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FREEMASONRY AND ISRAELITISM.

No. XXVII.

By BRO. WM. CARPENTER, P.M. & P.Z. 177.

A Second Supplementary Paper.

“Behold, thou shalt call a nation which thou knowest not; and nations that know thee not shall run unto thee, because of the Lord thy God.” Such is the prophetic word (Isa. lv. 5), as it stood upon record thousands of years since. The bringing of a vast region of India under British rule, and the calling of many nations there to become subject to the sceptre of the British Monarch, are circumstances unparalleled in history. That 180,000,000 of people, of various races, some of them forming large and powerful States, possessing great wealth, and commanding large warlike resources; and having a fierce and warlike population, should, some of them after a brief resistance, have bowed themselves down to the power of England, while others that “knew it not,” but by more or less vague reports of its prowess, should have “run unto it,” and have become faithful subjects, or have placed themselves under its protection, is a marvellous thing. But we are, every now and then, obtaining evidence that the like marvel is extending itself far beyond the extremities of our Indian empire, in which people, who, but a short time since, knew us not, have submitted themselves to our dominion, and identified themselves with our good and ill fortunes. In a most interesting book, just published, describing the author's “Visits to High-Tartary, Yarkand, and Cashgar,” in the mysterious regions of Central Asia, Mr. Robert Shaw gives an account of the journey by which he—the first Englishman that ever succeeded in doing so—reached Eastern Turkistan, by crossing the great barrier of the Himalayas, and making his way across the high table-lands which from the western boundary of Thibet, his course lying over huge walls, raised thousands of feet above the sea, and occasionally starting into snowy cones, or sinking into dark, hideous steppes, or in depressions between craggy steeps, shooting high their crests of glacier and ice; or along watercourses that seemed to refuse life and verdure to the desolation around; the whole landscape, for hundreds of miles, forming a lonely and interminable desert, which seemed to defy the boldest traveller. He at length

reached Eastern - Turkistan, once forming part of the north-western portion of the Chinese Empire, but now an independent state, ruled by a native called the Atalik Ghâzee, who from this centre, says Mr. Shaw, “has made his power felt from Thibet to the Russian Empire,” and who is probably destined to become the first of a line of princes who may play an important part in Asiatic history. Situated in the immense region known by the name of Tartary, and stretching into the unexplored deserts which reach into the centre of China, what should the Tartar ruler of such a spot know or care about the Anglo-Saxons who occupy these Islands, though the sceptre of their monarch commands the obedience of millions of various races in both hemispheres? Not enough, one would think, to create any desire to cultivate the friendship or secure the alliance of “the conquering race.” But here is a brief description of the honours paid to Mr. Shaw, as an Englishman, by the Atalik Ghâzee. Though only an adventurous traveller, he was, as he approached the frontier, met by a body of Tartar horsemen, sent to escort him, as a guard of honour. Roads were repaired for his passage, whole villages turned out to do him honour, as a great personage, wherever he went. At Cashgar he was received in state by the Sovereign Prince, whose martial court is thus described:—

“From my door to the entrance of the palace, a distance of a quarter of a mile, a broad avenue had been formed in the crowd, whose bright robes of many colours had the effect of a living kaleidoscope. Entering the gateway, we passed through several large quadrangles, whose sides were lined with ranks upon ranks of brilliantly attired guards, all sitting in solemn silence, so that they seemed to form part of the architecture of the buildings, whose want of height would otherwise have given them a mean appearance. Entire rows of these men were clad in silken robes, and many seemed to be of high rank, from the richness of their equipments. Men of divers tribes, and with strange arms, were mixed with the mass. For the first time I saw soldiers armed with bows and arrows. They were Kalmâks. The whole effect was curious and novel. The numbers, the solemn stillness, and the gorgeous colouring gave a sort of unreality to this assemblage of thousands.”

But all these honours, were, as I have said, paid to Mr. Shaw as an Englishman; for far off, in the almost unknown region of Central Asia, where these Tartars dwell, the sovereign ruler knew enough of the Anglo-Saxons and their government thus to express himself to the somewhat astonished traveller:—“The Queen of England is like the sun, which warms everything it shines upon. I am in the cold, and desire that some of its rays should fall upon me. I am very small—a man of yesterday. In these few years, God has given me this great country. It is a great honour for me that you have come. I count upon you to help me in your own country. Whatever services I can render you here, you may command; and you must do the same for me.”

That nations which knew us not, beyond report or rumour, rude and warlike in character, though sometimes living in oriental magnificence,

separated from us by many thousands of miles, by land and water, should thus exhibit a desire for our alliance, and seek to ensure our friendship, and even evince a disposition to kiss the Anglo-Saxon sceptre, “bringing their sons on their arms, and their daughters on their shoulders,” (Isa. xlix, 22,) is, as I have said a marvellous thing. But that the majority of these nations, some of them Brahmins, some Bhuddists, some a strange compound of the two, and others uniting with this again some of the dogmas and traditions of Mahomedanism, together with orthodox Mussulmans, Parsees, and Jews, should have exhibited such an unanimity and spontaneity of feeling and affection towards the heir to the sceptre which has broken in pieces the sceptres of their native princes, and now rules them, as they did on the Thanksgiving Day, is more marvellous still. Having prayed for his restoration, these multifarious peoples now went up to their several places of worship to thank God for his restoration.

I cannot resist the temptation to quote here a portion of a descriptive article in the *Bombay Gazette*, of March the 4th, since it places in a very striking light the extraordinary fact I am desirous to impress on the minds of my readers.

“It has been gratifying in no ordinary degree,” says the *Gazette*, “to observe the cordiality and earnestness with which all classes of the mixed community of Bombay—Europeans, Mussulmans, Parsees, Jews, &c.—have celebrated the occasion. In the weeks of painful suspense during which the life of the Prince was almost despaired of, it was impossible not to note the anxiety of the natives, and to observe that their expressions of sympathy were profoundly sincere; and when the telegraph bulletins gave more ground for hope of recovery, and later on, when we learned that there was no further cause for anxiety, natives rejoiced equally with Europeans, throughout the whole of India. There was at that time no united demonstration of rejoicing, because it was known that there would be a Thanksgiving Day on which the whole Empire might together rejoice and offer up thanks; but if manifestation of the sympathetic feelings of all classes was required there was no want of it on Tuesday. It was but reasonable to anticipate cordial demonstrations on the part of the European community, but the spontaneous and universal action of the natives has far exceeded what might have been expected. Thanksgiving Day has not been confined to the presidency towns, but has been celebrated, in even small towns, in all parts of the country. In Calcutta, the Governor-General proceeded in state to the Cathedral, as did also the Governors of Bombay and Madras, and in all the Christian churches special thanksgiving services were held; and as the day was observed as a general holiday, all business being suspended, the people flocked in crowds to their mosques, synagogues, and temples, in each of which special prayers were offered, and in most of which addresses were delivered to the worshippers. Judging from the reports which have come to us from the other presidencies, the people of Bombay seem to have observed the occasion with even greater fervour than those of the sister cities, for here, in the evening, some of the Jewish places of worship, and most

