Francis Postlethwaite were balloted for and unanimously elected. The lodge being duly raised to the second degree, Bros. Hargreaves, Cox, Blake, and Hartley were duly examined, entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bros. Hargreaves and Cox were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. with his usual impressiveness. The lodge being lowered, Messrs. Kirkby, Grieve, and Postlethwaite, were duly initiated, the ceremony for the first and last being performed by the W.M., and of the second by P.M. Dodgson, whose lucid and pleasing explanations of the ceremonies leave a lasting impression on every candidate. After a very laborious evening, the lodge was finally closed at 12 p.m.

CROSTON.—*Hesketh Lodge* (No. 986.)—On Tuesday, the 13th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Grapes Inn, Croston, a goodly number of the brethren being present. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Roger Righye having opened the lodge in the three degrees, Bro. Parkinson of Preston was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bros. J. F. Goffin, S.W. P.G.C.; Fletcher, J.W.; and Phillip Ascroft, doing duty as S.D.; Bro. Aiber-ton of Preston 113, presiding at the harmonium. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, when Bro. Nevett, W.M. of Umanity 113, took the Masters chair, and Mr. A. W. Orr of Preston, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. The lodge were then informed that Bro. Fletcher, J.W., had very handsomely offered to provide entirely new clothing for the officers of the lodge, to attend

the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Preston on April 5th. A hearty vote of thanks was duly awarded to Bro. Fletcher, and also to Bro. Cottam for the gift of some handsome picture framing for the lodge, another brother presented a large handsomely bound Bible for the Masters pedestal. The lodge having been closed in solemn prayer and harmony, the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, provided by the host, Bro. W. Ascroft.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge*, (No. 279.)—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday evening the 7th inst. Bro. E. J. Crow presided, and the officers and members present were:—Bros. Stretton, I.P.M.; E. Gosling, S.W.; R.W. Widdowson, J.W.; W. Weare, Treas.; J. M. Mc. Allister, Sec.; J. W. Smith, S.D.; J. Halford, J.D.; E. E. Stretton, as I.G.; the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly; H. Deane, P.J.G.W.; and others. The visitors were:—Bros. G. Toller, P.M., Prov. G.S.; W. Sculthorpe, W.M.; S. S. Partridge, Sec.; and other members of the John of Gaunt Lodge, (No. 523); R. Goodman, 354, N.B.; J. B. Hall, 1031, and W.M. Lodge Commercial. J. M. Wohlgenuth, 946; and G. T. Cable, 442. The three candidates for further participation in the mysteries of the Craft being unavoidably absent, the meeting for a short time was resolved into a Lodge of Instruction, in the third degree, under the able preceptorship of the W.M. On the lodge being resumed in the first degree the W.M. addressed the brethren as follows:—"I have now a pleasant duty to perform; certainly one as agreeable as any I can hope to have to discharge during my year of office. It is that of presenting to my I.P.M., Bro. Stretton, a mark of the esteem in which he is held by us all, and of our appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties devolving on the brother who has the honour of occupying this chair. By his courteous, genial conduct and unbounded hospitality, during his Mastership Bro. Stretton has won golden opinions from all. Our brethren of the sister lodge are I am sure, of the same opinion as ourselves; viz. —that those duties were never performed by any Master with greater satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Stretton, I have much pleasure in presenting to you this Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the lodge, and I think you will value it none the less when I tell you that the vote which resulted in this presentation was unanimous. I trust that this jewel, with its wearer, may be constantly seen in this lodge for many years, and that you may one day have the pleasure of seeing a similar honour conferred with the same hearty goodwill on your son." The jewel, an exceedingly handsome one, bore the following inscription. "Presented to Worshipful Bro. Clement Stretton, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.R., by the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, as a mark of fraternal regard, and appreciation of his courtesy and geniality during the year of his Mastership. St. John's day, 1871." Bro. Stretton replied in the following terms:—"Worshipful Master, [R.W. Prov. G., Master, Wardens, and Brethren, I feel it very difficult to find words to express to you my heartfelt thanks for your kindness in presenting me with this handsome jewel. I assure you I most thoroughly appreciate the kindly feeling which prompted you to confer upon me such a distinguished mark of your Masonic favour. I shall especially prize this handsome jewel as a memento of the happy year during which, by your kindness and ready assistance, I was enabled to occupy the chair of the lodge. Yet although I relied on the kindness of my more learned brethren for the due performance of the ceremonies, I can lay claim to an anxious and earnest desire to promote the harmony of the lodge, and to cultivate that brotherly love which is the heart and soul, and glory of our ancient fraternity. This jewel will possess a further interest, inasmuch as it is commemorative of the initiation and majority of my son, which occurred during my mastership, and which will add considerably to its value as a heirloom. Brethren, I cannot

