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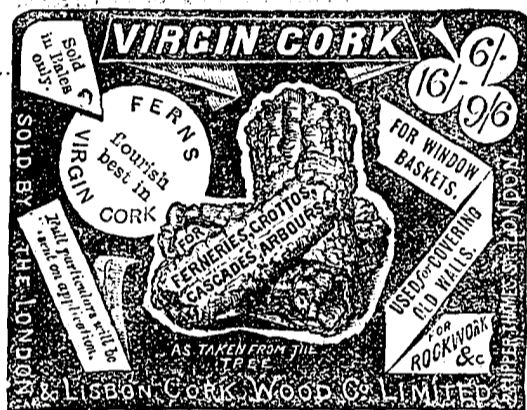
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SHERNESS.—*Adam's Lodge* (No. 158).—The ceremony of installation of W.M., and the appointment of the various officers for the ensuing year took place on Thursday last, Bro. George Beckwith being favoured with the distinguished honour. Forty-five of the brethren assembled at 2.30 p.m. at the Britannia Hotel, the spacious room having duly prepared for the ceremony, which was impressively performed according to the accustomed rites, &c., by Bro. Spears, P.M. and Treasurer (158) B.Z. and P. Prov. G.O. The lodge having been worked in its several degrees by the retiring W.M., Bro. Carpenter, the W.M. elect, Bro. Beckwith, was presented by Bro. Bagshaw, P.M., for the installation ceremony, which being completed with much carefulness by Bro. Spears, the newly installed W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers which are as follows:—Bros. A. Oyston, S.W.; Woodley, J.W.; T. Townsend, P. Prov. G.R., P.Z., P.M., Secretary; Spears, P.M., Treasurer; Mitchell, S.D.; Thurlow, J.D.; Kelly, I.G.; Foster, O.G.; Simmonds and Dustan, Stewards; and Carpenter the I.P.M. After the several official appointments, the lodge was addressed by Bro. Spears, and closed according to ancient custom with solemn prayer. Subsequent to this the brethren adjourned to their Masonic Hall where a most recherché banquet was provided by Mrs. Green, of the "Britannia," and widow of the late much respected and lamented Bro. John George Green, P.M. and P.P.J.D. of Kent. Eulogies were deservedly awarded for the very great care taken in providing for the necessary creature comforts, the tables being most tastefully decorated, independent of the delicate though substantial bill of fare. The lodge room presented quite a fairy-like appearance. There were present at the banquet fifty-six of the Craft, among whom were the following from various lodges.—No. 1174, Pentangle, Chatham, Bro. Blakey, P.M. and P.P.A.D.C. of Kent; The Gundolph, 1050, Rochester, Bro. Geo. Watson, W.M. and P.G.S. of Kent; The Lodge of Antiquity, 20, Chatham, Bro. Edwards, W.M.; and a strong muster of brethren from the "De Shurland," 1089, Sherness, comprising the subjoined:—Bros. J. Hancock, W.M.; W. Parnell, P.M. and P.G.D.W. of Kent; M. W. West, P.M.; F. Jones, P.M.; J. M. Rigg, S.W.; A. Ingleton, J.W.; H. Bourne, Sec.; Lieut. Joffe, R.N.; W. J. Duttall, H. G. Clarkson, and E. Penny, R.N. The accustomed loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with enthusiasm, combined with songs and appropriate speeches, in which latter Bro. A. Spears gave a most lucid and graphic history of the ancient Craft, which was well received. Harmony in every sense was pre-eminent, and the brethren dispersed about eleven p.m., with expressions of general satisfaction.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, March 25th. Present Bros. Hogard, W.M.; Ayden, J.W.; Waylett, S.D.; Buckland, J.D.; Jacobs, I.G.; Hall, M.C.; Cook, P.M. and Treasurer; Cohen, P.M. and Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Littam, P.M.; Emmanuel, P.M.; F. S. Jones, P.M.; and other brethren. The W.M. in a masterly manner initiated Messrs. D. McLeod, T. V. W. Schade and E. Hood into our ancient Order, after which he passed Bro. S. Witmann, and raised Bro. Naylor in a very impressive way. The names of eight gentlemen were proposed for initiation, subject to the ballot, this with six left from last summons will make fourteen waiting to join this lodge, so justly celebrated for the beautiful way in which all the ceremonies are given, and will no doubt cause the W.M. to call a lodge of Emergency either before or after the next regular lodge. This being an off night the brethren sat down to a cold collation, which was quite appreciated and the evening concluded in peace and harmony.

STONEHOUSE.—*Metham Lodge* (No. 1205).—The members of the Metham Lodge met at their lodge room, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, on Monday afternoon, March 17th, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance, and amongst those present were Bros. Powell, W.M. (who presided), J. Elliott, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. W. Cole, P.M.; W. Browning, P.M., P.P.A.D.C. (223); J. May, P.M. (223); J. E. Alexander, P.M., P.G.O. (666); J. Baxter, P.M. (154); E. Aitken Davies, P.M. P.G. Supt. Works (1599); J. Austin, P.M. (1399), P.P.G.O.; L. D. Westcott, P.M. (70), P.P.G. Supt. Works; C. Leigh, P.M.; J. Montgomery, P.M., P.G. Steward; R. R. Rodd, P.P. G.S.W, Cornwall, P.P.G. Regis., Devon. The attendance also included the Rev. W. Whittle, the Rev. T. Lemon, and W. Ventham. Bro. Daniel Cross was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by the W.M. of the past year, Bro. W. Powell. At the close of the installation, the W.M. appointed the following brethren his officers:—Bros. J. Oxley Oxland, S.W.; E. Northey, J.W.; J. Montgomery, Treas.; Alexander White, Sec.; Lieut. W. F. McIlwaine, R.M., S.D.; W. Harris, J.D.; A. Staite, D.C.; T. Gibbons, Org.; W. H. King, I.G.; Charles Hall, and E. Graves, Stewards; T. Moore, Tyler. The annual banquet was held in the evening at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, the W.M. elect, Bro. Daniel Cross, presiding. There were about eighty brethren present. The W.M. then gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," which was received with much enthusiasm. The D.P.G.M. Bro. Metham, next proposed "The Prince of Wales and the Craft," and in so doing he remarked that Masons, at any rate, should be true and loyal to the Prince, because he had been true and loyal to the Craft. There had not been one occasion on which the Craft had called upon him to exercise the influence of his exalted position for the benefit of the Craft that he had failed to do so, and his Highness had lately exercised it in a manner that had carried comfort to the firesides of many of their distressed brethren, for he had presided at a dinner which had enabled the Committee of Decayed Masons to extend the benefits of the fund from £26 to £36 a year, and to the Widows' Fund a proportionate increase. In addition to this, his Highness had condescended to become the Master of a lodge at Oxford, in which lodge he intended to initiate his own brother—(hear, hear). He was sure they would all join with him in wishing that the Prince might live for many years, and that every year might foster in him those virtues which he could not but believe were sown in his breast from his birth, virtues which he derived from his excellent and noble father; in hoping also that he might live to be regarded and respected as his father was, and that Masons might always feel a delight in calling him Brother—(applause). Br. Leigh proposed "The Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master; the Past G.M., the Earl of Zetland, and the Past and Present Grand Officers." Br. Metham responded, and said that the whole of the Grand Officers ruled the fraternity throughout the

country, not only with a great deal of urbanity, but also with a great deal of zeal and talent. The best proof they could have of this was, that among the many thousands of Masons who lived in England, there was seldom or ever any cause of complaint as to the manner in which the duties of the Grand Officers were discharged. He made bold to say that as a body, not only on account of their illustrious rank, but also on account of their private and public virtues, they stood unequalled by any other body in this or in any other country—(applause). The W.M., proposed "The R.W. Br. the Rev. J. Huyshe, G.M. of Devon." He had not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with their excellent Provincial Grand Master, but he knew enough of him to justify him in saying that in Br. Huyshe the province had been blessed with a good and faithful P.G.M.; and his only fear was that, considering the great age which Br. Huyshe had reached, he would ere long be compelled to relinquish his high office, the duties of which he had so well and so worthily discharged—(hear, hear). P.P.G.S. Br. Latimer responded to the toast. The next toast on the list was that of the "Deputy Grand Master of Devon, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," proposed by the W.M. Bro. Metham acknowledged the toast, and replying to an observation of the W.M. that he attended to Masonry, probably to the sacrifice of his other duties, he stated that he never did a thing which was Masonic or otherwise until he had first attended to his professional duties. This was one of the best lessons a young Mason could have. Masonry was to him, and ought to be to every one else, a great luxury. Let them first complete their daily avocation, and when that was over they might go to their lodges and do the business which had there to be done in the same spirit and with the same conscientiousness as they discharged their other private and public duties. If they acted differently to this they were not true Masons. He was proud to be able to tell them that at the recent meeting in London the province of Devon sent up the noble sum of £4000, which was three times as much as that forwarded by any other province in England—(loud applause). Br. Col. Elliott proposed the "Worshipful Master," a toast which was very warmly received. The W.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that whether he was in office or out of it, it would always be his aim to do what good he could to the lodge and to Masonry in general. The W.M., then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Br. Powell, to whom, he said, must in a great measure be ascribed the success of Metham Lodge. All who had been present at their meetings must have noticed the excellent manner in which the duties of the lodge had been carried out by the I.P.M., who had thoroughly mastered the various rituals connected with the many offices through which it was necessary to pass before the W.M.'s chair was reached. During the last twelve months Br. Powell had not been absent from a single lodge meeting, and in addition to thanking him for his services he had great pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel. The W.M., then affixed the jewel to Br. Powell's breast, and the I.P.M., acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M., spoke in high terms of the valuable services which had been rendered to the Lodge by Bros. Col. Elliott and C. Leigh. To the former must be ascribed not only the prosperity, but the foundation of the lodge, whilst the latter, although a Past Master, had been most regular in his attendance, having been present at no less than twenty meetings during the last twelve months. Br. Col. Elliott, in responding, said he took a very great interest in Metham Lodge, and regretted that his many other duties prevented him from attending oftener than he now did. Speaking of Br. Powell, he observed, that in the whole of his Masonic career he never met with an Immediate Past Master who performed the ceremony of installation in the able manner in which it was done that day by the I.P.M. (Hear, hear). Br. Cole, P.M., added that it was about the finest piece of Masonry he had ever witnessed in his life. (Applause). Bro. Montgomery, P.M., P.G.S., Treas., returned thanks, and expressed his

best regard toward the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Leigh, P.M., also returned thanks. The toast of "The Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge" was suitably acknowledged by Br. J. Oxley Oxland, S.W., and Bro. E. Northey, J.W., and the toasts that followed were—"Visiting Brethren, and Success to all Sister Lodges," responded to by Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren." In proposing the latter toast, the D.G.P.M. of Devon asked for the support of the lodge on behalf of a child of a deceased brother, who was seeking admission into the Orphan Asylum at Stoke. The deceased was formerly a member of Metham Lodge, and therefore the case was essentially their own. It was decided that the matter should be considered at the next lodge meeting, but the W.M. and S.W. expressed a strong feeling that an effort should be made to obtain the admission of the child into the Asylum.