of the mosques and temples were illuminated, as were also many private houses. His Highness the Guicowar of Barodar, at a durbar held on Tuesday, for the purpose of announcing formally the recovery of the prince, made a speech, in which he intimated that, as a thank-offering, it is his intention to devote one lac of rupees for a work of public utility, to be chosen by his Excellency the Governor of Bombay, and to bear the name of His Royal Highness. And here we may mention, that, to commemorate the happy restoration to health of the Prince, the Hon. A. D. Sassoon, C.S.I., on Monday last made a formal offer to the Governor of Bombay of half a lac of rupees, in addition to a lac already given, for building a new Elphinstone High School. Of all the addresses that were delivered to the congregations on Tuesday, perhaps the one which, for its speciality, particularly merits notice was that made to the Khojas—a division of the Musliman community—by their high priest, his Highness Aga Khan. Our report of his address mentions that after speaking of the happy recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, he referred to the lamented death of the Viceroy, and quoted a tradition from the Prophet Mahomet—‘That it is a great duty upon his followers (Mahomedans,) to pray for the health and prosperity of their Hakam (king or ruler) under whose authority they are protected, even if the Hakam were unjust.’ His Highness further said he recollected having seen many other traditions from his Holiness the Prophet Mahomet, confirming the above tradition. The British *Raj*, he pointed out, was very just and kind, always caring for the welfare of her subjects; and it was a fact that wherever the intentions and purposes of the King were directed towards the welfare of his subjects, God Almighty always sent his blessings upon the country of such ruler, and it was always prosperous. He also impressed upon his hearers, that, at the present time, all the people under the British rule were comfortable, while the people in many other parts of Asia were in trouble, through famine, sickness, and other causes; and this, he said, showed that ‘the intentions and purposes of the British Power were more kind and better to their subjects than those of any other kingdom. Therefore, according to their belief, it was necessary to pray for the health and prosperity of the Hakam, and, this being a special occasion, to pray and offer up thanksgiving to Almighty God for the recovery of the Prince and Heir Apparent to the kingdom, under whose protection lives and property were safe and religion free.’ Can we fail to perceive in all this, the expression of a spontaneous and general desire for the prolongation of the power that now rules the Indian Empire?

A monarchy appears to me to be one part of the apparatus by which the Divine purposes in relation to mankind are, through the instrumentality of the Israelites, to be effected; and, if so, its preservation will always be with them an object of peculiar solicitude, whether they be conscious of its reason or ultimate object, or not. “The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought so shall it come to pass, as I have proposed, so shall it stand.” (Isa. xiv, 24).

The Israelites were not left to determine their own form of government, they were to be “a

peculiar people,” as witnesses for God in the world, asserting His unity, divine attributes, and moral perfections, and also His government of the world He had created. And the God, whom they were thus to serve, prescribed the form of government they were to adopt and maintain. The collective tribes formed the kingdom of Israel, and after their separation, when Rehoboam succeeded to the throne of Solomon, they formed the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Their form of government was to be a monarchy; not an aristocracy, nor a democracy. And this seems to have been adumbrated when we first read of the race.

Abram and his family dwelt in Ur of the Chaldees, one of the earliest despotic monarchies of the east, whence they received a divine command to depart; this they did, and never afterwards became *subjects* of a foreign monarchy. Abram, as the head of his tribe and adherents, exercised sovereign or kingly power; so did Isaac and Jacob, and though Joseph was, in one sense, a *subject* of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, he exercised kingly power; for Pharaoh said to him, “according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled, only in the throne will I be greater than thou. See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And he took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph’s hand [a symbol of the regal power] and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, bow the knee, (or, as the word *Abrech* is rendered by the Targums, “Father of the King!”) and they made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” (Gen. xli, 40-44). Hence we find that when Joseph desired to inspire his father Jacob with confidence in his power to receive and protect him and his house, he said to his brethren, “God hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt; come down unto me, tarry not.” (Ch. xlv, 8-9).

When Jacob and his family, with a large body of retainers went down upon this summons, it was not to become part of the Egyptian community. The kingdom had attained to a high degree of civilisation. It had a well regulated court, dignified courtiers, a royal life guard, a strict ceremonial, a powerful prime minister, high officers of state, a state prison, under the captain of the life guard, and a scrupulous distinction of rank—all indicating a rich, flourishing, and well-ordered kingdom. The Theban, or Diospolitic dynasty, had become extinct, and all Egypt was united under the sceptre of the Memphian Pharaoh; and so celebrated was the country for its wealth, that caravans of Ishmaelite or Moabite merchants went thither, through Palestine and Arabia Petrea, with the productions of their country. Joseph exercised the supreme power, with only such limitation as is implied in the king being *greater only on the throne*. The natural thing would seem, that Jacob and all who came down with him, should have been

absorbed in the Egyptian population, and have become subjects of the Egyptian monarch. But it was otherwise; they were to “dwell alone,” as Balaam afterwards described them. The Land of Goschen was assigned to them; and therein they grew until they became so great and powerful a nation, that the Pharaohs ultimately stood in dread of them (Ex. i. 7-10).

This location of the Israelites can hardly be thought upon by the biblical student, I imagine, without his perceiving in the fact, one of the providential arrangements which are so conspicuous throughout the whole history of that people. Goschen was a region lying to the north-west of Lower Egypt, bounded, apparently, by the Mediterranean, on the north, by the desert, on the east, by the Tanitic branch of the Nile, on the west (hence called the field of Zoah, or Tanis. (Ps. lxxviii. 12, 43), and probably extending south as far as the head of the Red Sea, and nearly to Memphis. It appears to be called the Land of Rameses, in Gen. xlvii. ii.; and the Israelites, before the exodus, are said to have built in it the cities of Ramses and Pithon (Ex. ii. i). It was probably, though nominally under the dominion of the Pharaohs, only on the confines of Egypt, hence the LXX call it, Gesen of Arabia. Here the Israelites were placed, in “the very best of the land,” (Gen. xlvi. 7.)—a region which even now, as the Province of Es Shurkiyer, is said to bear the highest valuation and to yield the largest revenue of any in Egypt. Here, then, on the confines of Egypt nearest to Palestine, which they were afterwards to possess, and near to Joseph himself (Gen. xlv. 10)—Memphis, or Tanis, being then, probably, the metropolis of Egypt, the Israelites were located—and dwelt apart, under their own rulers. They multiplied and grew abundantly, so that “the land was filled with them”; i.e. the large and flourishing district allotted to them, extending from the eastern branch of the Nile; and so numerous and mighty were they, that, as already stated, when the new king—the head, as is thought, of the 18th dynasty—who completed the expulsion of the Shepherd-Kings, or Hyksos of Manetho, became aware of the fact, he said, “they are more and mightier than we,” and, at once adopted means to reduce their numbers, “lest it come to pass, that when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us.” (Ex. i. 8). But the more they were oppressed and afflicted, the more they multiplied and grew, and waxed ever mighty (ver. 12-20). Their bondage was made bitter, by increased oppression and cruelty; and Moses was at length made their deliverer, and carried them forth from Egypt, after a sojourn of more than 400 years, during 80 of which they were subjected to intolerable suffering.

(To be continued.)

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MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, AND CONSECRATION OF THE COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 1391.

[BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.]

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland met at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, the 1st inst. The hall, which was built by private subscription amongst the members of the Craft, is a handsome structure, and contains every convenience for lodge meetings. The lodge room, which will accommodate about 350, is embellished with some engravings and portraits in oil of the present Prov. Grand Master, and the late P. Prov. Grand Master, Earl Howe, and Sir G. F. Fowke, Bart., whose banners, with those of the lodges of the town, are suspended above the dais.

Provincial Grand Lodge was attended by about 120 brethren, including many visitors from the neighbouring provinces.

Shortly after two o'clock, the procession entered the hall, and the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Kelly, having taken the chair, was saluted with grand honours.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in due form, and the roll of Prov. G. Officers and of the lodges of the Province were called over.

Amongst those present were:—Bros. Rev. W. Langley, P. Prov. S.G.W., as D. Prov. G.M.; L. A. Clarke, P. Prov. S.G.W., as Prov. S.G.W.; H. Deane, Prov. J.G.W.; Revs. J. Halford and P. H. Phelp, Prov. G. Chaplains; W. B. Smith, Prov. G. Treas.; G. Toller, jun., Prov. G. Sec.; W. Sculthorpe, Prov. G.S.D.; J. M. McAllister, Prov. G. Supt. of Works.; L. L. Attwood, Prov. G.A. Dir. of Cers.; C. P. Newcome, Prov. G.S.B.; F. J. Baines, Prov. G.P.; R. W. Widowson, Prov. G.A.P.; Capt. Goodchild and E. Mace, P. Prov. Grand Stewards; and upwards of 20 Past Grand Officers.

Amongst the brethren present were:—Bros. H. Hadley, P.M. 47; J. Ketley, W.M. 739; H. Sanderson, P.M. 925; West, P.M. 1031; W. Hall, P.M. 1031; Pringle, W.M. 925; Perridge, P.M. 79; E. Moody, W.M. 1287; and a very large number of Masters and Past Masters of lodges.

A letter was read from the D.P.G.M., apologizing for his unavoidable absence.

Replies to letters of congratulation on the recovery of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, were read from the Right Hon. H. A. Bruce, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, and from Genl. Knollys, on behalf of His Royal Highness.

The ceremony of dedicating the new lodge was then commenced by the brethren singing a hymn, "Hail Universal Lord," accompanied on the organ, as indeed was all the singing, by the Prov. Grand Organist.

The Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Toller, addressed the Prov. G.M., who thereupon directed the Prov. G. Secretary to read the petition and warrant for the new lodge, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named therein, the lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the Prov. G.M. called upon Bro. the Rev. J. F. Halford, Prov. G. Chaplain, to deliver the oration, which was a masterly exposition of the Principles of Freemasonry, it was listened to with rapt attention throughout, and the hearty applause which greeted the Rev. brother at the conclusion showed how much the brethren appreciated it. We regret want of space prevents our giving it *in extenso*.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to consecrate the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, according to ancient rite, the dedication prayers being given by Bro. Rev. J. F. Halford, and Bro. P. H. Phelp—the whole of the ceremony being conducted in a very solemn and impressive manner, rendered still more so by the accompaniment on the organ, and by the manner in which the brethren joined in the chants and hymns.

Then followed the ceremony of installation, assisted by the Board of Installed Masters, numbering forty two. The R.W. Prov. G.M. installed Bro. J. B. Hall in the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed and the brethren admitted.

The W.M. was then proclaimed by Bro. Attwood, and saluted in the three degrees.

The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren:—Bros. C. J. Wilkinson, S.W.; John Halford, J.W.; Dr. Clifton, Sec.; W. Wilkinson, S.D.; Chamberlain, J.D.; Cable, I.G.

Also connected with the lodge as founders are:—Bros. J. H. Johnstone, 279; C. Johnstone, P. Prov. G.S.W., Jersey; L. L. Attwood, P.G.A.D.C., Leicester and Rutland; J. Windley, Minturia, 418; Revd. W. Targett Fry, Chaplain, 523.

The W.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. G.M. for his kindness in performing the ceremonies, which it is needless to add was carried *nem. con.*

The Provincial Grand Master made a suitable reply.

Twelve joining members, and six gentlemen for initiation were then proposed.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. took the chair, and Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed.

A communication was read from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, inviting the R.W. Prov. G.M. and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to assist at the laying of the foundation stone of the "Midland Counties Middle Class Idiot Asylum," which ceremony is to be performed by the M.W.G.M., the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon, on the 20th instant.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. announced that the foundation stone of the memorial church to the P. Prov. G.M., the late Earl Howe, would be laid in May.

He also announced his intention to call a meeting of Grand Chapter during the same month.

A sum of money was voted from the funds of Prov. G. Lodge to the Girls' School, to be placed on the list of Bro. Stretton, P.G.R., he being Steward at the ensuing festival of that institution.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed in due form, the W.M. 1391, assumed the chair, and closed that lodge in due form, with "hearty good wishes" from the representatives of the various lodges present.

Upwards of 110 brethren partook of the banquet which followed, the chair being taken by the W.M. of the new lodge. The arrangements for the comfort of the visitors, and the really superb manner in which the dinner was served, reflect great credit on the Executive Committee of 1391. It could not, we are certain, have been surpassed by any of the large taverns in London. The tables were profusely decorated with flowers, from the establishment of Bro. Charlton, to whom a vote of thanks was afterwards carried, for his kindness in providing them.

When the cloth was drawn the W.M. said that as there were many brethren present who would be obliged to leave early, on account of the distance they had to go, he would then briefly propose the health of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," coupled with "The Craft." Drank with enthusiasm and followed by "God save the Queen," accompanied on the harp by Bro. Ffrench Davis.

The W.M. said, following the example of the lodges of the Province, he would send round the "Charity Box," and a very handsome collection was the result. While this was being done Bro. Ffrench Davis played a fantasia on Welsh airs on the harp.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then proposed the healths of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, Bro. H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Prussia, and the rest of the Royal Family.

Bro. Kennedy then sang "Maud," and being encored, gave the "Pilgrim of Love" in a masterly style.

The W.M. proposed the M.W.G.M., the D.G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England.

Song—"Glorious Vintage of Champagne."

The next toast, proposed by the W.M., was the R.W. Prov. G.M., the D. Prov. G.M., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland.

The W.M. said words failed him to express his deep sense of the obligation he felt under to the Prov. G.M. for the admirable and impressive manner in which he had performed the two ceremonies of the evening.

Solo—harp—Bro. Ffrench Davis.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master returned thanks in an eloquent speech, and concluded by proposing the health of the W.M. and prosperity to the Commercial Lodge, 1391.

The W.M. returned thanks in a very neat speech, and proposed the health of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Kennedy, W.M. 1031; Pursell, Prov. S.G.W., Warwickshire, on behalf of the brethren of that Province; and by Bro. E. Moody, W.M. 1287, on behalf of the London contingent.

Song, Bro. Attwood.