prove to you my appreciation of your gift better than in my constant attendance at the lodge, and wearing it; and I assure you I shall never place this badge upon my breast without being reminded of the kindness I have received at your hands." On the lodge being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and to finish an extremely pleasant and enjoyable meeting. Bro. Goodman, from Glasgow, in replying to the toast of the visitors, paid a high, and well-merited tribute of praise to Bro. Crow, W.M., and expressed his satisfaction with the excellent working of the lodge, a superiority only to be attained by the acquisition of a thorough knowledge of our ancient rites and the impressive rendering of the same by thoughtful and cultivated minds.

SUFFOLK.

IPSWICH.—*St. Luke's Lodge* (No. 225).—At the last meeting of this lodge, held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:—"That the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members assembled in open lodge desire humbly to return thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for His great mercy in restoring our Royal brother, the Prince of Wales, to health, and that their prayer is, His Royal Highness may long be spared to his beloved consort and family, the nation, and the craft of which he is so illustrious a member." The said resolution was signed on behalf of the lodge by Charles Byford, W.M. and Alex. Barber, Secretary, and forwarded to His Royal Highness. The following gracious reply has since been received:—"Marlborough House, February 29th 1872,—General Sir William Knollys has received the instructions of the Prince of Wales to return his sincere thanks to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members of *St. Luke's Lodge*, No. 225, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, for their congratulations on his recovery. His Royal Highness devoutly acknowledges the goodness and mercy of God, who has vouchsafed to restore him to the blessing of health.—Charles Byford, Esq., W.M., 225."

Royal Arch.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Chapter* (No. 1051).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Monday evening, the 17th March, for the purpose of the installation of the Principals and other business. The chairs were occupied by Comp. Mason, M.E.Z., Comp. William Hall, H., and Comp. J. Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.B., as J. There were also present Comps. Dr. Moore, P.Z., Prov. G.H.; J. L. Whimpray, E.; James M. Moore, N.; Wilson Barker, Treas.; E. Simpson, P.S.; W. Heald, and E. Airey, Asst. S.; R. Taylor, Janitor; W. J. Sly, E. Storey, Rev. T. B. Hinde, William Hall, Frederick Dean, and J. Watson. After the chapter had been opened, and usual business transacted, the ballot was taken for Bro. George Kelland, P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, who was declared to be elected. The regal robe having been assumed by Comp. Moore, as installing officer, in a conclave of Installed Principals, Comp. Hall was duly placed in the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. E. Simpson in that of H., and Comp. J. L. Whimpray in that of J. The officers were afterwards invested as follows:—Comps. J. M. Moore, E.; W. Heald, N.; W. Barker, Treas.; E. Airey, P.S.; R. Taylor, Janitor; and, on the nomination of the P.S., Comps. W. J. Sly and F. Dean were appointed Asst. Sojs. Comp. Bowes, Prov. G.S.B., then delivered, in an able and telling manner, the mystical lecture of the degree, and the same energetic companion also rendered effective assistance in the installation of the Principals. A vote of thanks having been unanimously awarded to him for his services, and a candidate proposed, the chapter was closed in due form, when a number of the companions ac-

cepted the hospitality of the newly-installed M.E.Z. at his house, where ample good cheer awaited them.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*Chapter of Fortitude* (No. 279).—A special convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 14th instant, for the installation of Principals, and other business, prior to the meeting of Prov. G. Chapter. The Prov. G. Supt., Comp. W. Kelly, installed the Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. G. Toller, junr. Z.; C. Stretton, J.; and E. J. Crow, H. The Revd. P. H. Phelp, W.M. 50; and the Revd. J. F. Halford, S.W. 1330; were exalted to this supreme degree, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z., who also gave the mystical lecture, the symbolical being delivered by the P.G. Supt., and the historical by Comp. Crow, J. A vote of £5 5s. od. from the funds of the Chapter to the Girl's School, to be placed on Bro. Stretton's list was unanimously carried. Amongst those present, in addition to those above named, were the Revd. W. Langley, W. Weare, and the Revd. J. Spittal, P.Zs.; Comps. Sculthorpe, Barber and others.

Mark Masonry.

KENT.