ST. IVES.—*Tregenna Lodge* (No. 1272).—On Friday the 21st ult., this young but flourishing lodge held its annual meeting, when Bro. John Richards, the W.M. Elect, was placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient form, by the W.M. Bro. Charles Trevithick, as Installing Master. The lodge was summoned at high Twelve, at which hour a large number of the brethren presented themselves, as well as many visitors from the neighbouring lodges, especially from the mother lodge, Cornubian, Hayle, 450. The lodge was opened in the first degree by the W.M., assisted by his officers, when the minutes of the last regular lodge and intermediate lodges of Emergency were read and confirmed. The Treasurer, Bro. Dunn, I.P.M., then presented his accounts, which showed the year then closing to have been a highly prosperous one, upwards of £70 having been added to the funds of the lodge, out of which all existing liabilities were paid, and an appreciable balance left in the Treasurer's hands. After sundry congratulations, the lodge was opened in the second degree, when the Installing Master proceeded with his work in such a way as to leave no doubt that he was equal to the occasion (which the sequel fully proved); for although a Mason of only two or three years' standing, we have rarely, if ever, witnessed that impressive ceremony more ably performed. The W.M. then invested the officers, with a few words of congratulation and encouragement to each:—Bros. C. Trevithick, I.P.M.; A. R. Harry, S.W.; J. Wearm, J.W.; J. B. Jones, Chap.; J. T. Short, Treas.; T. B. Williams, Sec.; T. T. John, S.D.; S. Thomas, J.D.; W. Trevorrton, I.G.; H. D. Edwards, O.; R. Penberthy, D. of C.; T. Stevens and M. D. Gyles, Stewards; J. P. Trevorrton, Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Jas. Pool, W.M. 450; F. H. Pool, I.P.M. 450; T. G. Greer, 833; G. Hamlyn, 450; E. Temby, 450; W. H. Thomas, 450; M. L. Nicholls, 450. Bro. Coombe, the retiring J.W., P.M. 453, P.P.G.D., read some extracts from the minutes of the Old Ship Lodge, formerly held at the Ship Inn, St. Ives, from 1765 to 1780, which were highly interesting and instructive, as showing that the consumption of "toddy and tobacco at the expense of the lodge," which seems from the minutes to be one of the cardinal virtues of the crew of the "Old Ship," was by no means conducive to keeping her afloat, seeing that she got water-logged in fifteen years. Knill, the first W.M., whose mausoleum still adorns an adjacent hill top, willed an amount (in 1797) of £10, to establish a "quinquennial celebration and divers charities in the Borough of St. Ives." A portion of the rejoicings consisted of ten girls, not exceeding ten years of age and natives of the said borough, between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon, dancing on the ground adjoining the mausoleum. The £50 is divided into something like twelve or fourteen portions. (Considerations of space prevents us giving more copious extracts of this strange bequest; should, however, any of our readers wish for a copy of the document, the writer will be pleased to get it transcribed, on receipt of the fee the professional writer may charge for the work. The address can be obtained through Bro. Kenning.) A vote of thanks from the chair, supported by many of the brethren, having been presented to Bro. Coombe, for his excellent paper, the lodge was closed, when the brethren proceeded to Bro.

Geo. Richards', White Hart Hotel, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, to which they did ample justice. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M. and duly honoured and acknowledged by the brethren. In responding for the P. G. Officers, Bro. Coombe gave a short but interesting account of the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall, commencing with the year 1752. Amongst his statements were the following:—"In 1752 there were only five Master Masons in the Province; the P.G. officers consisted of five only; from 1786 to 1839 Sir John St. Aubyn reigned as P.G.M., occupying the position no less than fifty-three years; from 1839 to 1844 there was an interregnum of five years, in consequence of no one being at once "able and willing to undertake the management of the work." (It is impossible to give anything like a lengthened report of this interesting and instructive speech, but if he could be induced to put his Masonic facts and data into a pamphlet, many of his brethren would be amused and instructed.) At length the Tyler's toast brought the formal part of the proceedings to a close. Cigars, coffee, &c., coming on, a pleasant and lively conversation was continued until about nine o'clock, when the brethren separated in peace and harmony, amid mutual congratulations on the enjoyable day that had been spent.

ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous and well established lodge was held on Saturday, March 8th, at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar, Middlesex. Bro. John Henry Butten, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, W.M., opened the lodge. The ballots for the five gentlemen who were candidates for initiation, taken separately were unanimous in favour of their admission. The veteran Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M. and Sec. in an able and fluent manner raised Bro. H. D. Martin to the third degree. Bro. J. H. Butten, W.M., then resumed the chair, and in an able, painstaking, and impressive manner initiated Messrs. Coltman and George into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. He then stated it was his intention, in conjunction with the S.D., Bro. Richard Limpus, to represent the Lodge as one of its Stewards at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, to be held on Wednesday, May 14th, 1873. He was promised a liberal support, and the business of the meeting being ended the lodge was closed. A good banquet followed, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Selby, who was, as usual with him, indefatigable in his exertions to please all present, and succeeded, as every one expressed their satisfaction. Bro. R. Limpus with his friends amused all by the exquisite manner they rendered the splendid music. Their harmony was well appreciated; all seemed pleased and delighted at their exertions. A few hours having been well and agreeably spent the brethren returned to town. The next meeting was arranged to be held on Wednesday, April 9th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m. There was a larger number of members present than on any former occasion. The visitors were well represented by Bro. G. A. Taylor, P.M. 217, who responded for them.

EBURY LODGE.—(No. 1348).—On Tuesday March 23d, at the Morpeth Arms Hotel, Pensonby-street, Pimlico, this well established and prosperous lodge held its regular meeting. We were gratified on entering the lodge room to observe a new organ had been placed there since the last meeting. Bro. G. Stacey, P.M. 209, and Organist of the "Ebury" Lodge added to the beauties of the ceremonies by the admirable manner he rendered the music. The work done in efficient style was raising Brothers Bowler, White, and Hooper, to the third degree, passing Brothers Browne, Thomson, Taylor and Buckland to the second degree, and initiating Messrs. J. F. Lowden, and J. Hayes. The initiation fee is raised to seven guineas. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Brother J. Stacey for the delight he had given to all present, as the Organist. Business being ended, the brethren partook of a cold collation which had been provided by Bro. Palmer with his usual good judgment. The regular toasts were given and responded to. Bro. W. Bourne, W.M.P.M. 749, presided with his usual well known ability, supported by Bros.

J. Summers, S.W.; T. Verity, J.W.; J. Elliott, Secretary; J. Verity, J.D.; A. J. Treton, I.G.; Fumian and Harrison, Stewards, and others.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—This young but progressing Lodge held its last regular meeting for the winter session on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. Charles Lacey, and the following brethren were present, viz., Bros. T. Mortlock, I.P.M.; G. T. W. Mugliston, S.W.; G. E. Slee, J.W.; Geo. Levick, Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, P.M., Hon. Sec.; R. G. Owen, S.D.; B. Cundick, J.D.; Jno. G. Stevens, D.C.; H. Carter, W.S.; Geo. Hollington, I.G.; W. Stedman, Tyler; T. F. Kirby; W. Grover; T. J. Barnes; W. Shearman; T. Taylor; R. J. Donovan, and H. N. Taylor. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the former meeting having been read and duly confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Donovan and Taylor, candidates for the degree of M.M., having answered the usual questions and retired, the lodge was opened in the third degree, those brethren readmitted and duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; the ceremony being ably and impressively rendered by the W.M. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when two candidates were proposed for initiation, the W.M. announcing his intention to call a lodge of emergency for the purpose of initiating those gentlemen, together with the candidate who was unable to attend that evening. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to partake of an excellent banquet, which was served in first-rate style by the worthy host, Mr. Morley, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and which reflected the highest credit upon the establishment. The W.M. presided, and on the removal of the cloth, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, the health of the host and hostess being very warmly received. The Tylers' toast brought a most happy and pleasant meeting to a close at 11 p.m. The visitors who honoured the lodge with their presence on this occasion were Bros. T. Austin, W.M. 933; Brayshaw, W.M. 1076; W. A. Thorp, P.M. 49 and 1228; S. Watkins, P.M. 212 and 1076; T. Cohn, S.D. 192; Lewis Angell 33 and 1228; S. J. Girling, 1000; Jno. Rugg, 781; T. Fisher, 1228; H. B. Mugliston, 1228; T. Johnston, 1000, and S. H. Rawley, 174.

Royal Arch.