The W.M. proposed "Prosperity to the Sister Lodges of the Town," and said that 1391 would not be satisfied till it had as great a reputation for good and correct working as the St. John's and the John of Gaunt Lodges. This toast was responded to by Bro. Crow, Prov. G. Organist, W.M. St. John's; Bro. Sculthorpe, W.M. John of Gaunt; and by Bro. Toller, Prov. G. Secretary, P.M. John of Gaunt; the latter of whom expressed himself as gratified to find a spirit of emulation already existing in the new lodge, as he felt confident it would conduce to good working.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Officers," which was responded to by Bro. S.W., and by Bro. Dr. Clifton, Secretary.

Bro. Davis 141, then gave a recitation from "Othello."

Bro. Dr. Clifton read a telegram just received from Bro. Dr. Bell Fletcher, Prov. D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, and a letter from Bro. D. C. Lloyd Owen, J.D., of Fletcher Lodge, Birmingham, both expressing great regret at being unable to be present.

The proceedings of the evening were brought to a conclusion by Bro. Crow singing the parting song, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again," and judging from the hearty manner with which the brethren joined in the chorus, it very aptly expressed their feelings.

Thus ended what will doubtless be looked upon as a "red letter day" in the annals of Freemasonry by our Leicestershire brethren.

For ourselves, we may say that we were gratified with everything we saw, the excellent working, the admirable manner in which the musical portion of the ceremonies was rendered, and the hearty good feeling shown by every brother present, combined to render this one of the most interesting meetings we have ever witnessed, and we will conclude our remarks by wishing continued success and prosperity to the "Commercial Lodge, No. 1391."

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC NOTES AND EXCERPTA.

By Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A.,
Past Grand Chaplain, &c., &c.

I am delighted to see that our learned Bro. Woodford has determined to make the "Rawlinson MSS." known to the numerous readers of the *Freemason*. These MSS. have been partly printed in the *Freemasons' Monthly Magazine*, for 1855, &c., but many documents were entirely omitted in that series, and probably the majority of the subscribers to the *Freemason* are in ignorance of the contents of that monthly magazine, which had but a limited circulation compared with the present organ of the British Craft. The By-laws printed at page 214 of the *Freemason*, "Bro. Woodford considers to be anterior to 1731," and rightly calls them interesting "rules and regulations." I have traced the lodge by reference to Dr. Rawlinson's "List of recognised lodges," it is termed "71 Bricklayers' Arms in Barbican, now removed to the Rose Tavern, in Cheapside," and find that in another list of lodges (printed A.D. 1738) it is designated "71 Rose in Cheapside, 1st and 3rd Monday, Jan. 26th 1730," (*i.e. Warranted Jan. 26, 1730.*)

The By-laws are therefore probably of the year 1730, and the present Britannic Lodge, No. 33, warranted during that year, may be the same lodge as the one whose By-laws have just been printed.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The Anniversary Festival of this Institution will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, and not at the "Institution" as erroneously printed in the advertisement in last week's paper.

J. G.—We find on inquiry, that the particulars you require must be obtained through Lord Charles Russell.

C. C.—The vote is not contrary to the practice or principles of Freemasonry.

T. M. (Wigton).—A brother joining an English lodge from one under any other jurisdiction is required to pay the difference between the ordinary joining fee required by Grand Lodge, and the amount payable for a newly made brother, thus you would have to pay 14s. 6d., the difference between 2s. 6d. joining fee, and 17s., the fee charged by Grand Lodge for every Mason initiated.

The following articles and communications will appear next week:—"Footsteps of Masonry," by Bro. W. V. Bedolfe; "Ernest and Falk—Conversation III.," "Israelitism and Freemasonry," by W. E. N.; "Masonic Hall at Berwick-on-Tweed;" "Distribution of Honours in Grand Lodge;" Reports of Lodges 279, 114, 441, and 1088; Mark Lodge 124, E.C.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTH.

PARKINSON, J. C.—On Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Manor House, Collier's-wood, Merton, Surrey, Mrs. J. C. Parkinson, of a son.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE AT PRESTON.

On Friday, April the 5th inst., a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the Province of West Lancashire, was held at the Guildhall, Preston, under the presidency of Sir T. G. Fermor Hesketh, Bart., M.P., and was attended by a very large number of brethren from various parts of the province. There was a great deal of important business on the notice paper, but a considerable portion of it was disposed of by the withdrawal of a motion relating to the division of the province, and a return of appointments, &c., both of them emanating from the neighbourhood of Liverpool.

Subjoined is a list of the Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Sir Thomas George Fermor

Hesketh, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master; Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M.; Major Thomas Wilson, 113, Prov. S.G.W.; Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Prov. J.G.W.; Major Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.W., P.G.M. of East Lancashire; Rev. J. F. Goggin, Prov. Grand Chaplain; Thos. Armstrong, Prov. G.T.; Thomas Wylie, Prov. G.R.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G.S.; Robert Wylie, Prov. G.S.D.; James Pickering, Prov. J.G.D.; B. W. Rowson, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; George Broadbridge, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; James W. J. Fowler, Prov. G. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Joseph Skeaf, Prov. G.O.; James Baxendale, Prov. G. Pur., R. Robinson, Prov. G. Steward; G. de la Perrell, Prov. G. Steward; A. C. Mott, P.S.G.D.; Peter Ball, Prov. G. Tyler; W. H. Ball, Prov. Assist. G. Tyler; T. M. Shuttleworth, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Rev. J. Pearson, P. Prov. G.C., J.C., and W.; Rev. Hy. Geo. Vernon, M.A., P. Prov. G.C. and P. Prov. G.C.C.; Wm. Doyle, P.G.S.; J. W. Baker, P.G.S.; William Landlaw, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Samuel E. Ibbes, P. Prov. G. S.B.; J. Bowes, P. Prov. G. Reg., C.V.W.; William Dodd, P. Prov. G.S.B., (Cumberland and Westmorland); Thomas Birchall, P.G.J.W.; J. J. Greaves, P. Prov. G.C., E.D.L.; James Hamer, P. Prov. G.S.; John B. Lambert, P. Prov. G.D., East Lancashire.

Immediately after the ceremony of opening the lodge,

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale moved the adoption of the following address:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,—We, the Freemasons of the Western Division of the County Palatine of Lancaster, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, beg leave humbly to offer to your Majesty our cordial congratulations upon the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from his protracted and dangerous illness. During the severe and trying ordeal to which the recent illness of His Royal Highness subjected your Majesty, we forbore to intrude on your Majesty by giving utterance to the feelings of profound sympathy by which we were actuated, but now that, by the merciful interposition of the Divine Architect of the Universe, that anxiety has been removed, we beg to tender your Majesty our sincere congratulation on the restoration of His Royal Highness to a state of health and strength, and at the same time to assure your most gracious Majesty of unswerving loyalty and attachment to your Majesty.

We earnestly and most sincerely pray the Most High that your Majesty may long reign over a happy and prosperous people, and shower down upon your Majesty and your Royal House His Divine blessing.