RAMSGATE.—*Holmesdale Lodge* (No. 129).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, the 21st inst., and the proceedings thoroughly evidenced the great interest taken in Mark Masonry in that town. It having been rumoured that favourable reports in respect of the working of the lodge had reached the M.W.G.M.M., and that he desired personally to satisfy himself thereof, an invitation was forwarded to him, and Bro. Portal accepted the same. Preparations were therefore made to do honour to the occasion, and the brethren added to their excellent and spacious lodge room a capital chamber organ and a masonic carpet of beautiful design and quality, surrounded by a border of the colours of the R.A. ribbon, which, together with the original superior furniture and appointments of the lodge, formed a perfect *tout ensemble*. The M.W. Grand Master arrived punctually at the opening of the lodge. Amongst those present were V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O.; W. Bro. John Read, P.G.Org.; Capt. G. Barlow, Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey; C. J. Burgess, P.G.J.D. Middlesex and Surrey; Bros. G. Neall, W.M.; L. Finch, S.W.; T. H. G. Snowden, M.O.; J. L. Ellern, S.O.; J. J. Darby, J.O.; Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, Chaplain; B. Z. Hiscocks, Sec. and Reg.; J. W. Smith, S.D.; T. S. Clarke, J.D.; G. Miles, I.G.; H. Wootton, W. A. Valon, C. J. Smith, A. Gardner, J. Finch and others. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Stevens (acting for the W.M.), and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the M.W.G.M. was saluted by the brethren in due form. Bro. G. Page, of the Lewises Lodge, was balloted for, approved, and advanced with full ceremony, the musical service being under the direction of Bro. Read, who officiated as Organist. As every officer was thoroughly acquainted with his duty, the exceedingly beautiful and instructive ceremony of advancement was rendered to perfection, and elicited from the Grand Master expressions of great commendation. At the request of the acting W.M., Bro. J. W. Smith delivered the lecture of the degree. Bro. Lewis Finch, the W.M. elect, was then presented, and was installed as W.M. by Bro. Stevens, who, after the usual salutes and appointments, completed the ceremony with the customary addresses. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year are:—Bros. Snowden, S.W.; Ellern, J.W.; Darby, M.O.; Wootton, S.O. and Treas.; Clarke, J.O.; Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, Chaplain; B. Z. Hiscocks, Sec. and Reg.; J. W. Smith, S.D.; G. Miles, J.D.; Valon, I.G.; E. J. Smith, D.C.; Friend and Compton, Stewards; and Meager, O.G. The thanks of the lodge were unani-

mously voted to Bro. G. Neall for his services as W.M. during the past year, and to Bro. Stevens for the cordial assistance he had rendered on this as on previous occasions. The Grand Master then addressed the lodge in terms of high appreciation of the manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted, and assured the brethren that he had never witnessed more perfect working. As a record of his expression of that fact, he would at once inscribe his remarks in the minute-book, and add thereto his best wishes for the prosperity and further progress of the lodge. Propositions for advancement at the ensuing meeting having been taken, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, most liberally and reasonably provided by Bro. Hiscocks, the Secretary of the lodge, and proprietor of the Royal. Both in regard to quality of viands and wines, and to perfect attendance, a more agreeable dinner we have not partaken of; and we could wish that what is so well done so far from the metropolis should be imitated in many establishments accommodating London lodges. The M.W.G.M., at the special request of the newly-installed W.M., presided; and, on the cloth being cleared, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured. Those of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales" were accompanied by appropriate anthems. That of the M.W.G.M., proposed by the W.M. in terms of grateful recognition of the honour done to the lodge by his presence on that occasion, was responded to by the M.W.G.M. himself. After a comprehensive review of the history of the Mark Degree from a very remote date to the present, and noticing the now rapid increase of the number of lodges, and the assured successful progress of Mark Masonry, the M.W.G.M. congratulated the Holmesdale Lodge upon the position in which he found it at the end of only one year from his granting its warrant. He was pleased to think that so much zeal and attention had been given to the working of the ceremony and the general conduct of the lodge business. He was at no loss to decide as to whose instruction and advice they had given attention, and this reference brought him most appropriately to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Mark Master and the Grand Officers," with which toast he should couple the name of Bro. Stevens, whose services to the lodge he observed were thoroughly appreciated and recognised. He, the M.W.G.M., fully concurred in the emendations and improvements in the ritual of the degree which had been effected by two of his Past Grand Overseers, of whom Bro. Stevens was one; and he had no doubt that the Board of General Purposes would adopt those improvements without delay. Bro. Stevens briefly returned thanks, and expressed his acknowledgements for the honour which the lodge had conferred on him. Bro. Read, P.G. Org., also responded to the toast. "The Provincial Grand Officers present," "The Worshipful Master," "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Neall," "The Newly-Advanced Brother," and "The Officers of the Lodge," were respectively proposed and responded to. The claims of masonic charities were not forgotten, the toast of the "Mark Benevolent Fund" being recognised by a liberal subscription; and the extremely happy and pleasant evening, which had been further enlivened by the excellent songs of several members, was brought to a close.

MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A special meeting of this Prov. G. Mark Lodge was held at the Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi, London, on Saturday, March 16th, immediately after the consecration of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge No. 144, (as reported in another column) the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, M.W. Prov. G.M., presiding.

It was very largely attended, amongst the brethren being the V.W. Bros. Frederic Davison, Dep. Prov. G.M.; J. C. Parkinson, G.J.W.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.O.; James Stevens, P.G.O.; Revd. W. B. Church, P.G.C.; Capt. Barlow, Prov. G.J.W.; W. Bros. S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.C.; John Thomas, Prov. G.S.B.; H. F. Huntley, Prov. G. Standard Bearer;

R. W. Eddis, Prov.G.Supt. of Works; T. R. Parker, Prov. G.P.; and Bros. S. C. Dibdin, P.M. 7; C. C. Dumas, S.W. 7; J. Strachan, 104; J. W. Dawson, P.M. 8; E. Drewett, P.P.S.D.; J. Faulkner, 86; J. J. Lowenthal, 8; John Boyd, 1; Hyde Pullen, W. Platt, P.M. 8; M. D. Loewenstarke, 86; Capt. Burgess, S.O. 7; R. I. Moore, M.O. 7; C. P. Ward, S.W. 144; G. States, Barton, 1; Henley, 8; G. Neall, 118; C. A. Cottebrune, 8; W. Worrell, 104; S. C. Davison, M.O. 1; &c.

Letters of apology for absence were received from the R.W. Bro. Earl Percy, and Bros. Neilds, Prov.J.O.; Elkins, Prov.M.O.; Smallpiece, Prov.G.Treas.; Vichers, Magnus Ohren, Harvey, King, Piggott, and several other brethren.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the minutes of the meeting for the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Guildford, on the 2nd of June, 1871, were confirmed. The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee then appointed to consider and arrange the bye-laws was submitted, and the bye-laws having been read, the report and the subsequent proposition for their adoption, were confirmed. The roll of Lodges was called over, from which it appeared that thirteen lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge, are now in working order. The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was then read, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master made several appointments, and invested Brethren then present. Bro. C. H. Levander required information as to whether or not the whole of the lodges working in Middlesex and Surrey, including those in the Metropolitan District, were intended to be placed under the jurisdiction of this province, and the Provincial Grand Master, in reply, stated that for the present that that question remained undecided, but that a reference would be made to Grand Mark Lodge on the subject, and to ascertain if a home district would be constituted as in the Craft. Some further business of minor detail having been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Master intimated that the ensuing meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Richmond, in June next. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the meeting adjourned.

At the banquet which followed, the Provincial Brethren were joined by the members of the newly created Gresvenor Lodge, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by a considerable number of Mark Master Masons, who testified to the great success of the afternoon's proceedings.

Knights Templar,

LANCASHIRE.

BOLTON.—*St. James of Jerusalem Encampment.*—The regular meeting of this encampment was held on Monday, the 18th March, at the Freemason's Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, when there were present the following Sir Knights:—W. H. Wright, V.E. D. Prov. G. Commander, Lancashire; G. P. Brockbank, First Grand Captain, Prov. G. Chancellor; Thomas Morris, Prov. G. Warden of Regalia; Blain, Brown, Bromley, Newton, Horrocks, Chatwood, Fliteroft, Entwisle, Rostron, Rev. Thomas Wilson; also Sir Knight Stephen Smith, of the Jerusalem Encampment, Manchester, P.Prov. G. Treasurer. The E.C., Sir Knight John Fletcher, was unfortunately unable to be present, he being engaged in London on important business, and in his absence Sir Knight W. H. Wright presided. The encampment being opened, the ballot was taken for Comp. Wm. Green, of St. John's Chapter, No. 221, Bolton, as a candidate for installation, the result being that he was unanimously elected. Comp. Robert Grime, of St. John's Chapter, No. 221, who had been previously elected, was duly installed a Knight of the Order by Sir Knight W. H. Wright, the duties of Expert being performed by Sir Knight Brockbank. Sir Knight Wright was re-elected Treasurer of the

Encampment, and Frater Wm. Dawson, Equerry. Sir Knight Wright, in the name of the E.C., then appointed the following officers of the encampment for the ensuing year, viz.:—Sir Knights Rev. Thomas Wilson, Prelate; William Blain, First Captain; James Brown, Second Captain; G. P. Brockbank, Registrar; W. H. Wright, Treasurer; J. W. Taylor, Almoner; James Newton, Expert; Robert Harwood, First Standard-Bearer; James Horrocks, Second Standard-Bearer; Samuel Chatwood, Captain of Lines; John Bromley, First Herald; J. M. Rutter, Second Herald; and Frater William Dawson, Equerry. The business being concluded, the encampment was closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to refreshment.