HERTFORD.—*Hertford Chapter* (No. 403).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Thursday, March 27, at the Town Hall, Hertford. The companions present were E. Comps. H. B. Hodges, M.E.Z.; J. R. Cocks, H.; H. L. Thomas, J.; J. Terry, P.Z.; T. H. Wilson Hes, P.Z. 404; H. C. Finch, P.Z. 404; T. S. Carter, S.E.; L. B. Harvey, S.N.; H. C. Heard, Prin. Soj.; E. H. Edwards, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. T. Andrews, E. A. Simson, J. Lowthin, W. Cutbush, W. Warrenner, D. Roberts, and H. T. W. Greene. Bros. the Rev. Lewis Deedes, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Herts, Chaplain Hertford Lodge 403; J. Hargreaves, Cecil Lodge 449; J. Livingston, M.D., Gladsmuir Lodge 1385, and Hayward Edward, 1385, were exalted. The following Comps. were installed and inducted officers for the ensuing year viz. E. Comps. J. R. Cocks, M.E.Z.; H. L. Thomas, H.; H. C. Heard, J.; H. B. Hodges, I.P.Z. and Treasurer; S. S. Carter, S.E. (re-elected); E. A. Simson, S.N.; R. T. Andrews, Prin. Soj.; J. Lowthin, 1st Asst. Soj.; D. Roberts, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and T. Wright, Janitor. The whole of the ceremonies were very carefully conducted and reflected great credit on all engaged. E. Comp. J. Terry acted as Installing Officer. E. Comp. Hodges, I.P.Z. kindly presented the chapter with a charity box and a vote of thanks was accorded to him. The companions afterwards partook of a sumptuous dinner, which was well supplied by Mr. E. M. Davis, of the Salisbury Arms Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. E. Comp. Hodges was presented with a neat gold jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the chapter.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Mark Lodge*, (No. 221).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on March 26th, at the lodge room, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, when there were present Bros. Wm. Hamer, W.M.; Jas. Newton, S.W.; Jno. Alcock, S.W.; Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Master; C. F. Matier, Grand Junr. Warden; G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Warden; Wm. Flitcroft, Prov. S. G. Deacon; Dr. Allison, P. Prov. G. Deacon; Geo. Cornfield, Prov. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Thos. Morris, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; John Brandwood, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; W. H. J. Jones, M.O.; Jas. Horrocks, S.O.; Jno. Harwood, J.O.; Richardson, Allen and others. The Lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed the ballot was taken for a number of candidates, for advancement, which were all unanimously elected viz: Bros. Robt. Glaister, Jno. Clough, H. Greenwood, Jas. Mason, Chas. Williams, and S. Pickard, and being in attendance were then admitted and advanced to the honorable degree of Mark Master Mason by the R.W. Bro. Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Master. All business being concluded the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to the refreshment board.

RAMSGATE.—*Holmesdale Lodge* (No. 129).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on Thursday, March the 27th, at 3.0. p.m. There were present:—Bros. the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, M.A., R.W. Prov. G.M.M. (who kindly acted as Chaplain); Thos. H. Grove Snowden, R.W. D. Prov. G.M.M., S.W.; Lewis Finch, Prov. G.M. Treasurer W.M.; J. L. Ellerm, J.W.; B. L. Hiscocks, Registrar and Secretary; James W. Smith, G.M. Steward and Prov. G.M. Secretary, S.D.; John Finch, Prov. G.M. Asst. D.C., as J.D.; George Page, Prov. G.M. Sword Bearer, as I.G.; and other brethren. Five candidates for advancement were duly balloted for, and unanimously approved. They were Bros. Thos. Ovenden, W. B. Wallace, W. Larkin, W. Adams and W. Crawford. All were present except the first, and were advanced to the honourable degree by the W.M., who worked the ceremony in an able manner, and in strict accordance with the improved ritual. The lecture was necessarily omitted on this occasion, for want of time. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. James Stevens, R.W. Past G.O., and Prov. G.M. Sec. for Middlesex and Surrey. Bro. Snowden, the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Finch the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was impressively worked by Bro. Stevens, the addresses after installation being especially admired. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. J. L. Ellerm, S.W.; Thos. S. Clarke, J.W.; James W. Smith, M.O.; George Miles, S.O.; Edward J. Smith, J.O.; the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore Chaplain; Lewis Finch, Treasurer; Bedford L. Hiscocks, Registrar and Secretary; George Page, S.D.; Horace Friend, J.D.; Wm. T. C. Harrison, I.G.; Thos. J. Foley, D.C.; William Larkin, Org.; R. Joynes Emmerson and John Finch, Stewards; George Meager, Tyler. The wages having been paid and the working plans deposited, the newly installed W.M. gave orders for closing the lodge, doing his work in such a manner as augurs well for the future of the lodge, under his guidance. The valedictory address was delivered by Bro. W. Smith, M.O. After labour came refreshment, in the form of a banquet; in serving which, Bro. Hiscocks excelled even himself, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. A long list of toasts followed, all being received with the heartiest enthusiasm; songs and Masonic recitations were interspersed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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Knights Templar.

PRESCOT.—*William de la More Encampment*.—A conclave of this encampment was held at the New Court House, Prescott, on Thursday, the 20th inst. Present, Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C.; R. Brown, Prelate; S. Morris, 1st Captain; J. Kellett Smith, 2nd Captain, Reginald Young, Registrar; Joseph Wood, Treasurer; Moses Mawson, 1st Standard Bearer; Thomas Ashmore, Captain of Lines; J. T. Birchall, 1st Herald; G. Morgan, 2nd Herald; and T. Sephton, Equerry. After the transaction of some formal business, Sir Knight J. K. Smith, (in the absence of the E.C.) presented a very splendid crystal star jewel, to Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C., in a highly appropriate speech. The jewel, which was supplied by Sir Knight G. Kenning, of 2, Monument Place, was a fine work of art, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C., by the Sir Knights of the William de la More Encampment, as a token of their regard and esteem, March 20, 1873." Sir Knight Fowler, acknowledged the presentation in suitable terms.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

FALMOUTH (JAMAICA).—*Athole Union Lodge* (No. 367 S.C.).—The members of this lodge had their annual meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29, for the purpose of installing Bro. D. C. De Souza, W.M. for the ensuing year, and also the officers. The R.W. M. A. Nunes having resigned the chair (his term of office having expired), the R.W. S. Constantine Burke, Prov. G.M. for Scotland, took the chair, and summoned the Master Elect to the Pedestal, and delivered the usual charges and installed the W.M. After a complimentary address the W.M. proceeded to instal his officers, at the conclusion of which the W.M. addressed the brethren and officers, and thanked the R.W. S. Constantine Burke for the honour he had done them in travelling a considerable distance to attend the installation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren marched in procession to the Court House, where an assembly of fully 150 ladies and gentlemen were assembled. The brethren having marched into the ball-room then received the Prov. G.M., after which dancing was commenced and kept up with great spirit until one o'clock, when the company was conducted to the supper-room, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the R.W. S. C. Burke proposed "The Ladies;" a return was then made to the ball-room, when dancing was renewed, and kept up without flagging until 5.30. The company then retired highly delighted with the entertainment of the evening.

FREEMASONRY IN TASMANIA.

"We extract the following from the *Hobart Town Mercury*" of 31st. Dec, last."

"**FREEMASONS' HALL COMPANY.**—An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Freemasons' Hall Company (Limited), was held at the Victoria Tavern, Murray-street, last evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving and confirming the report of the directors on the tenders for the proposed hall, and also to give power to the directors to borrow a further sum of money for the completion of the building. D. Lewis, Esq., was in the chair, and there were nearly 1,000 shares represented. The report of the directors, which stated that they had accepted the tender of Mr. Gregory for the building of the hall, for the sum of £2,568, was read. Several shareholders inquired why the tender of Mr. Wiggins, which was the lowest by £48, had not been accepted, and on it being proposed that the report be adopted, a ballot was taken, when the action of the directors was confirmed by a large majority. A resolution was carried that shares lately forfeited by the directors for non-payment of calls may be resumed by the several shareholders on payment of the amounts due thereon within 10 days. The following motion was also agreed to:—"That to enable the directors to carry out the work, they may be,

and are hereby authorised to borrow such further sum or sums of money, as in their discretion may be taken to be requisite to complete the proposed building, not exceeding £1000." The directors reported that they had authorised another issue of shares on the following terms, viz., 5s. per share cash, and 5s. per share promissory notes, at 3, 6, and 9 months, bearing date January 1st, 1873, for new shareholders; present shareholders to be allowed additional shares by giving four promissory notes at 5s. per share each at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months, from the 1st January. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman."

GRAND MASONIC BALL.

A grand Masonic ball (the proceeds to be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was given on Wednesday, 25th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, by the members of the Lodges and Chapters meeting at that place. Dancing began about ten o'clock to the strains of Coote and Tinney's magnificent band of twenty-five performers, and was continued until one, when supper was served in the upper hall, the chair being occupied by Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart. This over, and the toasts of the "Queen" the "Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon, the Prince of Wales, and all other past Grand Masters," having been duly honoured, the chairman proposed the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," remarking that he was sure it must have added to the pleasure of all present to know that while they were enjoying themselves they were at the same time contributing to the support of such a really good and deserving institution as that was.

Bro. Little responded, and observed that it was one of the first and oldest Masonic Charities in the world, and, although they were not able to present it with any great sum, yet they were adding their mite to the great aggregate of Masonic charity.

The health of the Chairman was then drunk in bumpers, and one other toast, "The Ladies" (for whom Bro. Yeoman replied), brought the list to an end.

Dancing was then resumed, and continued until about five o'clock.

The company present numbered nearly three hundred, and the ball altogether, thanks to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. G. Kenning (hon. sec.) and Bro. Sidney Spencer, was one of the most enjoyable and successful of the season.

The brethren were all in full Masonic costume, which added greatly to the brilliancy of the scene. The staircase and ball-room were beautifully decorated with the banners of the "Lion and Lamb Chapter" and the "William Preston Lodge," whilst conspicuous on one side of the room were three fine banners (kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Kenning), representing the "Freemason's Arms," "the Knights Templars," and the "Red Cross of Rome and Constantine."

Great praise is due to Bros. Bates, George Newman, J. T. Moss, George Abbott, Hogard, Levander, Yeoman, and Dubois, for the energetic part they took in carrying out the arrangements.

"After thoroughly testing it, I believe your Vegetable Pain Killer to be the best medicine for diarrhoea I have ever known. It gives speedy and permanent relief without any shock, or causing constipation. It is a most useful and valuable family medicine.—E. T. BARRETT, Surrey Chambers, Strand, July 1869.—To Perry Davis & Son, London."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Many persons are apt to regard the winter past when a few bright days enliven them, and some are rash enough at once to change warm for lighter clothing; much risk attends their imprudence, though the inevitable ill-health resulting from it, can be readily set aside, by recourse to these purifying and corrective Pills, invaluable to the sickly at all times and doubly useful at this season, when they cast out the impurities of winter and fortify the system against the sudden variations, and frequent epidemics attending Spring. Holloway's medicine relaxes the skin, permits free transpiration through its pores and thus rids it of the irritation and harshness which increasing temperatures make annoying to the nervous and sensitive.—ADVT.

MASONIC BALL AT BRIGHTON.

