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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—*Williamson Lodge* (No. 949).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., when Bro. Jas. H. Coates was re-installed W.M. for another twelve months. Bro. W. Liddell, I.P.M., P.G.J.D., ably officiated as Installing Master. The following is a full list of the officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Jas. H. Coates, W.M.; W. Liddell, I.P.M.; J. Foster, S.W.; R. Shadforth, J.W.; R. W. Halfhight, P.M., Treas.; J. Barlow, Sec.; A. Gray, S.D.; J. Harrison, J.D.; J. Taylor, I.G.; E. Gardiner, M. of C.; J. H. Foster, O.; J. Thompson, Tyler; E. Beckwith and R. Richardson, Stewards; C. Bell and J. H. Eggleston, Auditors. The lodge being called from labour to refreshment, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Liddell, P.M., proposed, "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed his conviction that the affairs of the lodge would be as efficiently conducted in the coming year as Bro. Coates had done in the past year. It was an honour (Bro. Liddell said) not accorded to many to be re-elected to the chair of their lodge; he only remembered of late years in Sunderland the case of Bro. Wade, who for two years filled the chair of No. 80, but he was certain that the members of the Williamson Lodge had done a wise act in placing their W.M. in the chair of K.S. for another year. Bro. Coates, in responding, warmly thanked the brethren for the honour they had a second time conferred upon him, and assured them that as in the past, so in the future would he continue to do his utmost to promote the interest and prosperity of the Williamson Lodge, and from the experience he gained during last year's working he hoped to be able still more efficiently to perform the duties devolving upon the Master of the lodge. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, nearly sixty brethren were present, among whom were Bros. J. Davison, W.M. 80; S. J. Wade, P.M. 80, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. S. Pearson, W.M. 94; T. Henderson, P.M. 94; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; H. Fryer, S.D. 97; G. Young, 80; &c.

MANCHESTER.—*Shakespeare Lodge*, (No. 1009).—On Monday, the 5th inst., the festival of St. John was celebrated in connection with this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall. The members assembled in force, and were honoured by the company of a goodly number of distinguished visitors, including Bro. William Romaine Callender, W.D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Thomas Biddulph, was installed in the chair of King Solomon in a most impressive manner by the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. Past Masters S. W. Petty, P.P.J.G.D.; Charles Henry Coates, P.M., Treas., and J. A. Birch, P.M. After the lodge business was over, the brethren, to the number of about seventy, sat down to a sumptuous banquet served by the Freemasons' Club, in a very elaborate and artistic

style. The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., and enthusiastically received by the whole of the brethren. The W.M. also briefly proposed "The Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon M.W.G.M. of England," and "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, V.W.D.G.M. of England." Bros. Past Masters J. W. Petty, P.P.J.G.D., and Charles Henry Coates, introduced respectively in very effective speeches, "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire," and "William Romaine Callender Esq., W.D.G.M. of East Lancashire." All these toasts were drunk with the greatest heartiness and greeted with the customary honours. The toast which has always been considered the greatest toast of the evening at the annual festivals of this lodge was entrusted to Bro. Chas. E. Austin, P.M., and D.C. Its announcement was welcomed with great enthusiasm. Bro. Austin said that the cordial welcome which had been extended in anticipation to the toast he had the honour to submit, did not diminish, but increased the feeling of diffidence with which he addressed them; nevertheless it was none the less pleasing, evincing as it did, the unflagging interest which the brethren continued to manifest, in the intimacy of the association which subsisted between it and the well-being and success of the lodge. Happily the great fact had never been lost sight of that this lodge had not simply been baptised in the name, but was consecrated to the genius of their immortal bard. The glorious banner under which they sailed had not been hastily or thoughtlessly adopted as unlikely to exert much influence on the character of the lodge; but it was carefully and wisely chosen for the high tone it would give, and the ever fresh and inexhaustible fountain of wisdom it would supply. Its selection was inspired by a somewhat similar wish to that expressed in Ben Johnson's lines on the portrait of Shakespeare:—

"Wherein the graver had a strife,
 With nature to outdo the life;
 Oh! could he but have drawn his wit,
 As well in brass as he hath hit
 His face; the print would then surpass
 All that was ever writ in brass."

It was felt that, however futile the attempt must prove to imitate his sparkling wit, or emulate his wondrous genius, they might at least hope to catch somewhat of his divine spirit; unfold themselves as it were in the expansiveness of his grandly catholic mind, and sound the depths of his sublimely sympathetic heart. It was a matter of small moment to their founders whether Shakespeare had been a member of a Freemason's lodge or no. Sufficient it was that his marvellous works were in perfect harmony with the principles of the order; that they contained as true a religion, as pure a morality, as lofty a philosophy, and as boundless a charity; that he not only understood and taught, but lived out the principles of Masonry, so that it was a happy thought to identify this lodge with his deathless name, and seek its inspiration in the matchless products of his mighty mind. The ceremony, which was performed nine years ago was more than a baptism, it was a betrothal—a union of the divine art of poetry with the mystic Craft of Freemasonry. The installation meetings were as much the reunions of a Shakesperian club as the festivals of a Masonic Lodge. From the outset they had been regaled with a sumptuous intellectual feast in the introduction of this great toast. Discourses had been delivered of great power and varied styles, differing as did the impetuous mountain torrent from the serenely placid stream in the vale beneath; some carrying them triumphantly forward with a rushing brilliant flood of rhetoric, others winning their hearts and captivating their minds with a quiet, even, melodious flow of metaphor and simile. But if he (Bro. Austin) experienced a feeling of diffidence in handling this toast, because of the successes which his predecessors had achieved, and the large expectations in which the brethren naturally enough indulged, how much more was that feeling increased by the nature and magnitude of the toast itself. In the first place it was difficult to bring oneself to approach the subject at all. Almost in propor-

tion to the reverence they had for Shakespeare was the disinclination that was felt to speak of him. Perhaps it was because the delight he gave them was so inexpressibly sweet: he was a near and dear friend with whom they loved to commune, but were shy of talking about. And then again his genius was so vast; its range so illimitable: like Juliet's bounty, boundless as the sea, and like her love, as deep. To speak for a short time upon it was like making a first and flying visit to a new and charming country. It was impossible they could even glance at a thousandth part of its beauties in the limited time at their disposal; and although they could not do wrong, strike which way they might, delight awaited them, as the country was rich with every variety of scenery which could please the eye, gratify the taste, or strike the imagination;—the charmingly sweet, the fantastically grotesque, the touchingly beautiful, the grandly picturesque, and the awfully sublime; still, the very infinitude of variety puzzled them in their choice as much as it dazzled and delighted them. In the few remarks he should make, he should not attempt to proceed upon any particular road, but should ramble hither and thither without plan, though he trusted, not without purpose. It had, no doubt, occurred to many of them what a vast difference there was between the pleasure of seeing Shakespeare's plays represented on the stage, and the indescribable felicity of a quiet perusal of them at home. It was because he was such a truly great poet that this was and must be so. There were among his admirers, those who owed their acquaintance with him solely to the representations of his plays upon the stage. Such people could never really know him. Indeed they lost the better part of him. They were utterly unacquainted with his deeply spiritual and divinely poetical nature, which was his most endearing characteristic. Even in the historical plays, which least appealed to the imagination, they were exhorted to "Piece out our imperfections with your thoughts; Into a thousand parts divide one man, And make imaginary puissance. Think when we talk of horses, that you see them Printing their proud hoofs in the receiving earth." And again,

"Still be kind
 And eke out our performance with your mind."
 If imagination was necessary to the proper comprehension of such plays as "Henry the Fifth," how essential was it in such enchantingly charming creations of the fancy as "The Tempest," and the "Midsummer Nights' Dream." These inimitable productions were poems—poems of an ethereal lightness and beauty, which could neither be understood nor thoroughly appreciated in the theatre. It was only at the fireside that they could give the reins to the imagination, and unreservedly revel in their charms. Theseus says,

"The lunatic, the lover, and the poet,
 Are of imagination all compost.
 One sees more devils than vast hell can hold,
 That is, the madman, the lover all as frantic,
 See's Helen's beauty in a brow of Egypt.
 The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling,
 Doth glance from Heaven to Earth, from
 Earth to Heaven,
 And, as imagination bodies forth,
 The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen,
 Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy
 nothing
 A local habitation and a name."

The sympathetic Ariel who flies on a bat's back, and lies in a cowslip's bell; the wanton Puck who lurks in a gossip's bowl, and the fairy elves who hide in acorn cups, were not beings to represent on the stage in the form of flesh and blood, but beautiful poetical creations, "airy nothings" which could only properly be seen by the "mind's eye." They partook more of the character of personifications, than impersonations, notwithstanding their wonderful individuality. These remarks did not simply apply to the fairy pieces, but to the comedies generally, and the tragedies in particular. In fact not a play that Shakespeare had written, but read infinitely better than it could ever be represented, however great the actor might be, however deep he might have studied, and however thoroughly he might comprehend such wonderful roles as those of "Macbeth,"

"Lear," "Hamlet," "Othello," and "Iago," it was impossible he could ever delineate them upon the stage with anything like the truth and consistency in which they were pictured on Shakespeare's golden page. There only could they fully enter into the loftiness of conception, accurately note the delicate niceties of distinction, and feast upon the sublime imagery. There had been critics who claimed a higher excellence for the comedies, others had given the palm to the tragedies. The fact was, they were almost equally great. Shakespeare was "always good alike," "he is your only tragedy maker," "he alone is high fantastical," certainly he was the most versatile and universal genius the world had ever seen; the most absolute master of the human heart, the very high priest of nature. He possessed a talismanic, "open sasive," which enabled him to enter at will into the very souls of his characters, and represent them to the very life. He described better than anyone else has ever done, the tenderest emotion, the most violent anguish, and the wildest passion. As he could frown like thunder, so he smiled as the sunshine. As he was terrible as the lion, so he was gentle as the dove, and sweet as the nightingale. Who but he could have portrayed such angelic creatures as "Imogen" and "Cordelia." Who but he could have penned such paradisiacal love scenes as those of "Romeo and Juliet," "The Tempest," and the "Winter's Tale?" What a spring-tide freshness did they exhibit, what a glow of imagination, what celestial beauties, what truly pastoral charms? The very exaggerations into which the lovers ran were as natural as they were charming. Bro. Austin gave extensive quotations from these scenes, and went on to speak of Shakspeare's intense love of nature, his passionate fondness for flowers, his glowing patriotism, and his complete universality, illustrating his remarks by numerous quotations, and concluded by saying, that it was impossible to estimate the extent of their indebtedness to this darling Shakspeare, this prince of poets, this king of men, this imperial monarch of the muse. They could not conceive how vast had been the influence he had exerted in moulding the character and guiding the thought of the nation, nor how much they owed to him for the purity of that "Native English" he so much loved and used with such magical effect. They could not better display their reverence for his glorious memory than by cultivating a nearer companionship with him; following him more closely in the wild flights of his imagination, and drinking still deeper of the perennial springs of his inspiration. No nobler or more indestructible monument could be raised to perpetuate his memory than he himself had built up in his unrivalled works. "Age cannot wither them, nor custom stale their infinite variety." the toast was drunk in solemn silence. Several other toasts followed, including, "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Hartly, P.M., which was most enthusiastically received, and suitably responded to by the W.M., "The Immediate Past Master," (Bro. W. H. Pratt), proposed by the W.M., "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W., and "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. the Rev. S. J. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G. Chaplain, Northumberland. The last toast was given at about eleven o'clock, and closed a thoroughly successful and most enjoyable meeting.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday, 5th May. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. J. Sly, the chair of the lodge was taken by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, who was supported by Bros. W. Hall, P.M.; T. Mason, P.M.; E. Airey, S.W.; John Hatch, P.M., as J.W.; James Taylor, S.D.; George Sutton, as J.D.; H. Longman, I.G.; N. W. Helme, F.C.; James Ellershaw, 281; Thomas Jackson, Steward; J. Watson, Tyler. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of A. L. P. Dodson, Esq., of Littledale Hall, he was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the acting W.M., after which the third degree was conferred on Bro. Helme by Bro. Hall, P.M. Several Grand Lodge certificates were delivered to the brethren, and a grant of three guineas from the Lodge funds was made to Dr. Moore's list for

stewardship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. An emergency meeting of the Lodge was held on the 2nd of May, for the purpose of instruction.