MANCHESTER.—*Jerusalem Encampment.*—The Knights of this encampment met at the Masonic Hall, Manchester, on Monday, the 11th instant, under command of their E.C., Sir Knight J. McDonald Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the muster roll called over, Comps. Charles H. Wilson and Henry Smith were exalted to the degree of Knights Templar. The throne was then occupied by the V.E.D.P.G.C., Sir Knight W. H. Wright, who proceeded to instal Sir Knight James Arthur Birch, as Eminent Commander for the ensuing year. The ceremony was exceedingly interesting throughout. The following Sir Knights were appointed to the various offices:—Rev. J. L. Figgins, Prelate; T. R. Williams, First Captain; U. Nicholls, Second Captain; J. M. Wike, P.E.C., Director of Ceremonies; J. Chadwick, P.E.C., Treasurer; P. H. Jenkins, Registrar; John Smith, Expert; G. Brett, First Standard-Bearer; B. Smith, Second Standard-Bearer; W. O. Walker, Almoner; C. H. Coates, Captain of Lines; P. Chorlton, First Herald; J. H. Hooper, Second Herald. Among the visitors were Sir Knights W. H. Wright, V.E.D.P.G.C.; Brockbank, P.G. Chan., First G.C. of England; Woodcock, Prov. G. Chan., Cheshire; Pratt, P.E.C.; Warren, P.E.C.; and Beresford, Prov. G. Aid., Cheshire. At the conclusion of business, the Sir Knights sat down to a most excellent banquet, after which the usual loyal and heraldic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening spent, the proceedings being enlivened by appropriate music and songs.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. HUGH LODGE, No. 1386, LINCOLN.

There was a large assemblage of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, Grantham-street, Lincoln, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., to witness the constitution and dedication of the St. Hugh Lodge, No. 1386.

A lodge was formed at 5.30, p.m., by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, Bro. W. H. Smyth, who elected the officers for the occasion:—Bros. R. J. Ward, W.M. 279, as S.W.; E. J. Cullen, S.W. 297, as J.W.; F. R. Larken, P. Prov. G.S.B., P.M. 297, as Registrar and D.C.; Rev. Haskett Smith, Chaplain 297, as Chaplain; J. M. Read 297, as Sec.; Jno. Norton, P. Prov. G.P., P.M. 297, as S.D.; C. Pocklington 272, P. Prov. G.D., as J.D.; J. T. Tomlinson 588, P.G.A.D.C., as P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Watkins, P.G. Supt. of Works, I.P.M. 297, as I.G.; Baraclough 297, as Organist; and Box, P.G. Tyler, as Tyler.

After duly opening the lodge, the W.D. Prov. G.M., with praiseworthy ability conducted the whole of the ceremonial in a most impressive and marked Masonic manner, the responses and anthems having musical accompaniments. He then delivered to the brethren present an excellent and well versed oration on the true principles and virtues of Freemasonry, and immediately afterwards rehearsed the charges, and installed Bro. Jno. Glem Bayles, P.G.O., as the first W.M. of the Saint Hugh Lodge. The brethren then congratulated the new Master, and re-appointed the following officers, viz.:—Bros. Frederick and Henry Watson, S. and J.W.'s; W. Watkins, D.C.; Henry Hill, Sec.; C. Hay-

ward, S.D.; Dr. G. M. Lowe, J.D.; and J. M. Read, I.G.

Bro. F. R. Larken, P. Prov. G.S.B., P.M. 297, rehearsed with well rendered effect the charges to the Wardens.

Bro. J. M. Woodall, P. Prov. G.S.W., North and East Riding, Yorkshire, delivered a pleasing congratulatory address to the new lodge.

Two new candidates for Freemasonry, and six joining brethren were proposed, which, with the thirty petition brethren, form a goodly number for the Saint Hugh Lodge to commence with.

The W.M. proposed that the best fraternal thanks of the members present be accorded to the W.D. Prov. G.M., for his courtesy and attendance, and for the truly Masonic manner in which he had so ably conducted the ceremonial. This was received with a hearty and unanimous response by the brethren.