Owing to the thorough success of the late Masonic Ball a few weeks ago, by which twenty guineas were cleared and equally divided between the Boys' and Girls' Schools maintained by the Craft, and likewise, and in no small measure, in consequence of the thorough enjoyment which was obtained on that occasion, it was resolved to repeat it, at an early date, in aid of the Brighton and Hove Dispensary, and it took place at the Royal Pavilion on the 10th ult. Perhaps we are not strictly correct in calling it a "Masonic Ball," when the circulars describe it as a "Private Invitation Ball," but the Masonic element was so far paramount last evening, that we feel bound to give honour where honour is due. All the Stewards were Masons, the M.C.'s were Masons, the Committee were Masons, the Hon. Sec. a Mason, the caterer of the creature comforts and the necessary florist were Masons, and the band was led by a Mason. How then could we shut our Masonic eyes to the fact, especially after the gratuitous inuendo made not long since at a public meeting with reference to the Craft and local charities. It is not our desire to rake up this old grievance, but we merely throw aside the cloak on this occasion to show that beyond maintaining their own charities, the Freemasons some time do good by stealth, and thus hide their blushes. However, the ball last night was "awfully jolly," and the enjoyment was participated in by about 160 guests.

Between the first and second part there was an interval of forty-five minutes, and the guests improved each shining quarter-hour by the making of tissue and sustaining of stamina by the agreeable process of sitting down to supper in the drawing room—the repast being served by Mr. Albert Cowley, of the West Pier restaurant in his usual admirable style. The following gentlemen acted as M.C.'s., Mr. J. Robinson, Mr. J. W. Staples, Mr. C. W. Hudson, and Mr. G. Emery, and Mr. A. J. Hawkes was the indefatigable Secretary of the indefatigable Committee, who carried out all the arrangements in the most perfect manner.

GRAND MASONIC BALL AT BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

The most brilliant affair in the matter of balls which has ever been held in this town took place on the 25th ult., under the auspices of the "brethren of the Mystic Tie" of Barrow. The ball was got up for the benefit of the Masonic Charities. A dispensation was granted by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, for the purpose, to the Hindpool Lodge, No. 1225, and it was carried out under the auspices of the brethren of that lodge and the brethren of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, and by their united efforts was one of unequalled success. The ball was under the patronage of Bro. Sir James Ramsden, W.M.; Bro. H. W. Schneider, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. J. T. Smith, Esq. (Mayor of Barrow), P.M.; Bro. H. Cook, Esq., P.M., P.P.G.R. for Cumberland and Westmoreland; Bro. Robt. W. Graham, W.M., and the officers and brethren of the neighbouring lodges. The arrangements were entrusted to the hands of an active committee, whose exertions deserve great commendation. The decorations were conducted by a sub-committee, consisting of Bros. J. Lewis, B. Townson, and W. Gradwell, junr.

The doors of the hall were thrown open at half-past eight o'clock, and shortly after that time carriages rolled up and deposited their beautifully-decked occupants at the entrance, which was laid with richly-coloured carpets, as were also the stairs, at the sides of which and on the landing were placed beautiful plants and flowers in pots, kindly lent for the occasion by Sir James Ramsden, His Worship the Mayor (J. T. Smith, Esq.), Joseph Fisher, Esq., Fairfield, and other gentlemen. The ante-room on the ground floor was set apart for the gentlemen's dressing room, and was attended to by Bro. Gabbat. The corresponding room upstairs was most tastefully fitted up as the ladies' dressing room, and was attended to by Mrs. Gabbat. The ball room itself was a most magnificent display of taste, and the greatest credit is due to Mr. J. Lewis, under whose personal supervision and direction the whole was carried out, for the grand effect produced.

The refreshments were provided by Bro. R. T. Taylor, and were set out on the platform. The table was most beautifully laid with all that the heart could desire, and in a style which could not but please the most fastidious eye, and with a taste which did great credit to the purveyor. This department was brilliantly lighted by a massive gasolier with six branches, each branch having seven jets, and in front of the tables were placed settees for the accommodation of the company.

There were in all about 90 couples present. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock to the excellent music of Mr. Kearsley's band. Mr. M. Haslam and Mr. W. Gradwell, junr., acted most ably as Masters of Ceremonies, and the Stewards were most assiduous in their attention to the comforts and convenience of the large company. We must especially thank the Committee and the two Secretaries, Bros. Kershaw and Milner, for the attention they paid to the representatives of the Press.

Dancing was kept up with great spirit until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday morning, when the party broke up highly delighted with the ball, which in every respect was one of the greatest successes.

An excellent photograph of the ball room has been taken by Messrs. Richards and Ludlam, which they have printed, and copies are now on sale.—*Barrow Pilot.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 27th. ult., the half-yearly communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was holden at the Alfred Lodge Rooms, Leeds, at the invitation of the Copley Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 111. A Mark Masters Lodge was opened at 12, and at 12.30 the P.G.M.M., accompanied by his officers (there being only two absentees), entered the room, the P.G.L., was opened, and the P.G.M.M., formally saluted. On the roll of lodges being called over, every lodge in the province was found to have representatives present. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the usual routine business transacted, the P.G.M.M., proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing 18 months, as follows:—Bros. Thomas Burgess, 14, P.S.G.W.; Thomas Schofield, 111, P.J.G.W.; Thos. S. Higgins, 137, P.G.M.O.; Wm. F. Wilkinson, 58, P.G.S.O.; Allen Jackson, 137, P.G.J.O.; Rev. Thos. C. Smyth, D.D. 111, P.G. Chap.; Geo. Normanton, Past P.G.J. of W. 58, P.G. Treas.; W. H. D. Horsfall, 58, P.G. Reg.; W. Cooke, Past G.S.O. 58, P.G. Sec.; J. Holroyd, 14, P.G.S.D.; Thos. Oakden, 14, P.G.J.D.; John Sykes, 110, P.G.J. of W.; John Armitage, 127, P.G.D. of C.; John Sobley, 127, P.G.A.D. of C.; J. P. Crossley, M.D., 111, P.G.Sw.B.; R. Williamson, 137, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Whitaker, 58, P.G. Org.; Henry Haigh, 111, P.G.J.G.; Wm. Tasker, 58, Mark Newsome, 127, John Stones, 110, H. W. Wrigley, 14, P.G. Stewards; The P.G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Griffin Hotel, where a banquet had been provided. The P.G.M.M. presided, and after the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant time was spent, everything tending to show that the establishment of a P.G.L., in West Yorkshire was giving an impetus to the Mark Masters' degree.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival, held on the 18th ult., Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, was elected President; Bro. J. B. Monckton, S.G.D. Treasurer, and Bro. Wentworth Little, Secretary. Bros. Monckton, Baldwin, Bullen, Cubitt, Morton, Moss, and Roberts were elected members of the Musical Committee, and Bros. Monckton, Cubitt, Hopwood, Kenning, and Levander, as a committee to superintend the arrangements for the Festival. The Stewards' fee was fixed at three guineas, and the Secretary intimated that he should be glad to receive the names of additional brethren willing to serve as Stewards.

Masonic Tidings.

A Provincial Grand Chapter of the Western Division of the County of Lancaster, will be held at the Guildhall, Preston, on Wednesday, the 16th April, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of installing the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale as M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent, and for the transaction of other business.

The M.W.G.M. has been pleased to grant a warrant for the constitution of a new lodge to be called "The Great City," No. 1426, to be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 70, 105, 441; Bro. Nathan B. Headon, 771, and Bro. Jas. H. Townend, P.M. 715, are the principal officers designate.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—On Monday evening, March 24th, Bro. Beckett, Preceptor, worked the first ceremony, and gave the lecture on the tracing board, supported by Bros. Rutter, S.W.; Sickle, J.W.; and some 20 other brethren. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded for the manner in which the W.M. gave the ceremony.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE "SECRET HISTORY" MASONIC CONSTITUTIONS.

Since my last communication in *The Freemason* (of March 15th) and Bro. Norton's article on Briscoes' work, Bro. Charles Molly, P.M. (of Manchester) has kindly directed my attention to page 125 of Dr. Kloss's "Bibliographie der Freimaurer" (No. 1832,) where I find that the "Secret History" is mentioned of date 1725. It did not appear to me to be so old, so it will probably turn out that Bro. Norton was right, and myself wrong, as to the year in which the pamphlet first appeared. Dr. Kloss states that the "Secret History" gives a copy of *Coles' Constitutions*. This is not correct, for I have compared the two carefully. Another Masonic Student has written me to the effect that Briscoes' work of 1725 contains a transcript of Roberts' MS., published in 1722, lately reprinted by Bro. R. Spencer (of London). This also is incorrect, as the two have been carefully collated by me, and also at the same time, word for word with the "Harleian MS. 1942," but it is quite evident to me that the author (or compiler) of the "Secret History" of 1725 never copied in any way from either the printed pamphlet of 1722, or the MS. of about A.D. 1670. (No. 1942). On the whole I am inclined to believe that the Harleian MS., No. 2054, was the text for Briscoes' pamphlet, for with one or two trivial exceptions they read as one document. "Roberts' MS." and "Harleian MS. 1942" are so peculiar, they differ so radically from all other MSS., in having the "New Articles," and agree only with two or three others in containing the "Apprentice Charge" (which peculiarities are not to be found in "Briscoes' MS."), that it is quite easy to decide when they are used by any one as the text for a "Masonic Constitution."—W. J. HUGHAN.

A QUERY FOR BRO. J. FINDEL.

Do you know anything of two Manuscripts said to be in the library of "Donau Eschingen," mentioned by a person of the name of "Barack" in a catalogue of the manuscripts there.

One purports to be a "Geschichte der Frau-maurerie," and the other to be a list of Masonic books.

Donau Eschingen is the seat of Prince Fürstenberg apparently in the Grand Ducny of Baden.—A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

Original Correspondence.

BRO. HOLMES'S NOTES.
To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am not surprised to see your desire that the correspondence anent the chivalric Orders shall now terminate; but as allusion is made to myself, I would crave your indulgence for these final lines. I thank Bro. Holmes for his courteous allusion to myself, and I trust I may never forfeit his favourable opinion. I much regret that he has followed his friendly expressions by two allusions to our past controversy, in which I have met him with fairness and with facts. These allusions are in defiance of all the rules of proper argument, inasmuch as they have been previously met and utterly refuted by me. I have shown your readers that the late Prince Albert accepted his Cross before the English public had ever heard of him, and before he ever heard of the English Langue of the Order of St. John; it is therefore, to say the least, ungenerous on the part of Bro. Holmes, to revive what he *now knows is a misrepresentation*, for no other apparent purpose than to damage an institution which interferes with no one.

I could have given documentary proof of the courteous attention of Prince Albert to the English Langue had I thought my statement would be treated with doubt.