His Lordship said he was sure all the brethren assembled in the Grand Lodge had hailed with joy the restoration to health of Her Majesty's dear son, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Her anxiety and grief had been deep, but her joy was now proportionately great, and he was perfectly certain the brethren would unanimously express their congratulations to her, and their thanks to the Almighty for the restoration of the Prince. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., in seconding the motion, said he was sure every Masonic heart would join with his in wishing the Prince a long and happy life. He felt sure the mercies which had been vouchsafed to their Masonic brother, the Prince of Wales, would be long remembered among those present, and throughout the country. One Grand Lodge after another

had forwarded their congratulations to the Queen, and West Lancashire was echoing the general sentiment of the country in sending an address from its Provincial Grand Lodge. He had much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Sir T. G. Fermor Hesketh, Bart., M.P., in submitting the proposition to the meeting, said every true Master Mason would certainly support it, and he had confidence that those in West Lancashire were both loyal to the Queen as the Sovereign of the realm, and loyal to the Prince as the heir to the throne and a brother Mason. (Applause.)

The motion was most cordially passed.

Bro. Major Wilson said he had very great pleasure in proposing the following address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his recovery from his severe illness:—

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Worshipful Past Grand Master.

May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Freemasons of the Western Division of the County Palatine of Lancaster, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express to your Royal Highness our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on your restoration to health, and whilst animated by feelings of the deepest gratitude and thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe, who, by His infinite wisdom and goodness has been graciously pleased to hear and answer our prayers and supplications as a people, we fervently pray that a prosperous and happy life may be vouchsafed you, and that you may long be spared to support by your influence and example the noble principles of our Order, and speedily be enabled to resume the responsible duties of the high station you are called upon to fill.

They all knew the great interest which the Prince took in the Masonic art. He (Bro. Major Wilson) had had the great pleasure and privilege, on more than one occasion, of seeing the Prince take part in Masonic affairs, and it was evident he did so with very great interest and satisfaction. Being thus led by the heir apparent to the throne, they ought in local lodges to be stimulated unto greater exertion on behalf of the Craft. He did not think there was another Provincial Grand Lodge in the country which contained within it more loyal subjects than the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire. Lancashire was proverbially a loyal county,—the proceedings which had taken place within the past few days showed how loyal they were, and how ready they were, to defend and support the Throne and the Constitution of this country—(applause). He had the greatest possible pleasure in moving the address.

Bro. The Rev. J. F. Goggin, F.P., Prov. G., Chaplain, said he had great pleasure in seconding the motion of the Prov. G. Junior Warden, and he hoped the Masons of this province would long live to show their respect towards the Prince of Wales.

This motion was also carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Sec. said the next business on the paper was a notice of motion by Bro. Hughes, but he was happy to inform the lodge that Bro. Hughes had withdrawn it. He had also, at the same time, to read a letter which Bro. Hughes had written, and which redounded greatly to his honour. He said—

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I regret that business at the Assize Courts (Liverpool) will not admit of my being present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge to-morrow, as I would have explained that, since giving notice of motion at the last assembly

of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with a view to ascertain the opinion of the brethren upon the necessity for a division of the province. I have taken some pains to inquire into the matter thoroughly, and have had some very interesting conversations with old Masonic friends, I find, after no little consideration, I cannot recommend the motion to be pressed, and now request that it may be withdrawn. I may perhaps add that from the investigation I have given to the question I am obliged to say that I could not conscientiously deny my belief that at the present time the division of the province would be an injury to the Craft; and I am exceedingly sorry I cannot be present to explain my reasons for arriving at that opinion.—I remain, dear sir, yours fraternally, EDWIN HUGHES.”

—(applause).

Bro. Turner then intimated that he intended to withdraw his proposal for a return of all Provincial Grand Lodge appointments in the province within the last 20 years, and with the names and description of the members appointed, showing the lodges to which they belong. His notice was intended for the annual meeting, but inasmuch as his object was not to raise difficulties or dissensions, but to smooth them away, and to use his best efforts to cultivate good will and fraternal feeling, he had decided to withdraw it. It was not intended to interfere in any respect with the prerogative of the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M., for there were not in that province more determined or staunch supporters of the Prov. G.M. than those who were in favour of the motion. There was, however, a grievance, real or fancied, and he believed it was a real one; but the Prov. G.M.'s attention having been called to it with a view to its remedy, he had very much pleasure in withdrawing the motion.

A conversation took place in reference to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund (London), but it was decided not to take any action in the matter.

Relief was given in the following cases:—The sum of £15 to Bro. Gilpin, Liverpool; and £5 each to the following: The widow of Bro. Page, of Liverpool; the widow of Bro. Rigby, of Croston; the widow of Bro. Noble, of Everton; and to Bro. Sumner, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

Bro. Major Wilson said it was desirable they should have a local benevolent fund in this district for the relief of deserving Masons. At present they gave casually, but it would be better to have an organisation for a lodge or a number of lodges; and he wished to know whether they could make their own rules and regulations, and have their own Treasurer and Secretary, without going to the Provincial Grand Lodge for permission, or laying the scheme of rules before them.

The Prov. G.S. replied that they had such a fund in Liverpool and other large towns. They could appoint their own local officers, and need not submit their rules to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Mott said the Liverpool committee was constantly in communication with other large centres, so that there could be no abuse in giving.

The Prov. G.S. said he had received a variety of notices relating to the Hamer Fund. Last Grand Lodge meeting gave £20, as a nucleus for Bro. Hamer's Testimonial Fund, and it was resolved that an appeal should be made to every lodge in the province. One notice was that a scholar-

ship be founded, to be called the Hamer Scholarship; another that a fund be established, called the Hamer Advancement Fund, in connection with the Masonic Educational Institution; and another was that it should be devoted to a Hamer Benevolent Fund. These notices would be printed before the next meeting of the committee.

Brother Wylie moved that it be a recommendation to the committee that the money be devoted to an annuity fund for distressed and decayed Freemasons, to be supplemented by private subscriptions from lodges, members of lodges and chapters; the fund to be lodged in the Savings' Bank, Dock Bonds, Railway Debentures, Government Stock, or freehold security; that the trustees of the West Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Fund for the time being, together with the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy P.G.M. the Grand Wardens, and the W.M.'s of the four senior and the four junior lodges in the province, be the committee for carrying out the business in connection with this fund; that lodges giving a donation of £5 or upwards have one vote for each £5 subscribed; that members of lodges subscribing £5 annually have one vote; that every member contributing £5 or upwards have one vote for each £5; the interest and profit arising from this fund to be alone applicable.

Bro. Ibbs seconded the motion, which was opposed by Bro. Hill, on the ground that the committee would not be dictated to.

On the suggestion of the Prov. Grand Master, the subject was deferred.