ABERYSTWTH.—Aberystwith Lodge (No. 1072).—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Aberystwith, on the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. G. T. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. South Wales, Western Division, supported by his officers. Among the visitors were noticed the W. Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, and Bro. W. M. Rees, P.M. Cambian Lodge, Neath. The business consisted of raising Bros. Dr. Pugh, and Griffith Jones to the sublime degree of M.M. and passing Bro. B. Ellis Morgan to F.C. The ceremonies in each degree were conducted in Bro. Smith's well-known style, and calling forth well deserved encomiums from both visitors and members. The brethren again missed the welcome sight of the W.M.'s face (Bro. Wm. Williams, F.R.C.S.) through continued indisposition and wished him better health. The well-known S.W. was unfortunately absent, owing to a severe cold, his chair being ably filled by Bro. E. L. Cole, P.M. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until the 1st Thursday in October, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The cloth being removed some excellent songs were ably sung by Bros. Homfray, Smith, Baker, and others, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

HARROW LODGE (No. 1310).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 6th May, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Green, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer. Middlesex, the W.M. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, report of audit committee read and adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Ballot was taken for Mr. James Chapman as a candidate for initiation, which was declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission, and he, being in attendance, was initiated. Ballot was taken for Bro. M. D. Lowenstark as a joining member, which was declared to be unanimous. Bros. Speed and Wilks were passed to the Second Degree. A dispensation from the M.W.G. Master having been read by Bro. W. H. Green, W.M., authorising the brethren to instal Bro. Spencer Homewood as the W.M., he being at the present time the W.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, Bro. Homewood was presented by Bro. William Smeed, and installed by Bro. Coutts, P.M. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. W. H. Green, I.P.M.; George A. Smith, P.M. Beadon Lodge, 610, S.W.; John Harrison, J.W.; John Coutts, P.M., Treas.; George Cattel, P.M., Sec.; Frederick Harrison, W.M. Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, S.D.; Thos Hammond, W.M. Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, J.D.; James A. Martin, I.G.; William Kipps, Org.; Edward Rawson, Dir. of Cer.; Josh. Bavin, P.M., Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "Bro. W. H. Green, the I.P.M.," presented him with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, voted from the lodge funds in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge during the past year. The visitors present were:—Bros. William Seaman, W.M. Beadon Lodge, No. 619; William Kinson, J.W. Beadon Lodge, No. 619; J. W. Avery, P.M., Acacia, 1314; Geo. Allen, J.D. St. Luke's, 144; Edwin Scott, S.W. Belgrave, 749; J. Palmer, P.M. Egyptian, 27; A. J. Ireton, I.G. 1343; John R. Goodior, Gihon, 49; Hayward, Donatic, 177.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The first meeting of this lodge since its consecration took place on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, for the initiation of candidates and the admission of joining members, and also to agree upon a code of bye-laws. Bro. J. Stevens, W.M., and all the officers were present. A ballot took place, and five candidates for initiation were all approved, and subsequently 30 joining members were affiliated to the lodge. The bye-laws, as proposed, were agreed to, fixing the initiation fee at seven guineas and the joining fee at 20 guineas. The following candidates were then severally initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.—Mr. George Jenkins, Mr. William

Jackson, Mr. William Barber, Mr. William Frederick Kibble, and Mr. John Boulton. The ceremonies were well performed, and was materially assisted by accompaniment on the harmonium by Bro. Worrell, Organist of Beckenham Church. Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chap., was invested as the Chaplain of the lodge, who afterwards moved a vote of thanks to the W. Master for his present to the lodge of a very handsome bible, and in doing so said that as Freemasonry was essentially a religious order, and that the foundation of all blessings was to be found in that sacred volume, they must all feel happy and thankful that the Wor. Master had made them such a gift, and he hoped that the lodge might long meet and prosper. Bro. Headon, S.W., seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The Wor. Master said he was very much obliged to the Grand Chaplain and the brethren for the compliment they had paid to him in passing the vote of thanks, and he could assure them that it was a great pleasure to him to have the opportunity of making such a gift, and he hoped that it would remain on their pedestal for many years to come, and that the principles contained in it would be followed by each member of the lodge, as it was a book which ought to actuate them in all the phases of life. It was a large book, but it was for the Great City Lodge, and that lodge, of course, required a great book. He remarked, however, upon the contributions made by other members of the lodge, and thought they ought also to be included in the vote of thanks which was given to him. This was done, and afterwards Bro. Simpson expressed his intention to present the lodge with a photographic album, on condition that every member should contribute his portrait towards it. The lodge was then closed, and after light refreshment the brethren adjourned.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—This chapter held its ninth installation meeting on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Every officer was in his place, and the meeting was well attended. Among those present were the M.E.Z., Comp. R. H. Harvey; Comps. S. Davison, H.; H. Smith, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., and Treasurer; C. Hammerton, Scribe N.; G. Waterall, P.S.; T. H. Pulsford, A.S.; W. Worrell, D.C.; M. S. Larham, Steward; Joseph Runn, P.Z.; John Read, P.Z.; John Rexworthy, Thomas Jones, R. A. Field, A. Burrell, &c. and visitors, Comps. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; William Ough, P.G.D.C.; S. Poynter, 902; S. R. Rogers, P.S. Hermes Chapter; and A. G. Bragg, 857. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Comp. John Read, P.Z., proceeded to instal the newly elected Principals, and respectively inducted Comp. Davison into the chair of Z., Comp. H. Smith as H.; and Comp. C. Hammerton as J. The perfection with which this difficult and important duty was performed by Comp. Read, called forth expressions of well deserved eulogy. The officers of the chapter were then invested as follows, viz.:—Comps. James Stevens, P.Z. and Z. 771, Scribe E., (re-invested for the fifth time); H. C. Levander, P.Z., as Treas. (re-invested for the fourth time); George Waterall, as N.; T. H. Pulsford, P.S.; W. Worrell, Senior A.S.; M. S. Larham, Junior A.S.; John Rexworthy, D.C.; and R. R. Field, Steward. On the proposition of the Scribe E., the chapter, in consideration of the services rendered by their Janitor for many years past, and of his increasing infirmities, voted him a retiring pension of two-thirds of his salary. Propositions were then taken for the ensuing convocation, and the chapter was then closed. A pleasant supper followed labour, and the companions separated at an early hour.

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Scotland.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER IN GLASGOW.

The members of the Lodge St. Andrew, No. 465, although the youngest in the City of Glasgow, and located in the extreme north, have shown that they are not deficient in Masonic light. They have purchased spacious premises, and converted them into a hall with all the necessary accompaniments.

There is nothing pretentious in its outward appearance, but for the beauty and completeness of its internal arrangements, it will vie with any in the city. Finding they had succeeded so well in the Craft, the brethren determined to apply for a Royal Arch Charter, and on the 9th inst., M.E. Comp. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent for Lanarkshire, proceeded with his office-bearers to consecrate the chapter and instal its officers.

The Provincial Grand Chapter, having been opened in the spacious room adjoining the hall, entered in the following order, G. B. Adams, P.G. 3rd Soj.; G. Thallon, Z. 119, Acting P.G. 2nd. S.; J. Balfour, P.G. 1st. Soj.; T. Halket, Z. 113, P.G. Bible-Bearer; J. Singleton, Z. 87, Acting P.G. Scribe N.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Scribe E.; J. Crabb, Z. 50, Acting D.P.G.S.; G. W. Wheeler, Acting P.G.S.B.; F. A. Barrow, P.G.Z.; J. Duthie, Z. 67, Acting P.G.H.; T. D. Humphries, Ph. D., M.E.Z. 69, Acting P.G.J. Comp. Banks presided at the harmonium, doing full justice to the solemn music appropriate to the ceremony, the whole of which was rendered in a very impressive manner by the Provincial Grand Superintendent and the companions he had chosen to assist him on this the second occasion of his performing this beautiful rite.

After the chapter had been duly consecrated, and the P.G. Scribe E. had read the charter constituting them as the St. Rollax Chapter, No. 144, on the Roll of Grand Chapter of Scotland, the following companions were installed as the first officers of the chapter:—Comps. David Bell, M.E.Z.; James Dunbar, H.; James McLeish, J. Comp. Tweed was also installed as J. of 73, each receiving the degree appropriate to their office. The other officers were then installed, Comps. D. Reid, Scribe E.; J. Hughes, N.; H. McCallum, 1st. Soj.; A. McLeod, 2nd Soj.

Comp. Bell briefly thanked the companions for selecting him for that important position, and also the P.G.S. and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter for their kindness in coming to consecrate the chapter and instal himself and officers, and as they were all new to their respective offices and there was a deal of work to be done, he would take it as a great favour if the D.P.G.S., Comp. Crabb, would occupy the chair and choose his officers from those of the P.G.C. present, so that he might have a good lesson, and be thus enabled to work better in the future. This having been acceded to, the P.G.C. was closed, and a Mark Lodge was opened. Comp. Crabb, as M.M.; J. Halket, S.W.; G. W. Wheeler, J.W., when the following fourteen gentlemen were advanced to that degree.

A Holy Royal Arch Chapter was afterwards opened, Comp. Crabb, Z.; Duthie, H.; Humphries, J.; G. W. Wheeler, 1st Soj.; J. Balfour, 2nd Soj.; Dr. S. J. Sinclair, 3rd Soj.; when twelve gentlemen received the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degree. Notwithstanding an unusually large number of candidates, the whole of the ceremonies were performed in a way that reflected the highest credit upon Comp. Crabb and his assistants. The M.E.Z. having thanked the officers, then by the wish of the chapter requested the whole of them to accept of honorary membership, and requested the Provincial Grand Superintendent to administer the oath of affiliation to the following companions, J. Crabb, Z. of 50; J. Duthie, Z. 67; T. D. Humphries, Z. of 69; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; J. Tweed, 73; Joseph Singleton, Z. 87; Thos. Halket, Z. of 113; G. Thallon, Z. of 119; and J. O. Park, Z. of 122; these nine Companions were duly entered as honorary members of St. Rollax, No. 114. This large amount of labour having been most satisfactorily performed, the companions adjourned for refreshment, the new chapter having,

with the greatest liberality provided a banquet for the P.G.C. and all the Principals of the province. At the table were sitting, besides those already named, Comps. A. Smith of 50; J. Tibberd, J. 73; R. Bell, T. 73, and M.E.C., K.T.; J. Wallace, Z. 79; J. O. Park, Z. 122; J. McMillan, P.M. No. 3 bis; and A. McKay, D.M. 73, and about twenty other companions. The chair was occupied by D. Bell, the Z., who was supported right and left by F. A. Barrow, P.G.Z.; A. McTaggart, P.G.S.E.; J. Crabb, P.G.S.N., and T. Halket, P.G.T. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given, and welcomed with that enthusiasm that they always receive from Masons, he gave "The Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire," saying that, though his own experience of it was limited to his meeting them to-day, yet, from what he had seen of the kindness and urbanity of one and all, from the Grand Superintendent and each of his officers, he was sure that he should be able to speak in yet higher terms of them when he had had a longer official experience amongst them.