The English Langue needs no acknowledgement from any existing person (unless Her Most Gracious Majesty should think it proper to render it a public institution of England). There is no present Governing body of the Order, its institutions are independent and distinct, and the English Langue is in perfect and lawful existence: It is impossible to say with reason that five-sevenths of the Order, representing five distinct divisions, each having separate power, could not by their will and act revive a dormant langue, when it is admitted, nay urged, that a handful of members of the Order, not having authority to represent any one langue, could elect a Grand Master at a time when the office was full. Bro. Holmes's opinion is in curious contrast with one written in 1837, and which lay before me as I read his letter; it was the opinion of the Baron de Reinach, a Commander of the Order, who was at Malta, at the time of the capitulation. The Baron was a distinguished member of the Order, and had its sovereignty continued he was the chevalier who in point of rank and standing would probably have become Prior of Germany.

This eminent Knight expressed an opinion on the 26th of December, 1837, distinctly adverse to the view which Bro. Holmes so positively puts forward at the close of his letter. The Baron expressed his gratification at the restoration of the Order in England, and said that the proceedings for that purpose were quite regular. The Baron Ferdinand von Hompesch, a nephew of the 69th Grand Master, held the same view, and inscribed his name on the roll of the English langue. I think the opinion of Bro. Holmes will be found wanting in the balance against these knights, who ought to know a little of their own institution. I am happy to receive Bro. Holmes's friendly expressions, I reciprocate them with all the courtesy to which they are entitled, and with sincere thanks to yourself for the patience with which your space has been afforded me, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Lorus.

A Past Deputy Grand Commander, and a Past Grand Officer of the Late Grand Conclave.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On reading your report of the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall at page 202, of your last, I find that it was held at Truro, on the 13th inst., and that it was attended (inter alia) by the following brethren, viz:—The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. designate, &c., and the first paragraph concludes by stating that the lodge was opened and closed by the

D.P.G.M., the P.G.M. being unable to perform that duty until his Installation, which is fixed to take place at the Festival meeting in the summer.

On reading the article I confess that my Masonic Law received a severe shock. In my simplicity, I believe that on the death of a Prov. G.M., the Prov. G.L. ceases to exist and all the offices become vacant, and so remain until a new P.G.M. is appointed, by whose authority the P.G. Lodge might be again established (see Book of Constitutions, clause 7, pages 54, and 55). And the new P.G.M. must be installed at the first Prov. G. Lodge which he may hold after his appointment (see Book of Constitutions, clause 1, page 45).

Now it appears to me clear, that on the death of the late Prov. G.M., the Prov. G. Lodge ceased to exist and it could not be revived until a new Prov. G.M. was installed, for until he was installed he had no power to appoint new officers or ask the old ones to retain their places for the current year; for they had all ceased to exist, and the power to appoint new officers could not be exercised by the Prov. G.M., until he was installed.

To say that the lodge was opened and closed by the D.P.G.M. is an absurdity, when such an officer did not exist, for on the death of the late P.G.M. the officer in question became a Past D.P.G.M. as his office became defunct on the death of the late P.G.M., and the new P.G.M. had no power to re-appoint him until he himself had been installed.

I shall be glad to be put right if I am wrong, and it may turn out that it was no meeting of a Prov. Grand Lodge at all, but simply some Charity Meeting, composed principally of Past P. G. Officers and other brethren, which could not wait for the assemblage of the first Prov. Grand Lodge in the summer.

Yours fraternally.

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INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although I am aware it is too late now to alter the arrangements which have been made for the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Masonic Knights Templar, still, I trust you will kindly insert this letter in the next issue of the *Freemason*. I do not imagine that I only give utterance to my own feelings, but that I also shall express that which many other Knights Templar feel, when I say that I very much regret that those in authority have thought fit to recommend to H.R.H., the 7th of April for his installation. Had it been a great meeting of Craft Masons, it would surely have been as well to have remembered that many members of the Order might object to a festival of the kind in Passion week, but as Craft Masonry is not by any means restricted to members of the Christian religion, there would have been nothing contrary to its profession had such a day been selected. But as you, sir, are doubtless well aware, many Knights Templar are in the habit of making much of their Order, as being essentially a "Christian degree"; and therefore I do think that the leaders of that Order ought not to have suggested a day (more especially as it was simply an alteration in the day of meeting) which would occur in a week, which a very large body of Christians agree in thinking ought to be set apart for other and higher thoughts than those which such a festival as the installation of our illustrious Grand Master Elect is likely to produce. In common with all Masons and all Knights Templar, I rejoice beyond measure that H.R.H. should preside over us, and I rejoice at the marked interest with which he regards everything connected with Freemasonry, but I am certain that if it had been only hinted to him that some brethren—some over-particular brethren, if you like to call them so—might possibly object to a festival in that particular week, he would instantly, with that kindly and thoughtful consideration which always marks his actions, have fixed some other and more appropriate day for his installation. Of course, many of my Clerical brethren will, like myself, be prevented by our other duties from attending, as it is; but it is not on this account

that I write, but simply because I think it my duty as a Past Grand Chaplain to put before my brethren what I conceive to be right in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. MARTYN,
Past Grand Chaplain of England, &
Past Grand Aide-de-Camp of
Masonic Knights Templar.

COMPOUNDING FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question of compounding for subscriptions, though apparently simple enough, is in truth somewhat of an intricate character, and surrounded by several difficulties both Masonic and financial.

Bro. W. Langley's suggestion would indeed be one way of settling the question and solving the difficulty, but how far it would accord with the interest and prosperity of private Lodges your deponent saith and seeth not.

I confess, it appears to me that neither our excellent Bro. Smith, nor Bro. Langley have realised the patent financial and fundamental objections to the proposition in itself. The whole membership system of our English Freemasonry is based on the annual subscription; without it, not only all the privileges of the private Lodge, but the qualifications for Grand Lodge, are lost and abrogated.

Hence, the "Composition" of Subscriptions introduces an entirely new element into our Masonic practice and usage, and great caution must be exercised lest, in order to suit the convenience of the few, we invade or invalidate the position and rights of the many.

No doubt, in one sense, it is merely a question of money, but it is not entirely, or only, a question of money.

Other questions and ulterior consequences are involved which cannot be overlooked, because, they relate to the rights and prosperity of our private lodges, and affect in truth the best interests of the Grand Lodge itself.

For unless the composition be fixed at an amount which precludes any possibility of interference with the financial position of the private lodges, and the recognised principle of necessary annual subscriptions, much injury will accrue inevitably, not only to private lodges in particular, but to Freemasonry in England in general.

I would wish to put before your readers two illustrations, of the way, in which the Composition, unless carefully guarded, will work prejudicially alike to private lodge funds, and the Grand Lodge funds!

1. A brother leaves a lodge, and offers to compound.

The same is fixed at a given sum. Unless the sum be estimated at such an amount as shall shut out altogether the possibility of under payment, he may exhaust his composition; and the private lodge will have to pay, as long as he lives, his Grand Lodge and Provincial quarterages. I am aware that the argument cuts both ways, but, for the interest of the private lodges, the possibility of such insufficient payment must be carefully provided against.

2. Again a brother leaves the North or the South, as the case may be, and compounds with the lodge for his annual subscription; he may join another lodge—but he may not; there is nothing to compel him to do so, and he may retain and claim all the privileges of the private lodge and all the privileges of the Grand Lodge, at a rate of payment far lower than his brethren, and practically without an Annual Subscription at all.

If such a state of things were extensively introduced into our Order, it would revolutionise our English Freemasonry, one of the strong points of which undoubtedly is the Annual Subscription to lodges.

If, then, this proposal for composition is to go forward it must be carefully watched and dealt with, as no doubt it will be, by the Board of General Purposes and its able Chairman. But this I am sure of, that anything which tends to impair the dignity or affect the pecuniary position of the private lodges, or to weaken the long recognised importance of the annual subscription, will be deprecated sincerely, by every earnest member of the Craft,—I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A P.G.O.

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THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

A FEW WORDS BY LUFUS ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT.

As the sublime and the ridiculous are said to be severed by so small a distance as one step, it is a great misfortune that an institution which even is *ad imitationem* only, according to the statement of a well-known brother, but which nevertheless possesses much to interest and a great deal (in this utilitarian age) to enlist the attention and sympathy of the student of the past, should suddenly, or at all events recently, have its name allied and mixed up with pretensions which it has never put forward during the whole previous period of its existence; pretensions without a shadow of foundation, and which its best and truest friends must view with regret. I, speaking for myself and having devoted some attention to the subject, believe that originally the Masonic Templar Order had no infusion whatever of a Masonic Order of Malta, but was a traditional representation of the grand old Order of the Temple, pure and simple; and I regard it as a

misfortune that upon this tradition, in which I seem to possess a stronger faith than many others, should be cast those shadows of doubt which must naturally be created when injudicious advocates attempt to raise for it new claims to an Order with which it never had any connection; with which, from the creation of the Templars to the date of their tragic fall, it was at constant enmity; which, moreover, has never ceased its own existence—in separate and independent sections exist now, and has no connection whatever with the Masonic fraternity.

In dealing with a mere fact no one should be thought wanting in respect for the Masonic Order of the Temple because he is bold enough to deny that it is two Orders instead of one. It is inconsistent and absurd that the Masonic Order of the Temple, traditionally representing the ancient brotherhood of that name, ever was, or can be, another and violently antagonistic Order also. We know the Masonic tradition to be, that on the suppression of the Templars, in and after 1307, some of their number sought refuge and held their conclaves in the Society of Freemasons, and that these meetings are represented in the present institution of Masonic Templars. It is true that we have no more proof of this than arises out of tradition, and although some writers have said, and still say, that this is an empty delusion and a myth, yet in the words of the old play we may exclaim—

"There's something in that ancient superstition, Which, erring as it is, our fancy loves."