Afterwards the brethren formed into processional order and walked two abreast from the Guildhall, down Friargate, up Lune-street, and along Fishergate and Church-street, to the Parish Church, where divine service was held. The street were thronged with onlookers, who seemed quite delighted with the procession and the appearance of the attire and emblems of the brethren. There were one or two banners from other districts; and also three most beautiful bannerets from Preston lodges—the Unanimity, the Concord, and the Royal Preston—the production of Brother Joseph Pritt, of the Black Horse Inn, Friargate. Inside the church was a numerous congregation, and the scene when the Masons had taken their seats was most novel and effective.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Astbury, M.A., incumbent of Longton, read the preliminary portion of the service; the Rev. W. M. Myres, M.A. incumbent of St. Paul's, the first lesson; the Rev. G. H. Vernon, M.A., P.Prov. G.C. of Lancashire and Cheshire, the second lesson; the Rev. James Pearson, M.A., vicar of Fleetwood, P.Prov. G.C. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and the Rev. James Taylor, M.A., vicar of Bamber Bridge, the remaining portion of the service. The Rev. E. Lee, B.D., also took part in the service. The choir sang antiphonally. At the commencement, Hymn 147 (Carus Wilson's collection) was sung; before the sermon, the 104th Psalm; and afterwards the 234th Psalm. Bro. J. J. Greaves ably officiated at the harmonium. When the ordinary service had been gone through,

Brother the Rev. J. F. Goggin, Provincial Grand Chaplain, ascended the pulpit, and preached an able discourse, taking for his text, St. Luke, xiv. 4. "And he took him and healed him and let him go."

After the sermon, a collection was made, amounting to £18 16s.

Sir T. G. Fermor Hesketh, Bart., M.P., R.W. P.G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Colonel Birchall, Major Wilson, and other members of the Grand Lodge, occupied the Corporation seats near the chancel, whilst the general Masons were in the body of the church. Subsequently the brethren returned in procession to the Guildhall, where the Grand Lodge was closed in due form. A large number of the brethren afterwards dined together at Brother Townsend's, the Bull Hotel.

Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—At the monthly meeting of the General Committee held on Saturday last, Bro. B. Head, Vice-Patron, in the chair, the recommendation of the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, was unanimously adopted, and in accordance therewith it was resolved—That £2000 be paid to the Bankers of the Institution, Sir S. Scott and Co., in reduction of the debt due to them, £6000. The liability now, therefore, stands at £4000, which, it is hoped, a special effort will ere long succeed in extinguishing.

We are requested to notify to the brethren, that the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction has returned to its old quarters, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Tottenham-court-road, where, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. T. A. Adams, it meets every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock. The room in which the brethren meet having been thoroughly renovated, a more comfortable Lodge of Instruction is not to be met with in that district.

We are pleased to note that the movement started by Bros. Stevens and Thomas at the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, is making rapid progress throughout the various Lodges of Instruction in London. The members of the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction have accepted an invitation from the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, to work the fifteen sections in that lodge, on the evening of Friday, the 26th inst., and from the reputation which the Fidelity brethren bear for good working, a real Masonic treat may be anticipated.

We have great pleasure in announcing that a tentative Lodge of Instruction is about to be opened by Bro. George Pitt, at the Freemasons' Hotel, Wandsworth, S.W. It is anticipated that several P.M.'s of the most unimpeachable accuracy will be present. Bro. Cryptonymus has also promised to attend, in order at the first meeting, to be held as above, on Friday, the 13th inst., to name some few Masonic problems, on which a discussion is likely to be taken.

We are pleased to hear that the M.W. G.M.M.M. has granted a Warrant for the formation of the Bective (No. 149) Lodge of Mark Masters, to be held at Keswick, Cumberland.

Bro. Hughan's new work, to be entitled "The Old Charges of British Freemasons," will be ready in a month, and in consequence of several MSS. of importance being added, the cost has been considerably increased in the production. Brethren desiring copies had better write to the author (Truro, Cornwall,) at once, to secure copies. Price, six shillings each. (Post free, 6s. 6d.) Bro. Hughan, who is anxious that these MSS. become generally known, will send the Masters of Lodges a dozen or more copies at a reduced price, if applied for on or before the 1st May.

"More than a year ago one of my children was attacked with bronchitis, and, after a long illness, was given up by all physicians as 'past cure.' I was then induced to try your Vegetable Pain Killer, and from the time I began the use of it the child rapidly got better, and it is now strong and healthy.—JOHN WINSTANTLEY, 10, Whittle-st., L'pool, 1869.—To P. D. & Son."

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE (No. 28).—The last regular meeting of this ancient and high-class lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on the 25th ult., Bro. Thos. Loveridge, W.M., in the chair, supported by his principal officers, Bros. David Crombie, S.W., and James Waddell, J.W., and many other members and brethren. The work of the lodge consisted of three initiations, and three passings, the ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. During the evening a very handsome and well merited compliment was paid to the highly esteemed and respected Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. William Paas, P.M., by the members, by presenting him a superb silver claret jug, bearing a suitable inscription, at a cost of Twenty-five Guineas. Bro. Paas has been a member of the lodge upwards of twenty years, and during thirteen years of which has filled the important and responsible office of Treasurer—which, together with his urbanity of manners and general usefulness to the lodge, has not only given the utmost satisfaction, but has also endeared himself to every member. Bro. Paas's name, we need scarcely observe, is well known in connection with the Masonic Charities, as one of their firmest and best supporters, and he has been for many years past an active member of the House Committee of the Boys' and Girls' School. Other minor duties before the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served in the Tavern, which was ably presided over by the W.M.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The brethren of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 1st inst., and was but thinly attended, owing to the Brighton Volunteer Review occurring on the same day. The following were present—Bros. C. Coote, P.M., W.M.; J. Weaver, P.M., P.G.O. Mid., J.W.; Thomas A. Adams, P.G.P.; Thomas Edgar; Thomas W. Gough; Charles S. Jekyll, J.D.; William A. Tinney, I.G.; William H. Weston; Henry Snyders; Henry J. Tinney, Org.; Julian Egerton; Joseph Baker; Joseph Horton; John Read, P.M.; R. Egerton; S. Hodges; H. Lazarus; and Bro. John Gilbert, Tyler. Bros. E. J. Cobby, 134, and W. H. Baarle, 8, were present as visitors. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Lazarus and Egerton were passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. T. A. Adams worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. C. Coote, W.M., proposed, seconded by Bro. J. Weaver, J.W., and carried unanimously, that the sanction of the lodge be given to attach a Royal Arch Chapter to this lodge, to be called the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319. Mr. W. Read, Professor of Music, was proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed and adjourned.

CORNWALL.

ST. IVES.—Tregenna Lodge (No. 1272).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Ives, on the 15th ult., when Bro. Charles Trevithick, the W.M.-elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient form; the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Coombe, P.M., 450, P.G.D., &c. After which the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Dunn, P.G.S., I.P.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Coombe, P.M., 450, J.W.; Jones, Chaplain; Dunn, P.M., Treasurer; Wearne, Secretary; T. D. Edwards, S.D.; John, J.D.; J. Pemberthy, O.; Thomas, I.G.; Short, D. of C.; G. Richards, and R. Pemberty, Stewards; Nevorron, Tyler. The Lodge being closed down to the first degree, the W.M. initiated his Bro., Mr. William Stewart, Trevithick, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being well worked by Master and Officers. The charge was impressively rendered by the W.M., and the working tools ably given by Bro. P. M.