The lodge was then closed, and about forty of the brethren adjourned at 7.30 to the Great Northern Hotel, to a sumptuous banquet prepared by Bro. Prickett, with his well known cuisine effect. The chair was occupied by the W.M. and he was supported by the W.D.P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers. The usual loyal Masonic, and clerical toasts, were duly honoured, able speeches being made by the W.M., and Provincial Grand Officers, and responded to with *éclat*. At intervals songs were sung, and thus passed a very enjoyable and convivial Masonic evening. The brethren retired at 11.30 p.m. In addition to those already named there were present at the lodge and banquet:—Bros. R. Hall, P.M. 297, P. Prov. G.W.; Dr. Harrison, P.M. 297, P.G.J.W.; R. C. Carline, P.M., P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; S. A. Armitage, 248, P.G.S.W.; M. Crowder, W.M. 838, P.G.S.B.; W. Cass 1010, P. Prov. G.D., N. and E. Riding Yorkshire; W. Mason 297, P. Prov. G.O.; A. Bode, Beständig Keit Lodge, Berlin; J. Laughton, P.M. 422, P.G.S.D.; and Rev. I. C. K. Saunders, Bayon s Lodge, 1286.

The number in the lodge was upwards of 60, and such fully demonstrated the necessity of new lodge rooms being provided in this ancient city.

This question of new lodge rooms has been taken up with a commendable spirit by the Lincoln Freemasons, for they, seeing the necessity of proving a good public concert room, have formed and started a limited liability company with a capital of £4000 in 800 £5 shares, for the building of spacious lodge rooms, a large concert hall, capable of seating 700 persons, specially designed for acoustic effect, with choir, a smaller hall, and the requisite accessory rooms.

Judging from the present appearance of the works in progress, which are situated in Newland, the directors of the limited company may congratulate themselves upon securing for the shareholders, ample per centage for the outlay. When these new masonic hall buildings are complete, I hope to communicate more fully thereon, for then the Witham, 297, and Saint Hugh 1386 Lodges, will be transferred to it from the Old Hall in Grantham Street.

SCOTCH MARK MASONRY IN LANCASHIRE.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Mark Lodge of St. Andrew, No. 22, S.C., was held on the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester.

There was not a numerous muster of the brethren. Only two of the candidates on the circular for advancement came forward.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, R.W.D.P.G.M., S.C., in his customary able manner.

At the close of the business Bro. J. G. Smith, initiated a conversation on the desirability of this lodge effecting a union with their brethren working under the Grand Lodge of M.M. Masons in England. Bro. J. G. Smith said there was a very unanimous feeling amongst the brethren of this lodge in favour of the union so much talked of and so long unnecessarily delayed. The brethren were getting weary of the policy of the

leading and eminent brethren who had the conduct of the negotiations. He mentioned some of the handsome offers made by the Grand Master of England, to the Scotch Provincial Grand Officers of Lancashire, and asked Bro. Matier to state for the satisfaction of the brethren, in what position the negotiations now stood. Bro. W. Wayne, the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, bore testimony to the universality of the feeling which Bro. Smith had alluded to, and hoped that the union so much desired would be soon consummated. But come when it may he trusted it would be completed in a spirit of loyalty to our mother lodge.

Bro. Matier stated in reply to Bro. Gibb Smith, that negotiations were still in progress, and that he was not at liberty to say more on that point just now.

The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9 o'clock.

CONSECRATION OF THE GROSVENOR LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 144.