When we look to facts for proof of the existence of the Templars as a Masonic Order in England, we are unable to attain an earlier date than shortly before 1780, and even of this period we have no authentic records. Our definite information appears to commence with the election of Admiral Thomas Dunckerley as Grand Master, which event Bro. Yarker informs us occurred on the 24th of July, 1791; but that the Templars had existed as a Masonic Order a considerable time before that date is obvious, or they would not have been in a sufficiently organised position to appoint a Grand Master. I well remember to have met (some ten years ago) with a statement that a record was in existence of a meeting of "The Grand Encampment of England," at Carisbrook, Isle of Wight, in 1780. If this should meet the eye of any brother who can verify the statement, and will do so, and especially if he can obtain access to the record (which ought to be placed in the custody of Convent General), he will confer a benefit upon the Fraternity. Bro. Woolf, in his small and somewhat crude work, which was written in 1865, when the Masonic information on the subject was more difficult of access, says: "The earliest Encampments on record appear to have been London, York, Bristol, Bath and Salisbury"; I am, however, able to give a few extracts from MS. notes, written possibly about 1846, by a brother who had much personal knowledge of the events of many previous years. He says: "There were originally five encampments of Knights Templars, called 'The Camps of Baldwin of Time Immemorial,' and they dated according to the following classification:—1, York; 2, London; 3, Bristol; 4, Bath; 5, Salisbury. In the year 1791, a Grand Conclave, under the patronage of H.R.H.

Prince Edward (Duke of Kent), with Thomas Dunckerley as Grand Master, R. W. Whalley Grand Chancellor, W. Eagle Principal Grand Scribe and Registrar, and W. Hammond Acting Grand Master, started in London; but no mention is made from whom they derived their authority. The five before named camps worked under their own Superintendents and Commanders, and acknowledged, at this time, no allegiance, inasmuch as the powers which granted their original warrants had ceased to be."

The MS. proceeds to state that the Grand Master Dunckerley sent a warrant (without number) to each of these five Camps, calling them "time immemorial warrants," and that with the exception of Bristol they were all accepted, but that Bristol declined, and "still issued its own warrants and worked under its own Grand Superintendent and Grand Commanders."

In a subsequent portion of the MS. it is alleged that on the 7th June, 1793, an invitation was addressed to Encampments, informing them that "A Grand Conclave of Knights Templar would be held at the London Coffee House, Ludgate Hill, on the 24th June, 1793; the Knights were to assemble at the Temple Church, Fleet Street, at Eleven, a.m., the use of which was granted for that purpose."

Perhaps some brother can ascertain if this statement is correct. Are the Grand Conclave minutes of that period accessible, or would there be any register of such an occurrence in the books of the Temple Church? The MS. contains much interesting detail, but which could hardly with benefit, be made public. The Vice-Chancellor of the date seems to have dissented from some of the foregoing statements, as in notes, subsequently written, he says, "The Baldwin encampment at Bristol was duly enrolled under the Grand Conclave, and regularly registered its members, and paid the fees, until about 1832-3." He then proceeds to state that owing to irregularity in the administration of the Treasury, and to the cessation of the Grand Conclave meetings, nearly all the encampments discontinued their payments about the same time; he however adds "Grand Conclave never did dissolve, but the fact is that from the time of the Duke of Sussex's election as the head of the Order in England he never could be induced to hold a meeting of Grand Conclave." The same Vice-Chancellor seems to dispute the fact that a Grand Conclave under Dunckerley was established in 1791, and he requests to know the authority for the statement

I conclude from this that it was an opposition to what he designates the "Early Grand Encampment of England." In Dr. Oliver's "Historic Landmarks" he refers only to four original encampments called camps of Baldwin, but he has thus omitted Salisbury. There was also an early encampment at Bridgewater, but now extinct, and there are, or were, old encampments at Exeter and at Hull; not to mention the Jerusalem at Manchester. I have understood the records of the Hull encampment are in preservation, and I would suggest to Bro. Holmes that an investigation of the books and papers of these earlier camps may have an interesting result. I am loyal to the old Masonic Order of the Temple, and am too jealous of the claims it does possess, and too conservative of its consti-

tution, to witness with any complacency changes and pretensions which tend to convert it into something which it is not, and to jeopardise its position as the representative of so grand an institution. I believe that the addition to it of the Masonic Maltese Orders arose solely from an error and confusion of names; but, however this may have been, they were entirely combined, there were no separate badges, and thus did the constitution continue for many years. At length a brief and simple ritual, to which I have in former articles referred, was compiled for use at the conclusion of the older ceremony, and is used at this time in the two preceptories to which I belong. Long subsequently to the institution of the little ceremony in question (which is conducted by any Preceptor and a Chaplain) a separate badge was also adopted. At length came the changes of 1853 when ritual and badge were alike discarded and the Order was declared to be "The Royal Exalted Religious and Military Order of Knights Templar" alone; But, after the lapse of another nine years, the Grand Conclave, in 1862, again set up the Maltese element; not reviving it in its old form, as combined with the Temple, but as a separate degree, with a second diploma, and a new and entirely distinct ceremony, on which I have already expressed my opinion. The Statutes of 1872 have again united the Orders in name, but have discarded, unfortunately, and I hope temporarily, the title "Masonic." I say unfortunately, because the Order of the Temple belonged to our good old Craft; the good old Craft was proud of it; the constitution of the Craft pervaded that of the Temple, and without the former the Templars have no existence. Many Templars, taking the Craft view, strongly feel this; as did the Templars, in their view, strongly feel that they were the custodians of the "high-degrees," and that their rights were confiscated when those degrees were removed from their keeping. I trust, under the new Statutes, the Order will be assimilated to its earlier and only true constitution, that it will revive its old traditional form upon which alone we can rely; that it will in its dignity reject these dangerous doctrines that appropriation creates a right; and that we may yet view it as the same representative and honourable Masonic Order which has existed, at all events for a century, and not as a thing of to-day, or even as dating from the venerable enactment of nine years ago.

MASONIC MUSINGS.

By Bro. J. BALFOUR COCKBURN, P.Z. 278.
Past Installed Mark Master, 43.

Ever bearing in mind the end I proposed to myself when I ventured to address your readers on the origin, nature, and objects of that ancient and comprehensive science, which should ever form the subject of our studious investigation; again I resume the thread of my reflection, and desire now to call attention to one or two instances which appear to my view, as illustrating in a most striking and remarkable manner, the great and mysterious problem which we have to demonstrate, namely, the intimate connection which has ever existed between Religion, or what perhaps may be more correctly described as the culture and adoration of a Supreme Being, and the Arts and Sciences. On a previous occasion, it was my particular aim to endeavour to explain and impress on the minds of those who honoured me by following out my arguments, that it was

on this single fact that our system and our society, in reality two very different things, are securely based. By extracts from the records of the Old Testament and by such general tradition as conveyed undeniable elements of truth, an attempt was made to confirm whatever might relate to our peculiar principles and history in the remotest ages of the world, from the time of Adam to that of Noah. It was, I take it, clearly, evidenced that this period of more than 1600 years was by no means barren or unfruitful in the discovery, production and application of the Arts and Sciences—we must not be surprised however, though it in no way militates against the reality and truthfulness of the testimony, to find, that in the compass of the few pages wherein the early history of man is detailed, no very minute or extensive account of the causes of discovery, or the modes of application, even to sacred purposes, is recorded. Still what we have received, and what has flowed down to us through this channel, though undeniably somewhat scanty in quantity and meagre in detail, is unquestionably true, and herein lies the surpassing value of the information which we acquire by the study of that Blessed Volume, wherein the matchless wisdom of the Most High is so forcibly portrayed.

Having in our search arrived at the date of the Deluge, a new scene is opened to us, which thenceforth expands and comprehends many of the most profound mysteries and characteristic elements of our Craft, in their earliest operation.

We have every encouragement to look with care to certain incidents in the life of Noah, and the legitimate deductions therefrom, and especially to his marvellous passage from the original antediluvian world to the new and still existing surface of the Globe.

Thus was foreshadowed a far more terrible destruction, a more effectual submersion, a more complete conquest of Satan and Death, and a far more glorious Advent, when the Ark rested on the summit of Mount Ararat and the Patriarch emerged from its portals, accompanied by his family, and the stock of animal classes from which the face of the earth was to be re-peopled and re-furnished, in accordance with the decrees of an all-ruling Providence.

To the most prominent and instructive of these circumstances I propose to confine my present enquiry, and this shall be done within the narrowest limits of which the subject will admit.

We come, then, to that stupendous monument of the saving mercy of Jehovah, remembered in the midst of his wrath against his sinful and rebellious creatures—the Ark of Noah—"And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth, make thee an Ark of gopher wood." The word ark in the original means properly a box or chest, and it is almost beyond the possibility of doubt that the material of which this Divinely inspired and first attempted form of marine architecture was composed, was cypress wood—the etymology of the word alone would indicate this; but it is further strengthened by facts that cypress trees grew abundantly on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates—that this wood is remarkable for resisting decay, and for other reasons admirably adapted for the purpose of ship building; possessing many of the peculiarities and properties of the teak wood of Burmah, at one time so extensively employed in the construction of our ocean clippers: On this account it was used by the Athenians for the preservation of their illustrious dead, and by Alexander the Great for his Babylonian fleet. The shape of the Ark was oblong, its breadth one-sixth of its length, and its height one-tenth. Taking the cubit at eighteen inches, the dimensions in feet would be as follows:—length 450 feet, breadth 75 feet and height 45 feet—and though this by no means depicts a construction, equal to the floating cities, as represented by the iron-clad monsters of the present day, such as our Agincourt, Minotaur, or Lord Warden, still a vessel with the cubical capacity—or more nautically speaking with the tonnage of the Ark, would not compare insignificantly with the Shannon, the Arkansas, or the Victory, ships with which Blake, Nelson and other gallant

seamen swept all opponents from the ocean, and raised the naval supremacy of England to its highest pinnacle—

"Actions sublime

Whose distant glories echo down the corridors of time."

By many it has been supposed that the top of the Ark was covered with a span roof of low pitch; there is, however, no authority for this supposition. A well built flat roof would be equally as efficacious as a sloping one to resist the entrance of the "rain impetuous,"

"The cataracts

Of heaven set open on the earth."

As was remarked before, the simple form of the Ark does not present a model for the naval constructors or shipbuilders of our time, but it is worthy of notice that the experiment has been tried, and with success. The following is taken from a foot-note in Stackhouse's History of the Bible, a work published in 1742, and the authority in which it is given is sufficiently sound to warrant the entire credibility of the account:—"About the beginning of the last century Peter Jansen, a Dutch merchant, caused a ship to be built for him, answering in its respective proportions, to those of Noah's Ark, the length of it being 120 feet, the breadth of it 20 and the depth of it 12. At first this was looked upon no better than a fanatical vision of this Jansen (who was by profession a menonist) and, while it was building, he and his ship were made the sport of the seamen, as much as Noah and his Ark could be. But afterwards it was found that ships built in his fashion, were, in the time of peace, beyond all others most commodious for commerce; because they would hold a third part more, without requiring any more hands, and were found far better runners than any made before."