Coombe, J.W. The time having arrived when it was deemed desirable to retire from labour to refreshment, the lodge was adjourned to Bro. Richard's, White Hart Hotel, at 4 p.m., where a sumptuous repast awaited them, at which the W.M. presided, supported by his officers. There was a large gathering of visiting brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Charles Read, P.S.G.W., P.M. 121; Israel Lewin, P.M. 121, P.P.G.D.; G. S. Denbigh, P.P.S. of W., P.M. 121; W. A. Gerry, S.W. 121; R. Carter, J.W. 121; Rowe, S.D. 121; Dr. Mudge, P.M. 450, P.P.J.G.W.; Eustice, P.M. 450, P.P.G.S.B.; Burrall, P.M. 450, P.P.G.D.; Ellis, P.M. 450, P.P.G.D.; J. Poole, P.M. 450; W. Huthnance, P.M. 450; Frank Pool, W.M. 450; Poole, S.W. 450; Frost, J.W. 450; Mildren, P.J.W. 450. After the various toasts had been given and acknowledged, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Dunn, the I.P.M., and with a highly eulogistic speech, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, selected from the stock of Bro. Kenning (with much satisfaction to the subscribers, both in price and quality), the interior of which bore the following inscription, "Presented to Bro. Martin Dunn, by the members of Tregenna Lodge, No. 1272, St. Ives, on his vacating the chair, on the 15th of March, 1872, which he filled for two successive years with credit to himself and honour to the craft." The I.P.M., who was received with prolonged applause, and was evidently much affected, replied in feeling terms, and assured the brethren that nothing would be wanting on his part to merit a continuance of their esteem, of which the jewel with which he had just been presented bore such evident testimony. After various other toasts had been given; the Tyler's toast brought the dinner to a close, after which the brethren spent a pleasant evening, and separated in peace and harmony about 10 p.m., the visitors especially expressing the pleasure they had derived from the day's proceedings.

HAMPSHIRE.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room, in the Royal Hotel, on the 4th inst. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. C. Carnegie, Prov. G. Purst. Hants (the W.M., Bro. Fenn, being detained at Woolwich on duty), who was supported by the following officers: Bros. Osmond, P.M.; Capt. Richardson, R.E., S.W.; A. McKenzie, J.W.; J. Laverty, S.D.; R. Bennett, J.D.; R. White, Sec.; F. Anderson, I.G.; N. Lucas, O.G. The brethren mustered in great force, and there were several visitors, among whom was Bro. Warne, 723, who presided at the harmonium. The lodge was opened in form in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bros. B. McCleesh and T. Lawrey, 7th Hussars, as joining members; and for Serjt. W. Moore, A.H.C., a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous in each case. Bro. Fitter, a candidate for the F.C. degree, was then questioned respecting his proficiency in 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. Fitter was promoted to the degree of F.C., Bro. McKenzie presenting the working tools. The lodge was closed down to the first degree, and Serjt. W. Moore was initiated into Masonry; the working tools being presented by Bro. Capt. Richardson. On the proposition of Bro. White, two guineas were voted to the Trinity Church Building Fund. The lodge was then closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A most enjoyable evening was spent; Bros. White, Warne, and Lynch contributing materially to the pleasure of the brethren by their excellent singing.

"A VISIT TO EPPS'S COCOA MANUFACTORY.—Through the kindness of Messrs. Epps, I recently had an opportunity of seeing the many complicated and varied processes the Cacao bean passes through ere it is sold for public use, and, being both interested and highly pleased with what I saw during my visit to the manufactory, I thought a brief account of the Cacao, and the way it is manufactured by Messrs. Epps, to fit it for a wholesome and nutritious beverage, might be of interest to the readers of *Land and Water*.—See Article in *Land and Water*, October 14.

Mark Masonry.

LANCASHIRE.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 2 S.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, on the 4th April, when there were present Bros. R. Harwood, Prov. J.G. Deacon, Lancashire, R.W.M.; Thos. Entwistle, R.W. Prov. G.M.; W. Hamer, S.W.; J. Newton, J.W.; G. Makin, M.O.; R. Luthy, J.O.; G. P. Brockbank, Prov. S.G.W., Treas.; J. W. Taylor, Prov. G. Sec., Reg.; W. H. J. Jones, Sec.; Horrocks, Con.; Rutter, S.D.; J. Harwood, J.D.; Brown, Timekeeper; Brandwood, Morris, and T. Mitchell, P.M.'s, and others. The lodge being opened, the ballot was taken for a number of candidates for advancement, the result of which was that they were all elected, and four of them being in attendance were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Entwistle. A resolution was unanimously adopted, expressive of the desirability of taking steps to effect a fusion between the contending interests at present existing in Mark Masonry, and approving of the course adopted by the Rev. Prov. G.M., with the view of accomplishing this object. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19. After the Fowke Lodge had been opened the Prov. G.M. and his Officers were received and saluted, and the Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the roll of lodges and of officers called, the reports from the W.M.'s of lodges were read; it appeared that the Leicester Lodge, No. 19, had been very successful during the year, a large number of advancements having taken place; the visit of the moveable Grand Lodge to Leicester, in the autumn of 1870, having given an impetus to Mark Masonry, which has been of great advantage to the Order. The report from the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 30, was also favourable, the lodge being in regular working order. Several candidates having been advanced, the W.M. of the Howe Lodge, No. 21 (the Rev. W. Langley, D.P.G.M., P.G. Mk. Ch. of Eng.) reported that the lodge had met regularly, but no advancements had taken place; he attributed the stagnation into which Mark Masonry had fallen in Melton Mowbray, chiefly to the operation of the rule requiring that the Master of a Mark Lodge should have previously filled the chair in the Craft, owing to that he (the W.M.) had been obliged to take office again while there were two worthy and thoroughly competent brethren, who for this reason, were necessarily passed over. Bro. G. Toller jun., regretted the unfavourable report from Melton, and fully coincided in the views of the D.Prov.G.M., and asked the Prov.G.M. whether it would be competent for them to pass any resolution on the subject. The Prov.G.M. thought that as the matter was still under consideration, it was not desirable to do so. Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov.G. Sec. and W.M.-elect, was presented to the Prov.G.M. for installation, and the dispensation authorising his installation having been read (he not being a Craft P.M.), a Board of Installed Masters was formed, he was regularly installed and afterwards saluted. The Prov.G.M. then appointed and invested his Prov.G. Officers for the ensuing year, the Rev. S. Spittall, W.M. 30, being the D.Prov.G.M. Some other business having been transacted the Prov.G. Lodge was closed, and Bro. Partridge immediately entered upon the duties of his office as W.M. of No. 19, by investing his officers. Space being an object a list of the appointments need not be given, but it may be stated that probably this lodge is stronger in its officers than any other lodge, Craft or otherwise, in the province; amongst those who hold office are the W.M.'s of the three Craft lodges in the town, four Craft Past Masters, and Dr. Haycroft, G.Mark Chaplain of England. The Treasurer's report having been passed, two candidates for advancement presented themselves, and duly received from the

W.M. this honourable degree, viz. : Bros. J. M. McAllister, Sec. 279, and W. Williamson, S.D. 1391. The whole of the ceremony was carefully and effectively rendered, the almost perfect working of the W.M. being especially remarked, and conclusively proving that Bro. Partridge was the right man in the right place. Three candidates having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the installation supper took place, presided over by the W.M., who afterwards, in a very terse and happy manner, gave the usual toasts, his own health (proposed by the I.P.M.) being received with musical honours. Thus ended one of the most successful meetings ever held in Leicester, in connection with this degree, the number attending would probably have been even larger, but for the near approach of the consecration of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391.