The M.E.P.G.S., F. A. Barrow, assured the new M.E.Z. that it had afforded him great pleasure to instal him as the first First Principal of the new chapter. He was sure, from the character that Comp. Bell had obtained in Craft Masonry, that he would also do credit to the Arch; and as he and his office bearers were new to their duties, he could promise, on the part of the P.G.C., that any of its members would come forward and "lend them a hand," to assist in rendering the beautiful ceremonies of the Order in such a way as to impress the candidates with proper views of its solemnity. He then proposed, "Prosperity to the Chapter St. Rollax, 144."

Comp. Bell, M.E.Z., replied, stating—The new Chapter had been started, not in any spirit of rivalry with the others, but to supply a want long felt by brethren residing at the north end of the city, and in Cowlass and Sprinbrure, so far from any existing chapter. He regretted that he had not previously, for that very reason, been able to direct so much attention to the degree as he ought, for the more he looked into it, the more beauties he discovered in it; and with the assistance of his officers, he was determined that at the next official visit from P.G.C., they would strive, at any rate, though the youngest, not to be the least in number, or the lowest in proficiency in the province. To aid him in this, he must have also the help of all the newly-initiated companions, and he hoped that also of the working brethren whom he had been honoured by receiving as affiliated companions that day. (Cheers.)

"The Officers who assisted in the consecration and installation," was then proposed.

Comp. Crabb replied, assuring them it had been a source of pleasure to them all to assist in these ceremonies, and though their worthy First Principal had been pleased to highly eulogise his working, yet without the assistance of Comps. Halket and Wheeler in the ritual, and Comp. Banks in the musical department, the ceremonies could not have been so efficiently rendered. Owing to the length of the five different ceremonies, he had been obliged to considerably curtail the lecture, but these brethren had promised to come up again, and he trusted at the next meeting of their chapter to supply to their candidates what had necessarily been omitted.

The Chairman then gave "Masonic Press" Bro. Basset, on behalf of the *Masonic News*, and Comp. Wheeler, for the *Freemason*, replied in suitable terms. Comp. Wheeler, proposed the "Visiting Companions." He considered it an honour to belong to St. Rollax. Few Chapters, could boast of having initiated 14 gentlemen at their first meeting, and they were also honoured by the presence of the elite of Arch Masonry in the Province.

Comp. A. McMillan, P.M. of 32, replied, regretting that like their M.E.Z. he had devoted so much time to the interests of Craft Masonry, that he had only recently been embodied in o the Arch, but he was determined also to make himself proficient in that degree.

The Chairman then gave "The newly initiated Companions." Comp. A. Robotham replied. Comp. J. O. Park, Z. 122, proposed "The Offi-

cers of 144." Comp. A. Read, the new Scribe E., said he was no speaker, but as Scribe he would try to write for the benefit of the Chapter. "Masons, their Wives and Bains," was given by the Croupier, followed by the final toast from the chair. Comps. Bank, Fraser, Crabb, Smith, and Barker, by their excellent singing, enhanced the pleasure of this very memorable evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow met on Thursday, the 24th of April, at St. Mark's Hall Buchanan-street. Bro. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, Prov.G.M. presided, and was supported by F. A. Barrow, D.Prov.G.M.; J. Bair, S.Prov.G.M.; G. Mc. Donald, R.W.M. 73, acting S.W.; Miller, J.W.; A. Mc Taggart, Prov.G Sec; J. Walker, Prov.G.T.; J. Halket, Prov.G.S.D.; G. Thallon, Prov.G.J.D.; J. Balfour, Prov.G.D.C; J. Bain, Prov.G.B.B.; William Phillips, Prov. G.I.G.; J. J. Pollick, Prov.G.O.G.; and a large number of the brethren.

The Treasurer's account and Auditors' report having been read, the Prov.G.M. rose and congratulated the lodge on their financial position, and also the high moral standing they were taking. They had not quite finished the annual inspection of the whole of the lodges in the province. The reports of their numerical and working power was therefore deferred till the next quarterly communication, yet he felt quite justified, from the facts that had come to his knowledge, in stating that Masonry in Glasgow was pursuing an upward and onward course.

The circular of Bro. Douglass, R.W.M., of Lodge 48, a copy of which appeared in the *Freemason* of April the 19th, on the subject of proxies, was then read and discussed. All present agreed with the general purport of the same, but that proxies might be retained for the more distant parts.

The Treasurer of the Provincial Benevolent Fund, Bro. G. Sinclair, R.W.M. of No. 27, presented his report, which was unanimously approved of, and the lodge was duly closed.

LODGE ST. CLAIR (No. 362), held an emergency meeting at 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, April 22nd, the R.W.M., Bro. G. Thallon, presiding, Bro. Clerk, S.W.; Bro. Stevenson, J.W.; Bro. J. W. Dobbie, P.M., acting as S.D. Among the visitors were Bros. Russell, of San Francisco, J. Lusk, 362, and G. Wheeler, 73. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and two gentlemen initiated. The S.W. then, at the request of the R.W.M., passed to the degree of F.C. Capt. Wm. Robinson, and Jas. Cottrier, Bro. G. W. Wheeler, acting as S.W. As these two brethren were leaving the Clyde with their vessels next week, the R.W.M., after opening a lodge of Master Masons, raised these two brethren to that sublime degree. Though the attendance was not large, owing to its being an emergency meeting, yet the work was performed in a highly satisfactory manner, both by the Master and the S.W., it being the first time Bro. Clerk had publicly worked the second degree. Refreshment followed labour, the health of "The New Laid Stones" having been proposed, also a successful voyage to the two new Master Masons. Bro. Wheeler proposed the health of "Bro. Thallon, the R.W.M.," who briefly responded, and gave "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Banks, Russell, and Wheeler.

GLASGOW.—St. Mungo Encampment met at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 21st inst. The encampment was opened in due form by R. Bell, the M.N.C., assisted by the following Knights:—M. Clarachan, C.C.; G. W. Wheeler, Sec., Acting as Prelate; J. O. Park, Warden; T. Perkins; Marshal; and W. Nolan, 1st A.D.C. The ballot was taken for three gentlemen, Messrs. Alexander Cummerson, David Douglas, and Reddie Currie. These companions were then admitted as Esquires, and afterwards with Comp. Joseph Johnston, were created Knights of the Temple, and entrusted with the peculiar secrets of this exalted degree. The Secretary read a communication he had received from one of the Knights of this Encampment, who had been present at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of

Wales, recommending another effort to be made to effect a union with the K.T.'s of England and Ireland. A motion to that effect was moved by Sir Knts. Noland and Sinclair, but in consequence of the late hour at which the ceremonies had concluded the further consideration of it was proposed till the next meeting. All those present appeared to think some sacrifice should be made, if necessary, in order to effect so desirable a union.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS.

I have been informed that the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" possesses a catalogue of valuable books. Would it be possible for me to see the "catalogue," or copy of it? It is purely as a matter of literary interest that I make the enquiry and request. Any information or copy sent to Bro. Kenning's care, 198, Fleet-street, I shall duly receive.

I am truly obliged to the Editor of the *Boston Freemasons' Monthly Magazine* for his courteous and fraternal reference to my request with respect to the April number, 1863. I also have to thank Bro. Jacob Ribton for a second copy of the same monthly, as well as for his interesting transcript and letter, which I will privately acknowledge.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

THE ST. CLAIR CHARTERS AND BRO. D. MURRAY LYON.

In reference to these charters some words have passed between Bros. D. Murray Lyon and C. I. Paton, in the pages of the *Freemason*, with which I do not intend to interfere. But when speaking personally of Bro. Lyon, Bro. Paton observes: "When Bro. D.M. Lyon makes any real contribution to our knowledge of Masonic antiquities, I shall be prompt to acknowledge it, and to give him all due credit for it; but I am not aware of anything of this kind which he has yet done," I cannot refrain from expressing my admiration at the charming simplicity displayed in this honest confession of Masonic ignorance.

Bro. D. M. Lyon, is a Scotsman, so also is Bro. Paton, and as to the latter we have only to look at the advertising columns of the *Freemason*, to read the claims he puts forth as a Masonic Historian, yet with it all he tells us as above that he is quite ignorant of anything that Bro. Lyon, has done. However other brethren are not so ignorant of Bro. Lyon, for when we open the "History of Freemasonry" second edition, by that eminent Masonic Historian, Bro. J. G. Findel, we find that the brother selected by our German friend to revise his work is just this same Bro. Lyon, of whom we are speaking. We find also in the body of the work that many "real contributions to our knowledge of Masonic antiquities" are selections from the writings of Bro. Lyon. Lastly, I find that although Bro. Paton's residence, &c., is in or near Edinburgh, and Bro. Lyon's is at Ayr, yet somehow it is to the latter that the brethren of the lodge of Edinburgh Mary's Chapel go when they wish to lay before the public the valuable information contained in their old records. It would seem, therefore, that notwithstanding Bro. Paton's ignorance or short-sightedness on the subject others have been taking note of and appreciating the labours of Bro. Lyon, and I have no doubt but that when the result of his labours in connection with the Mary's Chapel records are laid before us, which I trust will be soon, we shall see him taking his place in the front rank of Masonic Historians.—W. P. BUCHAN.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Premature Decay:—When from free living, excessive indulgence, or the enervating effects of hot climates, the nervous system becomes shaken, the muscles flabby, the heart's action irregular, and the bodily powers generally debilitated, Holloway's remedies may be used with the certainty of their producing relief.—For dyspepsia, liver complaints, sick headache, and loss of appetite, this ointment should be very well rubbed twice a day, over the pit of the stomach and right side, whilst Holloway's Pills are being taken, in such doses as can conveniently be borne. This treatment will always restore strength and energy. Nervousness, flushes, and fainting fits, may all be prevented by a timely recourse to and diligent use of these remedies.—ADVT.

ROYAL VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

Bro. E. Samuelson, the Worshipful the Mayor of Liverpool, was honoured with a visit, on Friday last, from his Majesty the King of the Belgians, King Leopold II., with a view of inspecting the docks and making himself personally acquainted with the manner in which the business of the port is carried on. There was not so extensive an exhibition of flags in various parts of the town as would have taken place if the entry had not been semi-private, but several flags, including the Royal Standard at the Town Hall, floated gaily in the breeze. The vessels also in many of the docks and in the river were gaily dressed, and an unusual number of persons thronged the streets, the weather being extremely fine. His Majesty arrived at Lime-street at one o'clock, and was received by a guard of honour of volunteers, who doubtless remembered the kindly welcome given in Belgium to their brethren in arms at the Tir National. The King's progress from the station to the Town Hall was one continued ovation. Immediately on alighting from the carriage, a gratifying illustration was given of the interest which his Majesty has always taken in the volunteer movement of England. Instead of entering the Town Hall and joining the circle of guests invited to meet him, His Majesty, attended by Viscount Torrington, and the gentlemen of his suite, walked along the centre of Castle-street and carefully inspected the uniform and accoutrements of the various volunteer detachments, and entered into conversation with the volunteer officers and also with Colonel Jones, the commanding officer of the forces in the northern district, and with Colonel Molyneux, of the 7th Dragoon Guards. This incident, unimportant as it might be deemed by many, immediately raised the Sovereign in the estimation of the crowd, who cheered again and again, and the attention thus shown to the volunteers by his Majesty was duly appreciated. On entering the Town Hall, his Worship the Mayor was introduced to His Majesty, who expressed the great satisfaction he had derived from the enthusiastic manner in which he had been received by the inhabitants of Liverpool. After a short delay the King was escorted by the Mayor, dressed in his robes, and wearing his chain of office, to the reception room, where about 60 of the leading gentlemen connected with the commercial, mercantile, and corporate interests of the town awaited his arrival. A sumptuous luncheon was subsequently served, about 70 specially invited guests being present to meet his Majesty. Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor, proposed, "The Health of the Royal Visitor," who responded in fitting terms.