After the closest enquiry and most accurate calculations, it has been computed that the most expert mathematician could not have proportioned any vessel, or adapted it better to its purpose than did Noah under Omnipotent inspiration and direction; and this alone is no trifling or inconsiderable proof of the Divine origin of the sacred writings.

The capacity, or interior space, being about one million and a half of cubic feet, it has been ingeniously demonstrated that ample accommodation existed for all the animals which would be required to preserve their species, and also for the food and forage to be consumed by them in one year, as well as for the sustenance of Noah and his companions.

The remainder of the plan was only this, "a window shall thou make in the Ark and in a cubit shall thou finish it (the Ark) above (the window) with lower, second, and third stories shall thou make it! Thus did the Great Artificer, the Grand Geometrician, deign to prescribe by line and measure the form and dimensions of that marvellous vessel which was to contain the whole living world—

"Of mankind, so numerous late,

All left in one small bottom swam embarked," and to give to the desolated earth, the stock from which her beauteous and luxuriant surface should be re-peopled and re-animated to the end of time.

Independent of the historical details conveyed in the Pentateuch, there can be no doubt that a knowledge of the construction and building of the Ark had been preserved, and that in the sacred and secret mysteries of all nations, the events connected with the tradition of an universal deluge, the preservation of the human race in a vessel of some sort, and the eventual emergence therefrom into a new world and a new life, were typified and illustrated in the rites and ceremonies of initiation. The word VAOS, or Navis, Nave, (applied to the body of a temple or church), is one proof of the idea of a ship attaching to a building consecrated to the celebration and performance of sacred rites and ceremonies.

I may now pass on and endeavour, without encroaching within the line of our landmarks, to point out some very remarkable particulars in which a Masonic lodge resembles this Ark of Noah—as also to make reference to some symbolical allusions which are capable of Masonic interpretation.

There is a strong similitude between a modern lodge and this ancient vessel :—

- 1st. In form.
- 2nd. In closeness.
- 3rd. In exclusiveness.
- 4th. In being a temple.
- 5th. In being an asylum.
- 6th. Also an enclosure containing all mankind.
- 7th. In being found among all nations.
- 8th. In sending forth its emissaries to return in peace; and

Lastly. In restoring to the world those it has for a time held concealed within its walls, fraught with the traditionary learning of former ages, and prepared to raise an altar for the offering up of praise and thanksgiving to the Creator and Preserver.

Now with regard to the form of the Ark, little doubt can exist but that it was a right-angled parallelogram; and that such is the required ground plan of all rightly constituted lodges, is well known to our youngest apprentices.

The closeness of a lodge should be such as even at times to render it impervious to the light. In the construction of Masonic halls, the windows should be either in the roof of the building or at least very high from the floor. The Helvetian ritual prescribes that the lower part of the window should be seven and a half feet from the surface of the floor, thus effectually impeding all communication or observation from without or within.

In admitting none but its qualified and appointed tenants, its exclusiveness was the very model and counterpart of a lodge. Noah himself

"Of God observed,

The one just man alive,"

guarding the approach, keeping away all intruders, and tiling the entrance against all those whom the G.A.O.T.U. the High and Mighty Master of the Grand Lodge above had proved cowards and unfit for admission within that hallowed circle, where alone the accepted and the initiated might rest in security and peace.

The Ark was a Temple designed by the Grand Geometrician himself, wherein the whole human race was gathered together, to render thanks and adoration for the manifold mercies of the Most High, their Maker, Saviour and Sanctifier, and to mark with dutiful observance that sacred day in which Jehovah had rested from the work of creating all things. For God said to Noah, when the building of the Ark was completed, "yet seven days and I will cause it to rain upon the earth, forty days and forty nights," or six times seven in even numbers; and so it came to pass, after one hundred and fifty days, or twenty one times seven, the waters were abated, and the Ark rested, on the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountain of Ararat in Armenia. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the Ark, which he had made, and he sent forth a Raven and then a Dove, which returned to him and he staid yet another seven days, and again sent forth that "surer messenger" the Dove, which returned to him with evidences that vegetable life was again appearing, and the face of nature revealing itself. Yet another seven days he tarried, and then the emblem of peace and purity—embodiment of the spirit of God which descended on Him, who for our transgressions took on Himself the mortal form of a man—was permitted to wing its flight from that retreat which had so long been its haven of refuge, and returned not again to the expectant Patriarch any more. Can this singular repetition of the seventh day be accidental? No, in each case we may rest assured that Noah enquired of the Lord on the day specially dedicated to His Service, and was answered. So will every good Mason observe the statutes and ordinances of his God, and so shall his prayer be heard when the waters of sickness or affliction come in even to his soul. So will he be enabled, like Faithful when he had shaken off shame, to sing.

The trials that those men do meet withal,

That are obedient to the heavenly call,

Are manifold and suited to the flesh,

And come, and come, and come again afresh;

That now, or sometime else, we by them may

Be taken, overcome and cast away.

O, let the pilgrims, let the pilgrims, then

Be vigilant and quit themselves like men.

The Ark was an asylum from the anger of an offended Deity, most justly pouring down destruction on those, every imagination of the thoughts of whose heart was only evil continually. And if any credit is to be attached to the details given in the book of the Prophecy of Enoch, a work quoted by St. Jude in his Epistle v. 14, and 15, the wickedness of the world at that time much have surpassed all that ever before or has since existed, for we read that 200

"Of that race of men, whose lives Religious titled them the Sons of God,"

descended on Mount Arnon, and chose themselves wives from the daughters of the earth-born, to whom they taught sorcery, and incantations, and ungodliness. From these alliances giants were born who were each 300 cubits high. These when they had devoured all the produce of the earth, began to eat men, beasts, birds, and fishes, to drink their blood and to commit every species of profanation and sin.

"All turned degenerate, all depraved,"

naturally arousing the attention of the Almighty, who beheld that the world he had created with so much care—to be the abode of beings whose sole thoughts and ideas should be directed to his praise and glorification—had become the theatre of all impurity and corruption—

"The dismal situation, waste and wild,"

presenting nought but,

"Regions of sorrow, doleful shade—

All flesh corrupting each their way—

A world devote to universal wrack."

And thus so long as we love the Lord our God with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves we shall be protected and sustained though destruction beset us on every side; for do we not in token of the same ever behold,

"A dewy cloud, and in the cloud a bow

Conspicuous with three listed colours gay,
Betokening peace from God and covenant new."

Within the compass of the Ark, eight persons, the only surviving remnant of the antediluvian world, were instructed, nourished, and preserved, and thus within the Masonic lodge, which in its capacity has no limits but those of the terrestrial globe, may be included all mankind at the present day; that is all those who are qualified and desire to be received into its comprehensive pale, therein are they nourished by faith and encouraged by hope, that sweet and sacred emotion so well described by an eloquent French writer:

"L'espérance, cette planche que Dieu jette au milieu de tous les naufrages, à laquelle le naufragé peut toujours se cramponner un instant, et pendant cet instant croire encore à la vie: l'espérance, cette dernière et inépuisable monnaie du cœur avec laquelle votre pauvre nature humaine achète sa dernière émotion."

therein—
"By Faith directed and confirmed by Hope they survey

Dawnings of beams and promises of day,"

till finally they reach the third and final step at the summit of the Masonic ladder.

"Then constant Faith and holy hope shall die,
One lost in certainty, and one in joy:

Whilst thou, more happy power, fair Charity,

Triumphant sister, greatest of the three,

Thy office, and thy nature still the same,

Lasting thy lamp and unconsumed thy flame

Shall still survive—

Shall stand before the hosts of Heav'n confest

For ever blessing and for ever blest.

The Ark itself continued in existence for many years, and bore testimony to the truth of the Mosiac narrative, as is expressly affirmed by several authors of antiquity; and that the memorials of it are to be found in almost all nations, as has been already stated, is well known to those who have studied the literature of Masonry. I may here, in confirmation, quote what Mr. George Smith writes respecting the account of the Deluge which he has lately deciphered from the

Assyrian monuments, he says:—The Cuneiform inscription which I have recently found and translated gives a long and full account of the Deluge. It contains the version or tradition of this event which existed in the early Chaldean period at the city of Erech (one of the cities of Nimrod) now represented by the ruins of Warka. In this newly discovered inscription the account of the Deluge is put as a narrative into the mouth of Xisuthrus, or Noah. He relates the wickedness of the world, the command to build the Ark, its building, the filling of it, the Deluge, the resting of the Ark on a mountain, the sending out of the birds and other matters. The narrative has a closer resemblance to the account transmitted by the Greeks from Berosus, the Chaldean historian, than to the Biblical history, but it does not differ materially from either; the principal differences are as to the duration of the Deluge, the name of the mountain on which the Ark rested, the sending out of the birds, &c.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

NOTES ON THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

BY EMRA HOLMES 31.^o

Preceptor Prudence Preceptory, Knights Templar, Prior Prudence Priory, Knights of Malta; Grand Provost of England.

According to promise I now publish the two documents respecting the Emperor Alexander and the Sacred Council, from which it will be made abundantly manifest that I was not so far wrong in describing the Knights of St. John as a Papal Order. The correspondence being now closed, I have only to say, in reply to the last paragraph of Bro. Lupus's article of the 29th, that I had very excellent authority for the statement I made respecting Prince Albert, and that again I assert that by the mere fact of his joining the Roman Catholic Order, and not joining the English Langue subsequently, when it was formed, he in substance ignored and repudiated the Protestant body.

Proclamation of the Emperor Alexander, appointing Count Soltikoff Lieutenant of the Grand Master.

We Alexander I, by the grace of God &c., being desirous of giving a proof of our particular esteem and affection towards the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, declare that we take the said Order under our Imperial protection, and that we will employ every possible care and attention to maintain it in all its rights, honours, privileges, and possessions.