A new lodge of Mark Master Masons under the title of the Grosvenor Lodge, was consecrated on Saturday, the 16th inst.; at the Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi, London, under very auspicious circumstances, and previously to the holding of a Special Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey. The ceremony was attended by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master; the V.W. Bro. Frederick Davison, Deputy Prov. G.M.; V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O.; V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec.; W. Bro. W.B. Church, P.G.C., H. C. Levander, P.G.D.C., S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C., John Thomas, Prov. G.S.B. H. F. Huntley, Prov. G. St. Bearer, Bros. Dawson, P.M. 8; T. J. Parker, C. P. Ward; C. Hammerton, Prov. Grand Sec.; J. Strachan, 104; E. Drewett, S. Dibden, J. Faulkner, J. J. Lowenthal, Hyde Pullen, C. Dumas, W. Platt, M. D. Loewenstarke, Capt. Burgess, R. T. Moore, C. A. Cottebrune, G. H. Henley, G. Neall, W.M. 129; W. Worrell, 104; S. C. Davison, Capt. Barlow, G. States, J. Boyd, and many other influential brethren. The consecrating officer, Bro. Fred. Binckes, supported by Bros. James Stevens, as S.W., and Bro. Dibdin, as J.W. opened a Mark Master's Lodge, and the brethren petitioning for the new lodge were ranged in due order and having been addressed on the nature of the meeting, the Warrant of Constitution was read, and the Grosvenor Lodge was formed and consecrated with full ceremony. The W.M. designate, the W. Bro. C. Hammerton, Prov. Grand Sec. was then duly installed in the first chair, and Bros. C. P. Ward, and T. R. Parker, the Wardens designate, were invested as S.W. and J.W. respectively. The following brethren were then appointed as officers, and invested, viz:—Bros. Lowenthal, M.O.; Levander, Sec.; W. B. Church, Treas.; the remaining officers being left open for appointment at the ensuing meeting. The respective addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. F. Binckes, who performed the whole of the arduous duty connected with both Consecration and Installation, in his usual careful and able manner. A large number of propositions for advancement were then taken, and other Masonic business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, the brethren remaining to take part in the proceedings of the special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for Middlesex and Surrey, (of which a report will be found in another column), and to join the Provincial Brethren at the subsequent banquet.

DUBLIN INTELLIGENCE.—In our notice of the masonic compliment paid to Bro. James Flynn in the Masonic Hall, Dublin, on Monday evening, the 11th inst., we inadvertently omitted to notice that the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Philip R. Patman, P.M., Lodge 153, and H.K.T. The presentation ornament was made to order by Bro. Charles Rankin, Nassau-street, and the richly illuminated address was executed by Mr. Charles Lusk O'Brien.

Original Correspondence.

DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Referring to the remarks of "P.M., and P. Prov. G. Officer East Lancashire," probably there is a difference of arrangement between the geographical formation of a province and the creation of a Provincial Grand Master and his lodge.

Sec. 1, page 45 of the Book of Constitutions says:—

"The appointment of the Provincial Grand Master is a prerogative of the Grand Master, by patent, during pleasure, and invested with a rank and power in his particular district," and section 7, page 65 says, "that at the death, &c., of a Prov.G.M. the Prov. G. Lodge ceases to exist, until the appointment of a successor, whose authority can again establish it."

Nothing seems to be said about the demarcation of the province, but only, of the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge. It will be interesting to know if the *locale* of the Lancashire divisions is really fixed and somewhere recorded. Does the Grand Master's patent explain the boundary? If so then any objection, to a new line, on the part of East Lancashire will have weight, otherwise interference with the affairs of the Western Province may be out of place.

The question seems a very difficult one to approach; and my object in writing was to engage attention to what appears—by the notice of motion—a too summary way of altering the whereabouts, or packing up the West Lancashire Lodges and forwarding them into another province.

Thanks to Bro. W.M. Landless, 1256, of Fidelity, for correcting the mistaken statement that his lodge is in East Lancashire, I got the information from a Masonic Pocket Book for 1871; where it will be found at page 133, named under Lancashire East, and not under West Division.

Yours fraternally,

A SECRETARY OF WEST LANCASHIRE LODGE.

MASONIC BALLS.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR, AND BROTHER,—

Your correspondent "Lupus" writes a very sensible letter in reply to me under the above heading. The only point on which we differ concerns the question about wearing the decorations in public of the degrees under the S.C. 33°. But I am not aware whether your correspondent "Lupus" includes the clothing. I know a case where a brother wore at a fancy dress ball (not Masonic) the full dress of a 30°. One of the S.C. 33° happened to be present, and reproved him. I am acquainted with two or three of the S.C. 33°, and I know they disapprove of the clothing on their degree being worn in public. Even for a Masonic Ball, permission would have to be obtained. I dare say the permission would be easily accorded. But if your correspondent in such a case refers merely to the decorations of the Black Eagle, the matter would be passed over as unimportant. Occasionally, brethren do

dress themselves at their own discretion in public assemblies in the clothing of the High Degrees. I am not aware whether the authorities of the Order of the Temple have issued any prohibition.

Yours truly and fraternally,
W. L. A. 30°.

March 18th, 1872.

MASONIC BALL AT TORQUAY.

(To The Editor of the Freemason.)

SIR,—In your impression of the 2nd March, I perceive that "Lady Colquhoun" is reported as having attended the Masonic Ball, at Torquay, on the 12th February. I beg to inform you that there exists at present but one person entitled to that designation, but who is not the person in question.