Before leaving the room, the King was asked to appear upon the balcony overlooking the Exchange flags, when such a sight presented itself as the King of the Belgians will not easily forget. Every inch of standing room in the capacious area was occupied by a compact living mass of men and boys, whilst the windows and upper portions of the corridors were equally crowded with ladies. The moment his Majesty appeared upon the balcony he was received with repeated hurrahs, accompanied by waving of hats and handkerchiefs, which continued for some time. His Majesty was sensibly moved by this outburst of popular enthusiasm, which he acknowledged by removing his hat and bowing again and again to the people. After the Mayor had explained the purpose to which the Exchange building was appropriated, his Majesty gave a parting salute, and retired into the Town-hall.

The King subsequently visited the "lions" about the docks, and examined one or two of the principal ships lying in port. On Saturday he visited the Sailors' Home and Birkenhead side of the Mersey, and started for London in the afternoon.

Rumour states that the proprietors of that unique paper, *The Bazaar*, are again about to try their fortune with a new cheap weekly journal, which is to be called "The Country, a Journal of Rural Pursuits," and is to embrace in its scheme all sports in which gentleman engage, natural science, horticulture, agriculture, and other subjects referring to country life.

Masonic Tidings.

At the last meeting of the United Pilgrims Lodge of Freemasons, 507, held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, a portrait in oil of the late Worshipful Master, Charles Milner Haddock, who died in April, 1872, was presented to the lodge, each of the brethren having subscribed towards the expense. Bro. Haddock was worthily and justly esteemed for his many endearing qualities, and from his long connection with the "Pilgrims," during which he had eminently distinguished himself, his sudden death was very severely felt. The brethren being desirous of possessing some memento of their deceased Master, instructed Mr. Tear, of the Clapham-road, to paint the portrait in question from a photograph which was fortunately in existence. The result has been a very faithful and striking likeness. The occasion was also taken advantage of to present the Secretary, Bro. John Thomas, P.M., P.Z., P.G.D.C.G.C., with his portrait, also by the same artist, as a mark of the very high esteem in which he is held by his brother Pilgrims. Bro. John Thomas has been connected with the lodge 507, for upwards of 20 years, and is not only one of the oldest, but one of the hardest-working Masons in South London. His long and honourable career as a Mason has been marked by the most zealous desire to promote the interests of the Craft, and the presentation to him of his portrait by the lodge, in which he so long been an ornament, was but a very slight mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the Craft generally throughout South London.

A movement is on foot to establish a Royal Arch Chapter in Upper Norwood, in connection with the Crystal Palace Lodge.

It is believed that Earl de Grey, the eldest son of the Marquess of Ripon, will come forward at the next election as a Liberal candidate for the representation of Hull.

VISIT OF THE AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO GLASGOW.—Sir Knight Bell, M.N.C., of St. Mungo Encampment, having read a communication from our transatlantic Fraters that were about to set out on their promised pilgrimage to England and tour through Europe, and would arrive in Glasgow on the 27th of June, a meeting of the most influential Masons in Glasgow was held in the Kilwinning Hall, Bro. R. Bell in the chair, when it was determined to give our American visitors a hearty reception; and in order that it might be as large as possible it was determined to meet them as Craft Masons, and engage the City Hall, the largest building available for that purpose, the entertainment to take the form of a conversazione. A Committee consisting of the 1st Principals of the Chapter and the Masters of all the lodges in the province, with the addition of the Commander, Secretary, and two others. From the unanimity of the meeting and the fact that the demonstration is to be under the immediate patronage of the P.G.L., we augur for it a complete success.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE will be held in the Town Hall, at Louth, under the auspices of the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, on Thursday, 29th inst. A banquet will be provided at the Corn Exchange. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. J. G. Tupholme, Secretary of the Lindsey Lodge; or of W. Bro. Wm. Griffin P. Prov. G.D. of C.

It is stated that Sir Henry Rawlinson, formerly Minister at Teheran, will meet the Shah of Persia on his arrival in London, as Envoy-Extraordinary on the part of the Queen.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The most successful, hitherto, of all the festivals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was celebrated on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, when the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, Lord Skelmerdale, a Past Grand Warden of England, took the chair. The result which was obtained, we presume was not expected, for a reference to two or three of our previous

numbers, wherein some speeches of the Secretary are faithfully reported, trod rather lightly on the ground of what would be the total of the Stewards' lists. He referred in those speeches to the magnificent subscription to the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, and while informing the brethren that upwards of £14,000 in the aggregate had been collected at the festivals of those two institutions, merely expressed his hope and confidence that the Craft would liberally support the favourite institution, of which he had recently taken the duties. We presume that, when he spoke, either modestly restrained him from anticipating a great collection for the Girl's School, or by keeping down the ardour of his fellow Craftsmen, he intended to take them by surprise. But whether or not either of these were his motives, it cannot be denied that the general body of Freemasons were not prepared for such an announcement as he made when he concluded his reading of the Stewards' lists, that they amounted in the whole to £7,448, with several lists yet to come in. Of the exertions made to obtain such an amount we cannot speak too highly. We care not at all for the different Masonic qualities of any brethren. We sink all differences when we are engaged in the one great work of charity, and however widely our notions may differ on points which are only of minor detail, we unite as a band of brethren when the poor and distressed are out in the cold appealing for aid. Masonry is increasing now with unprecedented rapidity and we congratulate all the Institutions on their great success, and viewing the daughters of the distressed Freemasons as the most helpless of all the objects of the brethren's bounty, we hail with immense satisfaction the glorious success which attended the Girls' Festival of Wednesday last.

About 250 brethren sat down to banquet, among whom we noticed:—Bros. the Rev. A. B. Fraser, Samuel Tomkins, John Hervey, H. Browne, John B. Monckton, D. Erasmus Wilson, Major W. Platt, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Dr. Barringer, R. J. Spiers, of Oxford, Raynham W. Stewart, Peter Matthews, Hyde Pullen, John Read, Rev. D. Shaboe, Thomas Fenn, Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Sir Gilbert Campbell, H. Bridges, A. J. D. Piler, F. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; James Terry, Sec. Benevolent Institution; W. Paas, J. A. Rucker, Dudley Rolls, W. Gumbleton, P.G.D., W. Winn, Lieut.-Col. Peters, George Kenning, J. J. Wilson, H. Keeble, W. West Smith, Lieut.-Col. Peters, George Theobald, H. Thompson, H. M. Levy, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, F. Harman, F. Walters, Thomas W. White, W. Kench, Joseph Last, W. Smeed, Thomas Cubitt, G.P., and J. T. Moss.

A large number of ladies also attended, who were regaled at separate banquets, presided over by Bros. Thomas William White, and George Kenning.

The different banquets were excellently supplied by Bro. Francatelli, and Bro. Goodchild was very assiduous in his attention to the duties of Toast Master.

The fiction of the removal of the cloth having been observed, the labours of the chairman commenced, and it is but fair to say that these were discharged in a way which showed that they were no fiction at all.

In giving the first toast, the chairman said: Brethren I rise to propose the first toast of the evening, that toast which is always well received in every assembly of Englishmen, and never better than among assemblies of our own body, "The Health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen," the Patroness of our Order. (Cheers.)

The toast was followed by the National Anthem.

The Chairman: Brethren I hope you will excuse me if I seem to hurry the toasts a little but I fancy that there are fairer scenes for us in a neighbouring room, and perhaps a better amusement for you than listening to dry speeches; therefore, I will get on with the toasts, and the next I have to propose is that of "The Health of the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master and Patron of this Institution." I need not dilate on the merits of H.R.H. as a Mason, for I am sure that many of you were in this room not a very long time ago, and heard the Prince of Wales declare how much he was

devoted to the Craft, and how much he intended to uphold the tenets of the Order. I give you also "The Health of the Princess of Wales, Patroness of this Institution."

The toast having been drunk, The chairman said: Brethren the next toast I have the honour to propose to you, is that of "The Health of our Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon," (hear hear). I think I need say no more than to ask you to drink his health. His own acts speak for themselves, and you know what a worthy Grand Master he is, I give you his health.

The Chairman: Brethren, before I propose the next toast on the list I cannot resist expressing my deep regret that there is one toast that we have to omit this evening, the toast that usually I believe appears after that I gave last. It has pleased the Great Architect to take our late Grand Master to himself, and I am sure that no brother Freemason ever went to his grave more deservedly honoured than he was. The next toast I have to give you is "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." The Earl of Carnarvon asked me especially to say that he had every intention of being here this evening, but unfortunately a banquet which sometimes calls many a public man away from other affairs prevents him from being here—I mean a political banquet. I give you "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Past and Present."

Capt. Platt, Junior Grand Warden, replied. He said, Most Provincial Grand Master, and Brethren, your good wishes for the health of the Deputy Grand Master and the Past and Present Grand Officers deserve and demand their unqualified and hearty thanks. As far as regards the present Grand Officers of the year, so short is the duration of their official existence, that it behoves them to "bear their blushing honours" with becoming humility and meekness. "Drest in a little brief authority," they "strut and fret their hour upon" the Masonic "stage," and perchance are heard no more." We are not every biennial! We are only annual. The period of our reign being so limited, it would be most inconsistent with this ephemeral existence and an idle waste of time to dwell any longer or to launch any more words or language, or I may say "Platt"—itudes, or be

"Like Mr. Trower,
Who would take half an hour,
To say, nobody knew what;
Or like the famed Dr. Fell,
Who spoke very well,
And sat down fatigued and hot."

Again, brethren, I beg in the name of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, to offer our sincere and hearty thanks for this compliment and recognition.

The Rev. A. B. Fraser: Brethren, an hour ago, I thought Masonry had nothing left in store for me, but I find I was mistaken. I have been entrusted with the privilege of proposing to you the health of that distinguished Mason who honours us by presiding over us this evening. No words of mine can by any possibility be necessary to commend the toast to you. I will, therefore, simply call upon you to honour it as enthusiastically as it always should be. I give you "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, the Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire."

The Chairman: Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the kind and warm way in which you have received my name, and I thank the brother who proposed it, for the kind way in which he did it. There are a good many of my Lancashire brethren about the room, and I am sure they will feel flattered by it. It has given me great satisfaction indeed to be present on this occasion as Chairman. I have long wished to be connected more intimately than I have hitherto been with the Masonic Charities. This is an opening, and I hope I shall be able to follow it up. It is rather a bold thing for me to say with two Secretaries in front of me to take down my words; but I am sure I mean what I say. All I hope is, that any future chairman may not find himself in the same position as I am—a Chairman unfitted to speak well or persuasively, or to bring forward all that can be said. But for my-

self, if I can but induce you to subscribe liberally I do not care about anything else. I thank you most heartily.