For this purpose we command and ordain that our General, Field-Marshal, Bailiff, Count de Soltikoff should continue to exercise the functions and authority of Lieutenant of the Grand Master of the said Order, and convene a sitting of the Sacred Council to make known our intention that the Imperial residence should be still regarded as the chief seat of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, until such time as circumstances shall permit the election of a Grand Master, according to the ancient forms and statutes. In the interim, we ordain, in our quality of protector, that the Sacred Council shall have the government of the Order, and shall make known to all the langues and priories this our determination, inviting that at the same time, for their own proper interest, they submit to the decrees issued by the said Council. We confirm, by this present declaration, our two Grand Russian and Catholic priories, established in our empire in the enjoyment of the property, privileges, and administration already bestowed on them; and it is our will and pleasure that they should be governed in our name of protector, by the Lieutenant of the Mastership, our General, Field-Marshal, Bailiff, Count Nicholas de Soltikoff.

The first moment that, in concert with other Courts, means can be found, and a proper place fixed upon, to convene a General Chapter of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the first effects of our protection will be, to procure a Grand Master to be elected who shall be worthy to preside over the Order and to re-establish it as formerly.

Given at our Imperial residence of St. Petersburg, on the 16th of March, 1801, in the first year of our reign.

(Signed) ALEXANDER.
(Countersigned) The Grand Chancellor,
COUNT DE PABLUS.

Decree of the Sacred Council of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in accordance with the preceding Proclamation.

In order to contribute as soon as possible to the restoration of a Grand Master, and the primitive Constitution to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the Sovereign Council of the said Order, in the meeting of the 22nd of June, 1801, has inquired into the form of convocation for a General Chapter, and finds that the Statutes are as follows upon the subject:—

"A General Chapter must consist of the Grand Master, the Bishop of Malta, the Prior of the Church, the Conventual Bailiffs or Pillars of the Languages, the Grand Priors or Capitular Bailiffs who have a decisive vote, a Solicitor for the Knights of each language, and a Solicitor for the Commanders of each Priory. The Sovereign Council, in consideration that all the elements of a general chapter are dispersed, and knowing that in the present situation of things, it would be impossible to assemble them, according to the form expressed in the Statutes, has resolved to adopt a mode of election which shall differ as little as possible from the ancient one, prevent delay, spare the priories all unnecessary expense and inconvenience, and immediately fix upon a chief for the Sovereign Order, to govern it and to take possession of the Island of Malta whenever circumstances shall make it possible to do so:—

For this purpose, the Sovereign Council enjoins all the Grand Priors immediately to convene their Chapters, and to carry before them the following propositions:—

1st.—The Provincial Chapter shall mark out among the professed Knights of every language, those whom they think most capable of filling the dignity of Grand Master with due courage and firmness. The Grand Priors shall acquaint the Sovereign Council as soon as possible with this opinion, that a list may be formed by all the different priories of those who are candidates for the Grand Mastership.

2nd.—The Council proposes to send this list to the Court of Rome and his Holiness, as Supreme Chief of the Romish Church, and as superior of all religious orders, shall be entreated to select a Grand Master from among the candidates; specifying at the same time that this is only to be the case on this one occasion, and without derogating in any degree from the rights and privileges of the Sovereign Order.

His Holiness shall also be requested to notify this election to all Catholic countries by a Pontifical Brief, commanding the Knights to obey the Grand Master thus chosen, according to the statutes of holy obedience.

All the Sovereign Chapters shall be summoned by their Grand Priors to declare their opinions formally and with precision, on the question of referring to the Pope to elect a Grand Master from the number of professed Knights pointed out by the different priories. By these means the Order will be assured of having a Grand Master of its own choice, and from among its own members; and the Sovereign Council may proceed with confidence, according to the wishes and opinions of all the Capitular Chapters. Moreover, the Sovereign Council represents to all the Grand Priors, that it is more important than ever to employ all their authority and prudence to prevent every kind of division and intrigue, to choose a candidate truly worthy of the sovereign command, endowed with the necessary qualities to make the Order of general utility, and to restore a severe discipline.

Lastly, the Sovereign Council has in its wisdom judged that this was the only method to conciliate the members in general, to avoid all pretences for schisms, and to unite all the scattered members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Given at St. Petersburg, the 20th day of July, 1801.

* Porter's "Knights of Malta," vol. ii., pp. 502-4.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

A special meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Hiscocks' Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Friday, the 14th inst.

There were present the R.W. Bros. the Rev. Geo. Sickleman, M.A., Prov. G.M.M.M.; T. H. Grove Snowdon, Dep. Pro. G.M.M.M.; R. J. Emmerson, S.W.; S. G. Fairlough, P.M. 152, J.W.; D. S. Osment, W.M. 152, S.O.; H. Wootton, J.O.; Lewis Finch, W.M. 129, Treasurer; James W. Smith, G.M. Steward, Secretary; Thomas S. Clarke, Assistant Secretary; Wm. T. C. Harrison, J.D.; Edward J. Smith, D.C.; John Finch, A.D.C.; George Page, Sword Bearer; and George Menger, Tyler. Bros. George Neall, G.M.J. Works, Fuhr, J.W. 152, and other brethren attended.

A procession of Prov. G.M. Officers was formed at a little before 3 o'clock, and entered the spacious lodge room. The R.W. Prov. G.M.M. ascended the throne, and the door being properly tyled, Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The Prov. G.M.M. and Deputy Master were saluted with five and three respectively.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd day of October last having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read Sec. 60 of the Book of Constitutions, which empowers Prov. Grand Mark Lodge to make bye-laws for its government.

The Secretary then read the bye-laws which had been prepared by him, making a pause at the end of each.

Considerable discussion followed upon two or three points, and amendments were made. Some divergence of opinion was manifested as to the bye-law providing that the Treasurer should, when required, execute a Bond with two sureties some considering that the Treasurer should positively be required by the bye-law to do so, so that the onus of proposing, at a future time, that a Bond should be entered into, should not fall upon any member of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, while others thought that a Bond was unnecessary, and that the question might, at least for the present, be altogether omitted from the bye-law. Eventually it was agreed that the Treasurer should enter into a Bond with one Surety.

The remainder of the bye-laws were read, and the whole passed unanimously, as amended.

Bros. Wootton and Page were then appointed Auditors, and Bros. Neall, Emmerson, Fairlough, and Hiscocks to act, with the Prov. G.M. Master, the Deputy Master, the Treasurer, the Registrar, and the Secretary, as a Committee of General Purposes.

The roll of private Mark lodges and that of Prov. G.M. Officers were then called over.

Bro. Fairlough suggested that a certificate on vellum should, when desired, be granted by the Prov. G.M.M. to any brother who may have served the office of Master, Warden or Overseer, or been appointed to any office in Prov. Grand Mark Lodge. He thought that such a certificate might be found very useful to a brother removing at any time from one province to another. The question was referred to the Committee of General Purposes.

Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting hall of the hotel, and an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Hiscocks.

Numerous toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and the brethren having spent a most agreeable evening, separated at an early hour.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, April, 11, 1873.

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 5.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor, Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Anstree-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. Ash, P.M., Preceptor.

Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 7; Bros. John Thomas and E. Worthington, Preceptors.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, April 7.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 69, Unity London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 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.

Cha. 28, Old Kings Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.

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. Gotthel, 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. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Tottenham.

Tuesday, April 8.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

" 235, Nine Muses, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-st.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.

" 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 1383, Friends in Council, Golden Square.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; 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. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John 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.

Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, a 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.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 9.

Committee of Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3 o'clock.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd., Lime-house.

" 820, Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Rifles Camberwell.

" 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham Green.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st. Wapping.

Rose Croix Chapter Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

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's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; 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, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, April 10.
 Quarterly General Court Girls' School at Freemason's Hall, at 12. (See Advertisement.)
 Lodge 19, Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.

Chapter 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 6.
 " 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 New Temple K.T. Encampment, Inner Temple.
 The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure 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.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsobv-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Friday (Good), April 11.
 Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mount Calvary, K.T. Encampment, Freemasons' Tavern, St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street, City, at 6; Bro. Henry Muggelidge, P.M. 192 and 715, Preceptor.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, April 12. 1873.

Monday, April 7.
 De Tabley Chapter, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Lodge of Unity (No. 613), Masonic Hall, Southpointa, at 6.45.
 Skelmersdale Lodge, (No. 1380) Blindellsands Hotel Great Crosby, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction, (No. 823) Masonic Temple Liverpool at 7.30.
 Skelmersdale Conclave, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, April 8.
 St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897), Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 Hesketh Lodge (No. 986), Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 9.

Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86), Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
 St. John's Chapter, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758), Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 The Temple Lodge (No. 1094), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, April 10.

Croxth United Service (No. 786), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Lodge of Equity (No. 1384), Sims' Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, April 11.

Lodge of Perseverance (No. 155), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Rock Lodge (No. 1289), Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry at 7.

Advertisements.

ELECTION, APRIL, 1873.

(Second Application.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ETHEL IDA MARGARET SEATON,

AGED EIGHT AND A-HALF YEARS.

Her Father, Bro. George Seaton, formerly Master Mariner and Ship Chandler at Hull, was for 10 years a Subscribing Member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull (also a Companion of the Humber Chapter), and after a very short illness, died on the 10th February, 1868, leaving his Widow with five Children, three of whom are entirely dependent on her for support, and with very small and inadequate means to educate and maintain them.

The case is strongly recommended by the Board of Benevolence of the Province of North and East York, and the following Brethren:—

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AGED EIGHT YEARS,

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Bro. WHEELER was initiated in the Worcester Lodge (now 280) in 1842; in 1843, joined the St. John's Lodge, Leicester, No. 279, served the offices, and was twice elected W.M., 1856, and 1857, and continued a subscribing member until 1859; he was also Past Z. of the Chapter of Fortitude, Leicester, and a S.G.W. of that Province; in December, 1858, he joined the St. John's Lodge, Llandudno, No. 1057, at its formation, and continued to subscribe until December, 10th, 1861, when he returned to Worcester, again becoming a subscribing member of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, and so continued until his severe illness in 1868, which terminated in his death.

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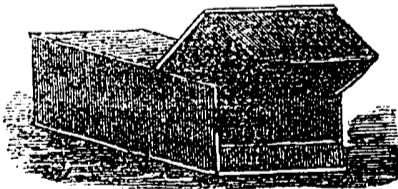
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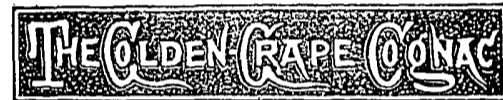
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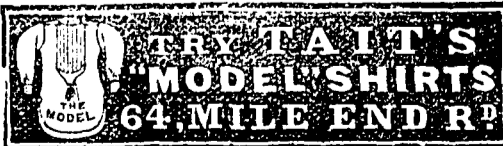
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