The widow of my late relative, Sir Robert Colquhoun resides at Torquay, but having intermarried on the 3rd August, last year, with a Mr. William Adlair Atkinson, eight months after the decease of her first husband, is not justified in the unqualified assumption of the name of another existent person, although she might re-assume her maiden name of Cathrow, or any other pseudonym, or alias, which might suit her, without infringing the rights of others, or misleading the public.

Your obedient servant,

P. COLQUHOUN.

3, Stratford Place, 21st March, 1872

Reviews.

The Freemasons' Liber Musicus, Part I.; A collection of Traditional, Foreign and English Vocal and Instrumental Music for all the ceremonies of the Masonic Order. Edited by Bro. Dr. WILLIAM SPARK, P. Prov. G.O., West Yorkshire.

This is a perfect *cade mecum* for the Masonic lover of music, and we are sure that all brethren who have once heard the pleasing effect produced by the introduction of music at appropriate parts of the ceremonies, will be more than gratified at the admirable manner in which Bro. Dr. Spark, has grouped his various selections in Part I. of *Liber Musicus*.

The first part comprises marches, odes, anthems, voluntaries, and music suitable for Masonic festivities. Part two will be more especially devoted to Fellow Craft music, including a somewhat similar repertoire.

We heartily commend the good work which Bro. Dr. Spark has undertaken, and trust that every lodge will avail itself of the pleasure to be derived from his fraternal labours.

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

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weakness and Debility.—Unless the blood be kept in a pure state, the constitution must be weakened and disease supervene. These wonderful Pills possess the power of neutralising and removing all contaminations of the blood and system generally. They quietly, but certainly overcome all obstructions tending to produce ill-health, and institute regular actions in organs that are faulty from derangement or debility. The dyspeptic, weak, and nervous, may rely upon these Pills as their best friends and comforters. They improve the appetite, and thoroughly invigorate the digestive apparatus. Holloway's Pills have long been known to be the surest preventives of liver complaints, dreadful dropsies, spasms, colic, constipation, and many other diseases always hovering round the feeble and infirm.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 5, 1872.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 30.

- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.
- Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7; Bros. Thomas and Worthington, Preceptors.
- Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

MONDAY, APRIL 1.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 62, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chapter 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 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. F. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottlieb, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, (opposite the 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, APRIL 2.

- Colonial Board at 3 o'clock.
- Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 765, St. James's.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, Victoria Station, Metropolitan Dist. Railway, Pimlico.
- " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.
- " 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
- Chapter 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- 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. Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel) (at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, 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. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
- Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.
- Ben Johnson Lodge of Instruction, Ben Johnson, 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, APRIL 3.

- Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. 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 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8. Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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, Anerly a 7.30. p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
- " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
- " 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
- Chapter 2, St. James's Freemasons' Hall.
- " 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Ceremony, explanation of R.A. Jewel and Solids, part sections.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (2), Goat and Compasses, Euston-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Pannure 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, APRIL 5.

- Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
- " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- Chapter 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, 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. 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 9.
- 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 (1208), 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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Thomas Cartwright, Aged 77 Years.

He was initiated into the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, in 1851, exalted in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, and has continued a subscribing member up to this time. Some years since he retired from business as a stevedore, with a moderate competency, but unwisely again embarked in business as a timber merchant, and through the recklessness of others has lost all his means, and now lives by the joint exertions of his aged wife by mangling clothes; he is sadly afflicted with deafness. Was a subscribing member to this Institution for some years.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

BEATRICE MARY WRAY,

AGED 8.

Her Father, Bro. William Wray, formerly a Shipbuilder at Burton Strather, Lincolnshire, was a Subscribing Member of the Hummer Lodge, No. 57, Hull, and the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, died suddenly of apoplexy on the 5th of June, 1871. His widow is left with Nine Children, all under 14 years of age (another shortly expected) with very inadequate means to educate and support them.

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

J. P. Bell, M.D., D.P.G.M. North and East York, Hull.

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The brethren marked thus (†) will be happy to receive voting papers, which, with any communication or assistance, will be thankfully received by Bro. John Walker, 56, Lister-street, Hull, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works North and East York.

APRIL ELECTION, 1872!

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—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 Pannure Lodge, 720, served the offices and passed the Chair of that lodge, and 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:—

The Rev. Wentworth A. Bowyer, Rector of Clapham, P.G.C.; The Rector, Clapham Common, S.W.

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Sir Charles Forbes, Bart., Broom Wood, Clapham.

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*Jas. Stevens (G.), P.M. 25, 720, 1216, P.M. Mark 104, W.M. Mark 139, P.G.O., &c.; Clapham Common.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the brethren marked thus (*) and by the Widow, 4, Phoenix-terrace, Wirtemberg-street, Clapham, S.W.

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