The Chairman: Brethren, I now rise to propose the toast of the evening, viz., "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." I need hardly ask you to drink that toast heartily. You would not be here if you were not ready to do so. I can assure you, that last Friday, when I had the honour of being present at the annual prize-giving-away at the School, it made me proud to think that I should be here to-day as Chairman of the festival. (Hear, hear.) I can assure you I never was more gratified in my life, or more struck with the completeness and the thorough efficiency of the School, the healthy look of the children, and the evidently good discipline and good teaching that prevailed in that School. (Hear, hear.) I am sure that our warmest thanks are due to those who more immediately interest themselves in that institution—the Committee the Secretary, and, more especially, I may say the Governess. (Hear, hear.) Long may she continue the Governess of that Institution, for it will be very hard to replace her. Brethren, there has been a very great addition to that building lately, viz., the infirmary, a very useful building, and a most necessary one in the event of an epidemic, which I hope we may be long spared from having. That infirmary—I can bear testimony, having been all over it—is a most perfect building. Why do I mention this? Simply because when we see Committees exerting themselves we ought to support them by coming forward more and more liberally every day. I am told, that when the school was originally founded there were few lodges in the country, and we were only able to provide for a small number of girls. In the year 1851 there were 470 lodges in the country, and there was accommodation for 40 girls in the School. Now that there are upwards of 1,400 lodges, what is the deduction we ought to draw? I leave it to the mathematical gentlemen among us to answer it, but I think we ought to quadruple the number, if not more. There are 112 girls in the Institution now, and I believe there are eight vacancies to be filled up, making 120 in all. I should like to see that Institution with double the number, and I do not see why it should not be done, I am told, but I will not trespass on the Treasurer's province, or the Secretary's, that we have been receiving a gigantic list to-day. I am glad to hear it. I wish, and I repeat what I said last Friday, that we could take that school down to the provinces in order to show the brethren their work in providing such a school. have no doubt if we could do so, we should get subscriptions enough to build ten schools. And as to the education, brethren, people may ask what is the result? A very high standard of education is looked for now. I am happy to say it is given in that school. We have only to look at the Oxford and Cambridge middle class examinations and we shall see that all the Girls have had honourable mention, many have passed with distinction, and not one had not come out well. There is another thing that I ought to mention, as a reason for additional subscriptions. Unfortunately we are in the days of expensive living and still more expensive fuel—perhaps I ought not to say much about that, as I come from a fuel county—but unfortunately it is so—all the more reason, I say, for those that are in the fuel-producing counties to subscribe more liberally. I say that it needs your subscriptions and hope it will have them. I give you "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and "The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins," with my hearty good wishes for its thorough prosperity.

Bro. Tomkins replied, and Bro. Little, the Secretary, read the subscription lists, which amounted to £7448.

[The Report will be concluded in our next.]

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Answers to Correspondents.

ELIZA B., and C. SMITH.—Declined with thanks.
ERRATA.—In the letter of Bro. Herbert Bury Hodges, page 314, middle column, lines 50 to 68 should come between lines 32 and 33 in the same column.
In the review of Bro. Sheriff's Poem, Page 291, Column 3, line 11, for "blessing" read "blest aid."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths

DEATHS.

ADCOCK.—March 2, 1873, at Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, Bro. C. T. Adcock, of "Good Hope Lodge," No. 363.

PRINGLE.—On the 7th of March, at Donaghue's, Westland, New Zealand, Bro. Thomas Pringle, native of Cockburnspath, Haddingtonshire, Scotland, aged 42 years.

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Week ending May 24.

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SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1873.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was held on the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. The Marquess of Ripon, Z.; and the Earl of Carnarvon, H., were not present, and the Grand Principals were there fore represented by the following companions—Lord de Tabley, N., as M.E.Z.;

Comps. F. Pattison, as H.; and Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., as J.; John Hervey, S.E.; W. Pulteney Scott, as N.; Murton, as P.S.; John Savage, as 1st A.; Benj. Head, as 2nd A.; were also present, besides many other companions, among whom we observed:— Lord de Tabley, Z.; F. Pattison, H.; Æ. J. McIntyre, J.; John Hervey, G.S.E.; Pulteney Scott, N.; C. Murton, P.S.; John Savage, 1st A.; H. Browse, 2nd A.; J. P. Dumas, Sword Bearer; Lord Balfour of Burleigh; Horace Lloyd, Q.C.; E. Snell, Griffiths Smith, H. G. Buss, James Brett, N. Bradford, J. Whichcord, John Boyd, James Stevens, George Kenning, R. Wentworth Little, E. Harris, John Read, T. J. Sabine, A. J. D. Filer, F. Adlard, Richard Spencer, A. A. Pendlebury, Joshua Nunn, W. Ough, Joseph Smith, Benjamin Head, H. Muggerridge, Hyde Pullen, and C. B. Payne.

Grand Chapter having been regularly opened, Comp. Hervey read the regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business, and also the minutes of the February convocation.

The installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Grand Officers being the next business, Lord de Tabley rose and said—Companions, I have the honour to stand here, unworthily representing our Excellent Grand Z. There can be no doubt that, holding the high office which he does as the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, we hail him also with hearty congratulations as our own Grand First Principal. The Earl of Carnarvon, I am sure, is equally acceptable to the Grand Chapter of England. Holding as he does the post of Deputy Grand Master, he is, *virtute officii*, our Second Grand Principal. Upon the request of our Grand Z., I have, although feeling unworthy of the honour, accepted the appointment of Third Grand Principal. (Cheers.) Comp. John Hervey, our excellent companion, *virtute officii*, as G.S., is G.S.E. of Grand Chapter. As N. I have to nominate, in the name of the Grand Z., Lord Balfour of Burleigh, as P.S., Comp. Horace Lloyd, Q.C.; as 1st Assistant S., Comp. William Platt; as 2nd Assistant S., Comp. James Glaisher; as Treasurer, Comp. Samuel Tomkins; as Registrar, Comp. McIntyre, Q.C.; as Sword Bearer, Comp. Richard Havers; as Standard Bearer, Comp. E. J. Furner; as D.C., Comp. John Whichcord; and as Janitor, Comp. C.B. Payne.

The whole of these appointments were loudly cheered.

Lord De Tabley then said: Companions, before proceeding to the order of business of this Supreme Grand Chapter, I feel it my duty, unworthily holding the position which I do, to call the attention of Grand Chapter—if it was necessary, indeed that attention should be so called—to the melancholy news that has been published to the world in the papers of to-day. The news of death of Lord Zetland has caused a pang, I am sure, in every Masonic breast through the length and breadth of this country. Equally in Grand Lodge and in Grand Chapter are his Masonic and other virtues known; still more known are they to those private friends of his who enjoyed the privileges

and advantages of his friendship. There is not one of those friends who has not felt the deepest pain at the announcement made to-day; there is not one of his Masonic brethren, or any one with whom he has been personally brought into contact, who cannot remember some of his kind acts, of his fraternal regard, some joy derived from his benignant presence. We all feel that a great light in Masonry has ceased, has gone out. We have the consolation of knowing that he always led a highly honourable life, and although lately his strength has been declining so much that he felt it his duty to retire from Masonry, still his latter years have been a period of comparative ease; and we are pleased to know that he has been spared much pain in the last days of his life, and that without a lengthened trial of bodily suffering he was called to the Supreme Grand Chapter above, where I have no doubt he will reap the reward of his deeds of charity and mercy which he so liberally dispensed here. I think it would be very unworthy of this Grand Chapter of England, meeting now in the evening of the day on which we received the melancholy tidings if we did not record on our minutes the great grief with which it has afflicted us, and with which we are sure it will afflict everyone. We, therefore propose that some record of our grief should be placed on our minutes. I do not know in what form it should be done, whether as an address to the present Lord Zetland, or whether a testimonial to the late Lord Zetland's virtues, but in some way or other I think we ought certainly not to allow his merits as our P.G.Z. to pass unnoticed, and I think it would be best done by an address to the present Earl, expressing the regret we feel at the late Earl's death, and the grateful remembrance in which we shall always hold his memory.

Comp. McIntyre, acting J., thought this last was the proper course to take.

Grand Chapter then resolved that a record of its grief at the loss Masonry had sustained by the death of Lord Zetland should be entered on the minutes.

Comp. W. Pulteney Scott moved, and Comp. Joseph Smith seconded, that the following report of the Committee of Grand Chapter be taken as read, and recorded on the minutes, which motion was carried.

To THE GRAND MASTER OF THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Committee of Grand Chapter beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th inst. to the 15th inst. April 1873, both inclusive, and find them to be as follows:—

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| To Balance | ... | £572 | 3 | 4 |
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| .. Balance | ... | 486 | 14 | 7 |
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which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

Grand Chapter then granted Charters for new chapters, in accordance with the prayers of the following Petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Robert Margrave, as Z.; William Swinney as H.; and Aaron Stone as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales', Lodge, No. 671, Llanelly, to be called "The St. Elliw Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Llanelly, in the County of Carmarthen.

2nd. From Comps. Henry Walrond as Z.; John Walter, Keyworth as H.; George N. Burden, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Benevolent Lodge, No. 303, Teignmouth, to be called "The Benevolent Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Teignmouth, in the County of Devon.

3rd. From Comps. James Mackey Cunningham as Z.; William Robert Wood as H.; Charles Horsley as J.; and seventeen others for a chapter to be attached to the Yarborough Lodge, No. 811, Brighton, to be called "The Yarborough Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, in the County of Sussex.

4th. From Comps. James Weaver as Z.; William Hurlstone as H.; William John Hargrave Jones as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, to be called "The Whittington Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The Committee also reported that they had received a memorial from "The Moira Chapter," No. 92, meeting at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street, in the City of London, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original being irrecoverably lost, and having every reason to believe the truth of the allegation set forth in the memorial, recommended that the prayer thereof should be granted.

Comp. Scott moved, and Comp. Joshua Nunn seconded, the granting of the Charter.

Comp. Snell said he should like to know how it was the original Charter had been lost, for it was an extraordinary thing for a London Chapter to lose its charter.

Comp. Scott replied that he knew the fact as stated in the memorial, which was before Grand Scribe.

Comp. Snell observed that the late Comp. G. W. K. Potter, was long the Scribe of the Moira Chapter, and he should like to know whether he had lost the charter.

Comp. Scott said that search had been made among the deceased's papers for it, but it had not been found.

Lord De Tabley remarked that he should presume the Committee of General Purposes had made full enquiries into the accuracy of the petition, and had satisfied themselves that no exception was to be taken to it.

Comp. Scott said they had, and they so stated in their report, which he had just read.

Comp. John Savage also remarked that the Committee were satisfied so far as they could be satisfied. There was always a great difficulty in proving a negative, but they had every reason to believe that the charter had been lost and could not be found.

Comp. H. Browse said that lost or not, there could be no harm done by granting a charter of confirmation. If the old charter were to be found Grand Chapter could recal the charter of

confirmation, but if the chapter had two charters so much the better for it.

Comp. H. J. P. Dumas, thought that there might be some indication on the new charter that it was a duplicate.

Comp. H. Browse: Oh! yes; it says it is only a charter of confirmation.

The motion was then carried.

Comp. Scott said the next paragraph in the report of the Committee was their recommendation, which stood over from last convocation in consequence of his inability to attend. The recommendation arose in consequence of certain irregularities which had occurred in distant provinces, certain District Grand Superintendents having, pending the granting of petitions for chapters in their provinces granted, dispensations to the petitioners to work the chapters as though they were chapters in esse. That was a manifest breach of the regulations of Grand Chapter. The District Grand Superintendents had no power to grant such dispensations. The Grand Principals themselves could not do so, and therefore the Committee, seeing that it was a very irregular proceeding, reported the facts to Grand Chapter last November.

The Committee were then desired by Grand Chapter to frame a rule or regulation to meet the difficulty, and in consequence they recommended that in the Book of Regulations for the Order of Royal Arch Masons, in page 15, under the head "Of Private Chapters" paragraph 3, the following Rule be substituted for the existing one, viz:—

In a province or district for which a Superintendent is appointed, the petition must first be transmitted to him for his recommendation or opinion, but such Superintendent shall have no power to authorize the temporary working of any Chapter, pending the transmission of such petition to England, the consideration thereof, and report thereon by the General Committee, and grant of a Charter in consequence by the Grand Chapter. He would therefore move this as a resolution by Grand Chapter.