SURREY.

GUILDFORD.—Percy Lodge (No. 114).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Thursday last. In the absence, through indisposition, of the W. M., the Earl Percy, M.P., the chair was taken by the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M.M., who advanced Bro. G. B. Smallpiece, of Craft Lodge, No. 370, to the degree of Mark Master Mason. Bro. Earl Percy was then re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Gilbert Smallpiece was re-elected Treasurer. At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the M.W.G.M.M., and served in Bro. Michaux's usual style.

Red Cross of Constantine.

METROPOLITAN.

PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE (No. 2.) — The seventh anniversary assembly of this conclave was held at the Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi, on Monday, the 8th inst., Ill. Sir Knt. J. L. Thomas, G.A., M.P.S., presided, supported by Em. Sir Knts. G. S. States, V.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.A., Rec.; T. Cubitt, G.A.T., Treas.; J. Boyd, G.H.P. Sov.; and a large number of Knights Companions. Bros. H. F. Vallance of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, and W. H. Mugeridge, I.G. Granite Lodge, No. 1328, were duly installed as Knights of the Order, and Em. Sir Knt. Charles Homfray, of the Gwent Conclave, No. 23, was admitted as a joining member. Sir Knt. C. Parker Ward, M.D., V.-elect, was then presented, and after the usual ceremony of Consecration, inducted into the chair of Eusebins. Ill. Sir Knt. Major E. H. Finney, Intendant-General Cambridgeshire, M.P.S.-elect, was then called upon to assent to the prescribed rules and ordinances, and upon signifying his assent in due form, he was regularly enthroned as M.P.S. for the ensuing year. The following Knights were then invested as officers: George Aug. Ibbetson, S.G.; C. Hammerton, J.G.; F. G. Baily, H.P.; H. Dicketts, Treas.; T. W. White, Rec.; E. H. Finney, junr. Prefect; Raymond H. Thrupp, S.B.; J. Last, Herald; E. H. Thiellay, and H. Vallance, A.D.C.s; W. H. Mugeridge and J. Bull, Stewards; H. Parker, Org.; and J. Gilbert, Sentinel. Votes of thanks were then passed unanimously to Sir Kts. Cubitt, and Marsh, Past Treas., and Past Recorder; for their able services, and a Past M.P. Sovereign's jewel was voted to the retiring M.P.S. Sir Kt. Thomas, for his great zeal and ability in the chair. The conclave was then closed, and the Knights adjourned to the refectory, where a substantial banquet was served, and a most agreeable evening was enjoyed by all present. The customary toasts of loyalty and chivalry, were given, and several capital songs and recitations were delivered by the members and visitors.

MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

At the usual meeting of the committee of this institution held on 3rd inst., Alexander Dickson, Esq., J.P., Vice-President, in the chair, Henry Willson, for whom the greatest number of votes

had been recorded at the recent election, attended before the Committee, and an order was made for his admission. The Secretary reported the receipt of an annual subscription of £1 from each of the following brethren, viz. :—Lord Bernard, Sir John Barrington, D.L.; the High Sheriff of Tipperary, the Archdeacon of Limerick, Colonel Roche, Colonel Maunsell, Colonel Wood, Major Percy, Major Crewe Townshend, J.P.; Captain Davoren, Captain Croker, Captain M'Quay, R.E.; Lieutenant Cole Bowen, Rev. T. Bunbury, Rev. Francis P. Studdert, Rev. Edward Newenham, H. H. O'Bryen, J.P.; J. A. Henderson, J.P.; Maxwell Gumbleton, J.P.; F. Moore Scott, J.P.; Mathew Sankey, J.P.; John Russell, J.P.; G. W. Herbert, J.P.; J. Westby Gibson, LL.D.; Dr. Kidd, Dr. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Athill, Dr. Finney, Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Bruncker, Dr. Kelley, Dr. Gregg, Dr. Barter, and T. Thompson, Esq., R.I.C.

Poetry.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

By Bro. J. S. Macgregor, P.M. 393, Berwick, and P.G. Org. Northumberland.

The following verses were sung by the author in the presence of the Right Hon. Earl Percy, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, on the occasion of the banquet of last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Berwick.

AIR—Garry Owen.

Here sit I, an old Freeman of sixty odd years,
All my sorrows and joys, all my smiles, all my tears,
Are bound up with Berwick, that old Border town
That stands first on the page of old Albion's renown;
That of all other spots in the country can say,
Alone independent she stands here to-day.
She's a nation herself, for pray you, take heed,
'Tis Great Britain and Ireland and Berwick-on-Tweed.

In the days when contention was rife in the land,
How the wave of war surg'd o'er the spot where we stand!
How the red blood would course, and the dark eyes would gleam,
When Berwick was ever the warrior's dream!
But back from her walls the opposing hosts hurl'd,
She emerg'd with a fame that stands first in the world;
You talk about England and Scotland, indeed!
'Tis Great Britain and Ireland and Berwick-on-Tweed.

I adore the old town that in centuries past
Has withstood the rude shock of war's deadliest blast,
Has seen kings and court beauties in panoplied seats,
While the tramp of mail'd thousands has rung through her streets;
And now that those days of her glory are o'er,
Shall her children be free, as her children of yore?
Aye, as long as her sons live, her bounds round to lead,
Say Great Britain and Ireland and Berwick-on-Tweed.

Come, pledge me a glass to our dear native town,
With a long hearty cheer let it find its way down;
Long may old Berwick flourish, and growl her old bear,
If to touch with her rights any fause loon should dare;
Let's drink to her trade, and replenish anew
To her sons, and her daughters so lovely to view;
Come, fill to the brim, and sing out "God speed"
To Great Britain and Ireland and Berwick-on-Tweed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 19, 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, APRIL 13.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 176, Caveac.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
- 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 7.30; Bros. Thomas and Wothington, Preceptors.
- Mount Sinia Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

MONDAY, APRIL 15.

- Quarterly Meeting Boys School at 12.
- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, 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. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.
- St. James'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 16.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-st, Soho.
- " 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
- Chapter 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30. Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel) at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, 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.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Savior's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.
- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- Lodge — Grand Stewards', Freemasons' Hall.
- " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-st.
- " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Hotel, Clapton.
- 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, Railway² 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, Ancrly at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, Freemason's Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, King's Cross.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Stockwell.
 Chapter 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 Observance K.T. Encampment, 14, Bedford-row.
 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 (3), Yorkshire Grey, Loudon st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; 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 19.

House Committee Boys' School, Freemason's Hall, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
 Chapter 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 Union 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 8. Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee, (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298,) Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

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† Picking, P.M. 13 and 1327, 1076; 28 Victoria-Grove, South Hornsey.

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C. J. Sutton, P.M. 55 and 1107, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Kent; 208 City-road.

† Edward West, W.M. 1327, P.M. 1076, S.G.D., Herts; North Woolwich

† Gentlemen against whose names † appears will be thankful to receive proxies on behalf of William Allison, 44 William Street, Woolwich.

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ELECTION—MAY, 1872.

ROYAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION
FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND THE WIDOWS
OF FREEMASONS.—The favour of your vote and interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

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.