Comp. James Brett seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Comp. John Hervey then read the concluding paragraph of the committee's report, which was in the following terms:—

"After E. Companion Scott had left the chair, it was resolved:—That the best thanks of the Committee be tendered to the President, Comp. William Pulteney Scott, for the very great attention he has at all times paid to the business of Royal Arch Masonry, for the time he has devoted to the interests of the Order, and for the urbanity and kindness he has evinced to his colleagues while presiding over the meetings of the committee."

Comp. John Savage said he had much pleasure in moving this as a motion of Grand Chapter. The committee were unanimous in their conclusion that such an acknowledgment of the services of Comp. Scott, should be placed on the report of the committee to Grand Chapter.

Comp. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion.

Comp. Browse said that every member of the committee having witnessed the business-like way in which the courtesy, and consideration, with which, at all times, Comp. Scott brought before

them the matters which they had to take under their care, felt that not only their thanks, but the thanks of Grand Chapter were due to him. He therefore supported the motion, and felt great pleasure in doing so.

A companion observed that it was exceedingly gratifying to him, as a member of the same Chapter as Comp. Scott, in which he was highly respected, to see such a compliment passed on him.

Lord De Tabley: Sir, I understand the motion by which the thanks of the committee were given to Comp. Scott already has been received by Grand Chapter, and is recorded on our minutes; but I believe the present motion is that this Grand Chapter should also mark its sense of obligation to Comp. Scott for the way in which he has discharged his duties in the chair of President in which he was placed. That will be the motion, will it not?

Comp. John Savage: Yes, my lord, the confirmation of the recommendation by the committee.

Lord De Tabley: As such, I have very great pleasure in putting it to the Grand Chapter. I am quite sure it will be received with the unanimity it deserves. It will be an encouragement to the companions to emulate the example of our Comp. Scott. Therefore, I put the motion to Grand Chapter.

The motion was carried unanimously and with cheers.

Lord de Tabley: Comp. Scott, I have much pleasure in announcing to you that this Grand Chapter has unanimously passed a vote of thanks to you for your able services as President of the Committee of General Purposes.

Comp. W. Pulteney Scott: Most Excellent and Companions, I am greatly surprised at receiving this signal mark of your favour. It is a matter of great gratification to me, still I feel I have done nothing more than my duty—(cheers)—but I thank you heartily for your kindness.

The appointment of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year was next taken, when Comps. W. Pulteney Scott, Benj. Head and John Savage, were nominated by the Grand Z., and Comps. H. C. Levander, Joseph Smith, F. Adlard, James Brett, H. Browse, and Joshua Nunn, were elected by Grand Chapter.

Comp. James Stevens asked whether private chapters should not be directed to go in mourning for the Earl of Zetland.

Lord de Tabley said this must rest on the decision of the Marquess of Ripon, and whatever that might be, he was sure it would meet with the approval of Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

RECEDOS, GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.—The ceremony of presentation will take place on Thursday, June 5, 1873. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne, will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, at twelve o'clock. The Masonic procession will be formed at the Chapter Room and in the North Cloister, at half-past two o'clock. The Recedos will be unveiled and presented by the Provincial Grand Master. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. R. Day, Past Grand Chaplain of England and Provincial Grand Chaplain. After the service, the Freemasons will return, in procession, to the Chapter Room in seniority, headed by the Provincial Grand Master.

FUNERAL OF THE EARL OF ZETLAND.

The funeral of Lord Zetland took place on Tuesday, at the old church of Marske-by-the-Sea. In accordance with the wishes of the late Earl, there was as little display as was consistent with the character of the ceremony. There had been a desire on the part of public bodies, including the Masonic brethren and the Corporation of Richmond, to attend officially to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased nobleman; but the request for leave to take part in that prominent manner had not been acceded to. Notwithstanding this, however, there was a large gathering at the funeral.

The remains of Lord Zetland were enclosed in a triple coffin, the outer one bearing the following inscription:—"Thomas Dundas, second Earl of Zetland, K.G., born 5th February, 1795; died 6th May, 1873."

About half-past eight o'clock, a.m., the funeral procession formed in front of Aske Hall. Among the mourners were:—Lady Harriet Lane, only surviving sister of the deceased; the present Lord Zetland; Miss Barclay; Mr. W. H. Williamson; the present Countess of Zetland; Mr. J. C. Dundas; Mrs. J. C. Dundas; Mr. Foljambe; Mr. Dixon, the late Earl's agent in Scotland; and Mr. Forster, his agent in London.

The cortège, which was half a mile in length, proceeded slowly up Aske Bank, down Timberhill, and so on to the station. The streets on the route were densely lined with people. Closing of the shops and cessation from business were universal in the borough, and the bells of the parish and Trinity churches were tolled. No time was lost at the station in removing the coffin from the hearse to the private carriage waiting on the line to receive it.

The North-Eastern Railway authorities had offered facilities to all who wished to accompany the train, and a large number of tradesmen availed themselves of the opportunity. Shortly after ten o'clock the train moved from the station.

At Marske the funeral procession was joined by a number of other mourners, among them Mr. Dodds, M.P. for Stockton, and Mr. G. Leemen, M.P. for York. Reaching the church at twelve o'clock, the cortège was met by the Rev. Mr. Robson, the rector, and conducted into the church.

The mourners having entered the pews set apart for them, the service was commenced, the rector officiating.

After having witnessed the last melancholy ceremony, the company proceeded to Marske Hall, an ancient residence, occasionally occupied by Mr. H. W. Yeoman, a near relative of the Zetland family, where they partook of luncheon.

Most of the mourners, including the new Lord and Countess of Zetland, then returned to Richmond, where they arrived at five o'clock. Hatchments were erected immediately after the funeral at each residence of the deceased earl, exhibiting the insignia of the Order of the Garter, with St. George and the Dragon, and the Order of the Thistle, with St. Andrew's Cross.

THE LATE M.W. PAST GRAND MASTER.

The following circulars have been issued by the Grand Secretary:—

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c., &c., &c., M.W. Grand Master.

W. Master, your attendance, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, is particularly desired at an Especial Grand Lodge, to be holden at this place on Wednesday, the 21st day of May instant, at eleven for twelve o'clock at noon punctually, to consider and resolve upon an address of condolence on the much regretted death of the Rt. Hon. Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, and to arrange for the presentation of the same to his lordship's family.

By Command of the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W. Grand Master.

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

Freemason's Hall, London, W.C.,

14th May, 1873.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c., &c., &c., M.W. Grand Master.

In consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, an event which has filled the breast of every Mason with the most poignant grief, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of six months from this date.

The mourning to be worn by brethren individually to be as follows:—Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three rosettes of black crape on the badges, and one at the point of the chain or collar just above the jewel.

Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three black crape rosettes on badge.

Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two black crape rosettes at the lower part of the badge.

White gloves.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

Freemasons' Hall, London W.C.,

14th May, 1873.

Original Correspondence.

THE COLOGNE CHARTER.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to "a question for our Dutch brethren," in your number of April 19th, 1873, I beg to state:—

1st. The original of the Constitution of the Amsterdam Vrendendal's Lodge has never been found; neither the list of members of that Lodge from 1519 to 1610. Most probably they never existed at all. There is only made mention of them in the minutes of that Lodge of 1637 (period of its pretended re-opening), as extant at that time.

2nd. The original of the Cologne Charter is lost: it disappeared as mysteriously as it had come to light; and its actual existence is, at all events, unknown to the Dutch brethren.

3rd. Copies of the fac simile of the Charter (but not of the Vrendendahl's minutes) have really been sent to all the Dutch lodges, in whose archives they are to be seen. There is also a inserted a copy in the "Annales de la Maçonnerie des Pays Bas," Brussels, 1822, J. iv.

I venture to direct the "Masonic Student" for further notice, to the "Allgemeines Handbuck der Freimaurerei," Leipsic, 1865, ii.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

T. P. VAILLANT,

W.M. of Lodge Union Royale, The Hague.

THE QUESTION OF HEREDITARY GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to endorse the statements on the question of Hereditary Grand Mastership made by my friend, Bro. William James Hughan, and my other associates in the "German Masonic Union," in their communications to the *Masonic News*. Bro. J. S. B., who appears to be wedded to the fables of the Order, states that the fact of the Hereditary Grand Mastership of Masons having been vested in the St. Clairs of Rosslyn, can be proved from certain records in possession of the Grand Lodge. This is incorrect. I have examined every ancient Masonic M.S. preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and neither from that nor any other source can I find proof that there ever was an office such as that referred to.

D. MURRAY LYON.

Ayr, March 7, 1873.

THE GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother.

Not I alone, but all good Masons will thank you for one feature, at any rate, in your last week's "Editorial" on this subject, and let me at once say, that so far from being one of the disappointed, if such there be, I have attained all the Craft honours I could possibly expect, and

more than I deserve. Far be it from me to suggest that the way to the dais is through the breeches-pocket; but if it were true that those alone should be honoured who have done well for the Craft, can any brother be said to have done thoroughly well for the Craft, be he townsman or countryman, whose name is not in the donation lists of those great institutions which of themselves justify Freemasonry.

Yours faithfully, and fraternally,

A PAST GRAND OFFICER.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your remarks in your leader as to Lord Burleigh's qualifications for the office of Senior Grand Warden of England, I beg to inform you that his Lordship was admitted to the order in Oxford, that he has held and discharged the duties of the office of Provincial Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, and has been Master of the Apollo Lodge, of Oxford, and is at present its I.P.M. Lord Burleigh is also a member of the Lodge "Alpha," of London, of which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is Master. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has held high office in his chapter, and he is a thorough master of the blue and red rituals.

In the Grand Lodge of Scotland Lord Burleigh holds the rank of a Provincial Grand Master, being Proxy Provincial Grand Master for Western India.

He is a nobleman of excellent capacity, and an ardent member of the order.

Speaking with some knowledge of circumstances, I think it not unlikely that, at a comparatively early period his lordship will receive the highest honour which the Grand Lodge of Scotland can confer on any one of its members.

The remarks you kindly make on Bro. Platt are in every respect applicable to Lord Burleigh.

Yours fraternally.

S.G.D.

THE LATE EARL OF ZETLAND.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your excellent article on Lord Zetland, you omitted to notice that his Lordship was, in 1870, made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in recognition of his services as G.M. of England. This honour had hitherto been conferred only on crowned heads.

In August, 1870, Lord Zetland was admitted a member of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1, and at that meeting, which his Lordship attended, the Earl of Dalhousie—the then Grand Master of Scotland—placed the badge of honorary membership of Grand Lodge upon his Lordship's breast.

Yours fraternally,

W.M.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with dismay the remarks of Bro. Binckes, reported in your last; and I hasten to ask whether what he has stated be dry probability, or merely a clever blister "applied as before." If the latter, he has my best wishes for as handsome a response at his next festival as the Craft usually accords him. If, however, the House Committee or other governing body have so mismanaged the very proper process of extension of age from fifteen to sixteen as to probably stop all election of fresh boys for a twelvemonth, then I say that those who are responsible are deserving of the severest reprobation. The same extension was not long since carried out by one of the great London Asylums, and having been prepared for, or so to speak discounted, beforehand, caused none of those heart-breaking disappointments that must needs accompany the chilling announcement of "No vacancies for a twelvemonth." One cannot conceive a greater damper on the energies and liberality of those who have worked and paid so freely. *Verbum satis*, (can I add *sapientius*?)

I am, yours very fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

12th May, 1873.

"WITHIN THE CENTRE."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Will you be good enough to allow me to make the following remark with reference to the answer of Magnus Obren, in No. 216. If the centre be a point, as it undoubtedly is, and a point has no dimension, neither length, nor breadth, nor thickness, how can "within the centre" be a correct phrase.

Yours fraternally,

J.B.

BRO. DR. HODGES, BRO. H., AND BRO. HUGHAN.—RE PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

My friend and brother, Dr. Hodges, has favoured us with his opinion respecting the points in dispute, and we thank him for his kind and fraternal communication; but as in reality no light is authoritatively shed on the subject, his letter must simply be taken as the belief of a worthy and intelligent Mason.

The Constitutions declare that the Prov. Grand Lodge "ceases to exist on the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of the Provincial Grand Master, until a brother is duly appointed or empowered to perform the functions of Provincial Grand Master by whose authority the Prov. Grand Lodge may be again established."

The points we want elucidated are (a) Is the Provincial Grand Master competent to perform any of the functions of such an office prior to installation. (b) If so, then may such a brother appoint a Deputy Provincial Grand Master by patent. (c) If not, what is a Provincial Grand Master designate permitted to do?

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE EARL OF ZETLAND, M.W., P.G.M.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kind permit me to state that in the article upon the decease of our late Illustrious Brother Lord Zetland, which appeared in *The Freemason* last week, the printer omitted to mark as a quotation a considerable portion of the article, which was written in November, 1869, when Lord Zetland first announced his intention of retiring from the Grand Mastership, and which of course alluded to the lamented decease in the present tense. I may also note that I wrote "phrases" not "praises" in the first sentence, and that one of the concluding paragraphs should have been printed thus, "full of honours—burdened—so to speak—with good wishes, and with the gratifying testimony of a good conscience, the venerable Earl has gone to his rest, &c."

Yours fraternally,
THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

Reviews.

Supplement to Reminiscences of Worcester Lodge, etc., by C. C. Whitney Griffiths, Worcester, 1872. The Historian of Worcester Freemasonry, Bro. Griffiths, has done well to complete his capital account of the origin and progress of the Craft in that ancient city, by the issue of the present supplement, with its carefully prepared rolls of members of the Worcester Lodge, and other Masonic Institutions with which it has been allied (revised to December, 1872). Few better than ourselves can appreciate such a work, as we know practically the labour involved in the preparation of lists of members extending back more than century, and can only express a hope that the brethren in Worcester have already expressed their appreciation of so much zeal and ability being manifested on their behalf. The book however has a value far beyond the walls of their city, and hence we regret to see it has been "privately printed," because its usefulness has thereby been confined to a limited circle.

Masonic Mirror. (San Francisco). A neatly printed monthly, and carefully edited by Bro. A. W. Bishop and his two assistants. Under the

title "A Rare Old Book" Bro. Bishop alludes to a book lately presented to him of the year 1766, printed it is said at Jerusalem, but being in German, we must take this statement to be apocryphal; but the value of the work consists in the fact that one of the degrees, out of the many mentioned, viz., "The Noatracite or Prussian Knight," claims to have been founded by Frederick the Great. Is this any information of use to the Supreme Grand Council, we wonder? Of late the Frederick the Great story has been doubted, but here is a book in 1766 which accepts it!

Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal (New Haven, Conn., U.S.A.) The wonder to us is, how so many magazines pay in the United States? They may be counted almost by dozens! This magazine is unique, however, in its combining music with things Masonic, and so we can quite imagine its circulation will be more extensive than ordinarily falls to the share of exclusively Masonic publications. Several pages of music, and a number also devoted to Freemasonry, should certainly find a patronising public.

Boletim, Brazil. (2nd year, No. 1., Jan.) We notice a short appreciative sketch of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., in this indispensable magazine for the Craft in Brazil, and also an account of the Installation of the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., as Grand Master. The editor is our learned Bro. Dr. A. F. do Armaval.

Masonic Record of Western India. This magazine is published monthly at Bombay, "under authority," and we are sorry to hear it receives so meagre a support from Masons in that Presidency. The number for March completes the ninth volume, and Bro. Bease, the accomplished editor, in mentioning this fact, informs his readers that "he had little hopes a few months ago of being able to continue the publication . . . but a few well-wishers in different parts of India came to our aid." Take heart again Bro. Bease, do not despair, and seek to bring the journal more before the Fraternity, by appointing trusty agents over the country. Add to its value also by writing more about the History of the Craft, and devote less space to meetings, which as a rule only interest the correspondents, and a few of their friends. Quote from "exchanges" freely, and you are bound to succeed.

Boletim Oficial Dei Oriente de Espana (Madrid). According to the summary on the fly sheet of this *petite* publication, we find there are ninety-one lodges under the Grand Orient of Spain, twenty-four of which are located in the city of Madrid.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town-hall, Rochdale, on Wednesday, the 7th of May, the proceedings being made unusually attractive by the opening and consecration of the magnificent church dedicated to St. Edmund, which has been erected at Falinge, Rochdale, at a cost of £20,000, by the Right Worshipful Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire, and Past Deputy Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire.

At ten o'clock in the morning the Craft Lodge, St. Chads, No. 1129, was opened in the Town-hall, by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. E. W. Gilbert, Vicar of St. Edmund's, assisted by his officers; and after the Lodge had been opened in the three degrees, the R.W. Prov. G.M. (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie), and his officers entered, and the Lodge was opened in due form.

Amongst those present, in addition to the R.W. Prov. G.M., were Bros. A. H. Royds, R.W. Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, P. Dep. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; W. R. Callender, Dep. Prov. G.M.; George Mellor, Prov. S.G.W.; John Gibb Smith, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. H. Robinson and Rev. Dr. Cranswick, Prov. G. Chaplains; Samuel Cheetham, Prov. G. Treas.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; G. B. Brockbank, Prov. G.S.D.; James Holmes, Prov. J.G.D.; George F. East, Prov. G. Director

of Ceremonies; James Pollitt, Aest. Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; William Barlow, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Thomas Law, Prov. G. Org.; Marshall Taylor, Prov. G. Pursuivant, and a numerous assemblage of Past Provincial Grand Officers, including Bros. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W.; R. Hopwood Hutchinson, P. Prov. G.W.; Rev. J. B. Philips, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. P. C. Nicholson, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. J. Littler, P. Prov. G. Chap.; John Barker, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Charles Tiplady, P. Prov. G. Treas.; J. Handley, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. Heywood, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P. Prov. G.D.; Isaac W. Petty, P. Prov. G.D.; J. S. Veevers, P. Prov. G.D.; John William Maclure, P. Prov. G.D.; Richard Radcliffe, P. Prov. G.D.; also E. A. N. Royds, Dep. Prov. G.M., Worcestershire; C. J. Vigne, P. Prov. G.M., Somersetshire; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Worcester-shire; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and others.

The roll of lodges was called over, and representatives from the whole of the seventy-seven lodges in the Province were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The Prov. G. Treasurer presented his accounts for the past year, which were adopted and confirmed.

The election of Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year then took place, and on the proposition of the R.W. Bro. A. H. Royds, seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. B. Phillips, Past Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. Edmund Grundy Heape, P.M. St. Chads, 1129, was elected to that office.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Bros. W. Romaine Callender, Dep. Prov. G. Master; Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, Prov. S.G. Warden; Rev. J. M. Cranswick, Rev. E. W. Gilbert, G. Chaplains; Edmund Grundy Heape (elected) G. Treasurer; Joshua A. Elliott, G. Registrar; John Tunnah, G. Secretary; Thos. Joseph Lancashire, S.G. Deacon; Herod Turner, J.G. Deacon; Thomas Entwisle, G. Sup. of Works; Jas. Pollitt, G. Dir. of Ceremonies; Robert Whittaker, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; James Holroyd, G. Sword Bearer; Ralph Collingwood, G. Organist; Thomas Hargreaves, G. Pursuivant; R. J. Duckworth, Assistant Pursuivant; Alfred B. Roberts, John Higgin, James Blacka, Charles Grindrod, William Schofield, James Taylor, Prov. G. Steward; William Dawson, Grand Tyler.

On the proposition of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, seconded by Bro. Rev. E. W. Gilbert, Prov. G. Chaplain, a vote of condolence was passed to the R.W. Bro. A. H. Royds and his family on their recent bereavement.

A grant of ten guineas was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Fund.

The business being concluded, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The ceremony of the consecration of the church was fixed to take place at two o'clock in the afternoon, previous to which time the brethren had assembled at the Town-hall, representatives being present from every lodge in East Lancashire—a rather unusual circumstance. A procession was formed in front of the Town-hall, under the direction of the Prov. Grand Director of Cers., and headed by the bands of the local volunteer corps, marched to the church, the route being by Yorkshire-street, Cheetham-street, and Spotland-road. Great interest was manifested in the proceedings. Flags and banners were displayed in great profusion throughout the town, and the streets through which the procession passed was thronged with people, and a large crowd assembled in the immediate vicinity of the church. The Masonic brethren entered the church by the west door, preceded by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers, and there was a crowded congregation. The church is an exceedingly handsome and massive building. There are 470 sittings, one-half of which are free and unappropriated. On the southern side of the chancel there is a private chapel, which is secured to Mr. Royds, his heirs, and assigns, for ever. In the church there is a brass plate,

with the following inscription: "This church was erected for the worship of God, the good of his fellow men, and in memory of his father and mother, by Albert Hudson Royds, of Falinge, 1873."

The Bishop of Manchester, who was accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Anson and Mr. Burder, was met by at the western entrance by Mr. Royds, who presented the petition to his lordship asking him to consecrate the church. His lordship replied that he had very great pleasure in complying with the request. He then entered the church and the consecration service was proceeded with. Evening prayers were said by the Rev. E. W. Gilbert, vicar of Falinge; the first lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Rains, of Milnrow; and the second by the Venerable Archdeacon Anson. The Bishop preached the sermon, after which a collection was made in aid of the Rochdale Infirmary. At the conclusion of the ceremony the procession was reformed, and the brethren returned to the Town-hall, where a grand banquet was held in the evening. About 400 gentlemen sat down to dinner. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie) presided, and was supported by the Bishop of Manchester, the Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. Romaine Callender), and the principal officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After dinner the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received with great enthusiasm. He next proposed "The Health of the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, Most Worshipful Grand Master," which was received with the usual Masonic honours.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Callender) proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master," which was warmly responded to.

Bro. R. H. Hutchinson proposed "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master," which was received with great cheering.

The Prov. Grand Master, in responding, said he should always look upon that day with great pride. It was a day associated with many peculiar circumstances. They came to Rochdale that day to honour one who had honoured the Masonic brethren on many occasions by his words and actions, his duties and kindly feeling, and by his Masonic and manly bearing—(cheers)—one who had done a great act; and he (the Grand Master) was happy to say that in that act, while he first of all enumerated the great principle of benevolence to mankind, he also introduced the principles of Freemasonry, true charity and brotherly love—(cheers)—and having come to pay him that respect, he was certain they all sympathised with Bro. Royds, and he felt deeply the affliction which had marked the day and which deprived them of his presence amongst them, (hear, hear). In conclusion he begged to propose the health of one whom they all loved, a man whose like it would be difficult to find, for the kindness of his feeling, the nobleness of his heart, and the generosity of his disposition—(cheers)—"the Worshipful Provincial Deputy Grand Master of this province, William Romaine Callender," (loud cheers).

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Romaine Callender) in rising to respond was received with great cheering. After thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, he said they stood in a most unfortunate position—a position not held by any other body of persons. From the time the Passover was first instituted, divine wisdom anticipated the inquiry of the wandering heathen, and furnished a simple and satisfactory solution of the nature of the great Jewish festival, and from that time forth there never had been a body of men associated together for public or private purposes, men honourable, loyal, and true, who had not the means, if they chose, of explaining their sentiments in public, to appeal to that public for sympathy, and for confidence. But with them it was not so. They were forbidden to solicit adhesions (hear, hear). They were not allowed to explain their mysteries. They were compelled to be subject to the derision, or the contempt, or the scepticism of the

outside world, although everyone amongst them knew that there was no part of their ritual, ceremony, or dress which was not based upon principles the most valuable, and contained lessons the most instructive. (Cheers.) He should not presume to occupy their time that evening, if he were allowed, to lift the veil of secrecy which shrouded their secret ceremonies; but, perhaps, he might be allowed to take the opportunity, in which strangers came amongst them, to indicate two or three of those principles by which Masons ought to be recognised. (Hear, hear.) They had been told in the able discourse to which they had listened that afternoon that the worship of Christianity was distinguished from that of the Chinese and Mexican by certain distinguished and well-known forms, which he would not say were found in every place of worship, but which were found if that place of worship was well cared for; and so there were distinctive marks by which the Mason, if he understood the principles of his order, could not fail to be recognised among men. (Hear, hear.) By common consent they considered that the most important of their duties were those of religion—religion which recognised the power of divine mercy and love, which believed in a future state, which inculcated humility and holiness, which sought to subjugate evil passions, and prompted them, by divine aid, to seek for eternal life. (Cheers.) But they knew that religion was often characterised by dissension and animosity. The history of the Christian Church itself was only too well signalled in bygone times by bigotry and intolerance, while their system was widespread and comprehensive, and embraced men of every sect, and was founded on the dual principle of love to God and love to men—(cheers)—which the great author of the Christian faith declared to be the sum and substance of the decalogue. (Cheers.) Next to religion he apprehended that most men would say that politic duties were most important. With politics in their baser sense—the strife of party, the contention of faction, the intrigues of cliques—they had nothing whatever to do. (Cheers.) Although as freemen, exercising their opinions in a free state, they had the right to form their opinions, and to act upon them, political discussion was not only prohibited, but, he ventured to say, unknown in their lodges. (Cheers.) And however high political animosity might be, he ventured to say that it had never disturbed a Masonic friendship or injured their Masonic ritual. (Cheers.) But in the higher sense, their Masonry was intensely political. Every one who came amongst them was taught to be a peaceable subject in the country in which he might reside, to pay due attention to the laws of the state in which he might live, to remember the allegiance due to the Sovereign of his native land, and, if the inspired writings be true, to serve God and honour the King were the whole duty of man, then they said that Masonry was very synonymous with the apostolic injunction. (Cheers.) This was a commercial country. Nearly everyone there lived by trade. All of them were affected by its progress, and there was no one who was not proud of that good feeling and that reputation which accompanied the name of the British merchant in every part of the world. (Cheers.) But he would ask, what better principles could there be to act upon than those which told every Mason that he should so act that he could always meet on the level and part on the square. (Cheers.) Their private duties were not forgotten. They were reminded, in the most solemn way it was possible to imagine, of that natural equality and mutual dependence which ushered them into this mortal life; they were taught to walk humbly before God, not turning to the right hand or to the left, and that all their movements ought to be guided by prudence, chastened by temperance, supported by fortitude, and guided by justice. (Cheers.) So completely were its precepts interwoven with every feeling of the human heart, that those who knew it best strove to persuade by its beauty and religion. Hundreds of years ago the Christian chivalry of Europe went forth to conquer a small spot of Eastern land, venerated alike by Jew, Mahomedan, and Christian as the abode of God's

ancient people. They as Masons had the same duty to perform, though their mission had a wider and nobler and more important scope. They sought to rescue from heathen domination, from the laws of tyranny and sin, a small part of the heritage which God gave to men. It was their duty, not by force of arms and wordy strife, but by the more persuasive eloquence of precept and example, to win back that world of love and happiness which their first parents forfeited, and by obedience to the divine law, to recall that glorious time foretold by the Hebrew seer and sung by the Latin poet, that day of universal happiness when the songs of the angels of Bethlehem should be echoed from every heart, and when the Gospel might be not only believed but practically and implicitly obeyed. (Loud cheers.)

The Prov. Grand Master next proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese."

The Bishop of Manchester, in rising to respond, was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering. He was afraid he would not be allowed to call them "brethren"—(laughter)—and he must therefore address them as "gentlemen." (Laughter.) He rose with very great satisfaction to return thanks to them for the very kind and flattering way in which they had received the health of himself and the clergy in general. Indeed, he was more than flattered; he was profoundly affected by the kind and cordial reception they had been pleased to give him. He could only attribute that reception to the fact which Mr. Callender mentioned in his speech—that attachment to religious principle was among their first and fundamental principles of doctrine, and that perhaps they recognised respect to a minister of religion as in a certain sense an expression of those religious principles. (Cheers.) For himself he could unfeignedly say that he wished he could feel himself to be worthy of the only too flattering praise which the Provincial Grand Master, in the fulness of his heart, had been pleased to bestow upon him. He had listened with great pleasure to the eloquent and luminous exposition of the principles of Masonry, so far as they might be indicated to the outer world, which fell from Mr. Callender. He might say that his respect for Masonry had increased in consequence of what he had heard. (Loud cheers.) He said his respect for Masonry, because it seemed to him that every Mason ought, if he was true to the principles of his Craft, be a good Christian, a good citizen, and a good man. (Cheers.) He did not know whether these were entirely convertible terms, and whether every good Christian, every good citizen, and every good man was a Mason; but it was at any rate a satisfaction to know that every Mason ought to unite those three qualities in themselves. (Cheers.) He was now and then favoured by some rather troublesome correspondents, who asked him a great number of petty ecclesiastical questions, which they would find better answered in some Church dictionary. For instance he had been asked why the clergy at certain times during the service turned to the east. He could not do better than refer the correspondent to their Master of Ceremonies, who had been asking them all night to turn their "attention to the east." (Laughter and cheers.) Further he noticed from the titles of the various officers that they must have been at one time an ecclesiastical guild, if not a guild consisting of clergymen. They used the well-known and familiar ecclesiastical titles quite in an ecclesiastical sense, for while in the Church we had the Most Rev. the Archbishop of York, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Manchester—(cheers)—and the Very Rev. the Dean of Manchester, he saw that they had the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, and the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers and laughter.) These matters were very interesting to him as an outside spectator of the mysteries of Masonry. But putting all playfulness apart, he really thought that Masonry had a number of charities in this country, which were admirably organised and well administered. (Cheers.) They had a real answer to give to the outside world—that any distressed Mason could always go to his fraternity and get relief and be helped from his difficulty. (Cheers.) All he could say was,

that that was an object which justified their existence as a Craft, and if they practised those principles which had been so eloquently enunciated by Mr. Callender—the more Masons they had in Lancashire and in the country the better. (Cheers.) In conclusion, his lordship proposed the health of Albert Hudson Royds, the founder of St. Edmund's Church, Falinge, and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire. (Cheers.) He was sure that Mr. Royds was distressed at not being able to be amongst them that evening, but, under the circumstances, it was impossible that he could be there. He was sure, however, that it would gratify Mr. Royds to be told that his health was received with the warmth and cordiality which it deserved, and to know that his munificent gift to his native town was appreciated by his brother Masons. (Cheers.)

The toast was received with due Masonic honours. Several other toasts followed.

Obituary.

BRO. C. T. ADCOCK.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Bro. C. T. Adcock, of Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, which sad event took place, at his residence at Port Elizabeth, on Sunday, March 23rd.

Bro. Adcock was the fifth son of Mr. Christopher Adcock, one of the British settlers of 1820, was born and brought up in the colony, and had ever since resided there. He was a member of the Good Hope Lodge, No. 863, in which he held office. He was a kind and loving husband and parent, and a good Mason.

His funeral was numerously attended by his sorrowing relatives and friends, amongst whom were a large number of Freemasons, who thus paid their last tribute of respect to his memory.

BRO. W. L. CROSBY.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the remains of Bro. W. L. Crosby, P.M. of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 155, took place at Smithdown-lane Cemetery, Liverpool, in presence of a large company. Bro. Crosby was for many years treasurer and manager of the Liverpool United Gas Light Company, and in that capacity faithfully fulfilled the duties of his office. Besides the friends of the deceased, there were also present several of the leading gentlemen connected with the company, and the following officers of the 86th L.R.V. (or Press Guard), of which the deceased was a captain:—Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, and Captains Newman, Mawdsley, and Whitney. The arrangements connected with the funeral were conducted by Messrs. Woolright and Co., of Bold-street. The service was admirably read by the Rev. W. Leveson.

BRO. G. H. FRENCH.

On Sunday evening, the 4th inst., after a short illness, Bro. George Henry French, for some time engaged as *maitre de ballet* at the Theatre Royal, Liverpool, passed away at the age of 53. Bro. French was formerly known all over the country by his association with Mr. Harvey in "The Nerves;" and latterly he had distinguished himself by his exceedingly clever and artistic management of the ballet arrangements at the Royal. He last appeared in a capital ballet called "The Electric Spark," and the burlesque of "The Corsican Brothers," on Monday, the 28th ult., and was seized with sudden illness on the following day, and died at his residence in Brownlow-street, on Sunday evening, the immediate cause of death being erysipelas in the head. Bro. French was not only a clever artiste, but an exceedingly able writer, both in poetry and prose. His urbanity, kindness of disposition, and honesty of character secured for him a large amount of respect, which was clearly evinced by an attendance of about 200 at his funeral on Thursday the 8th inst., at Smithdown-lane cemetery. Nearly every one connected with the Theatre Royal was present, from the proprietors to the humblest servant of the establishment, and amongst the

general company were representatives from the Alexandra Theatre, Amphitheatre, New Star Music Hall, St. James's Hall, and nearly all the other places of amusement in the town. Several brethren present threw sprigs of acacia and myrtle into the grave, and every one present showed the greatest sympathy for the memory of the deceased. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Bros. Brumby, Fox, and others, and Bro. C. Smithers, scenic artist at the "Royal," took special interest in organising the day's affecting proceedings.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 23, 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, May 17th.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, Nightingale Tavern, Wood Green.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.
- 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, May 19th.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

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), Ark's-side Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. 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, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, May 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.

" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

" 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 704, Camden, York and Albany, Gloucester-gate, Regents-park.

" 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.

Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 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, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

Wednesday, May 21.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6 o'clock.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.

" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

" 1365, Clapton, Old Town Hall, Hackney.

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, May 22.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate.

Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.

" 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.

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, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, May 23rd.

House Committee Boys' School at 4.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.

" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

" 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-street, St. Luke's.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), for Master Masons, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.

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.

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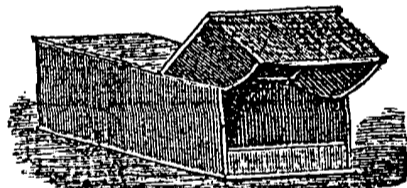
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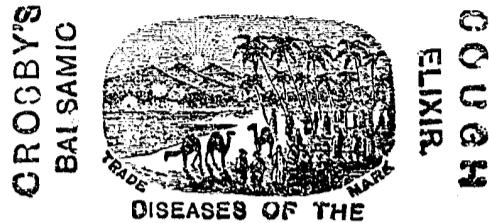
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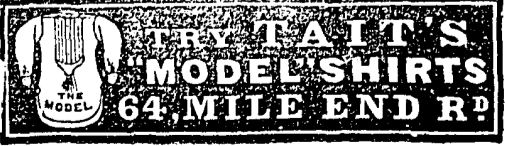
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