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	VOTES.
Mrs. Baker	1327
" Nimmo... ..	1190
" Kirby	1017
" Osborne	1009
" Percy	946
" Inskip	802
" Allen	723
" Jenkins... ..	675
" Heathcote	663
" Bower	645
" Walker... ..	565
" *Howell	532
" *Jukes	428
" *Thornton	426
" *Miles	265
" *Stewart... ..	124

UNSUCCESSFUL.

	VOTES.
Mrs. Hinchliffe	82
" Tidswell	7
" Hodgson	28
" Wreyford	5
" Radmore	1

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the lodge was opened at one o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. James Brander. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and unanimously confirmed, apologies were received from the candidates who were unavoidably absent. Some formal business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, North Woolwich Gardens, where it was arranged to have their Summer Banquet. The proprietor, Bro. William Holland, the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, was present to receive his guests. After an agreeable turn round the gardens, which looked well and promising, the banquet was announced. The table was splendidly laid out, and a princely repast served, everything in and out of season being placed before the brethren. There were present during the evening Bros. James Brander, W.M.; J. T. Briggs, S.W.; L. J. Drew, J.W.; J. Hills, P.M., Sec.; W. Folliott, S.D.; R. A. Kelly, I.G.; S. Millis, P.M.; W. Holland, P.M.; H. Treadway, G. T. Silcock, W. R. Gill, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. H. Baylis, P.M. 9; E. Coste, P.M. 9; S. H. Barnett, W.M. 95; G. S. Ayres, P.M. 95; F. Walters, P.M. 73; T. Meekham, P.M. 619; and many others. Many ladies, wives and daughters of the members, also graced the board with their presence. After dinner was over a magnificent dessert was served, apricots, cherries, and other fruits were provided in profusion. The business of the evening was then proceeded with, and some toasts were given, but a wise discretion was used in their selection. The great event of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Wm. Holland of a massive 18-carat gold Past Masters' Jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds at the previous meeting. On its back it has the following inscription, viz.:—"Presented by the brethren of the Bedford Lodge (No. 157) to Bro. W. Holland, P.M., as a testimony of their fraternal regard and for his zeal in the interest of the lodge during the year he presided over it.—March, 1873." The W.M., in a neat speech, made the presentation, and the recipient, Bro. W. Holland, P.M., in an appropriate speech, expressed his gratitude for the handsome and costly present. The toast of "The Visitors," was responded to by Bros. Ayres and Walters, the latter brother praised the splendid reception given to them, the admirable manner in which every thing was served, and congratulated the lodge on having one of their Past Masters selected for office in Grand Lodge. He alluded to the appointment of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.M., as the A.G. Purst., which he considered was a well deserved compliment to the lodge, and a just tribute of respect to a very worthy Mason. Bros. Coste and Baylis also made appropriate replies. Songs from brethren, all accompanied on the piano the piano by Miss Annie Mills, passed the time in an agreeable manner, Mrs. Holland also presided at the piano, and proved herself an accomplished performer.

Tea and coffee having been served, the ladies and brethren took their departure for town, all were well pleased, and expressed the gratification they felt in having spent such a happy reunion. We can with confidence recommend Bro. Holland's hotel and gardens to any lodge seeking to have a Summer Festival.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, 14th instant, on which occasion, on account of the death of the M.W. Past Grand Master, the lodge was put into mourning. The W.M., Bro. W. Fleming, occupied the chair, and was supported by Past Masters J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B. England; J. L. Whimpray; Edmund Simpson, Secretary; Edward Storey; Bros. E. Airey, S.W.; Robert Gregson, J.W.; R. Jervis, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; Duff, I.G.; and a number of brethren. The W.M. moved that a resolution expressive of the regret of the brethren at the lamented death of the Rt. Hon. Earl of Zetland, M.W.P.G.M. of England, be entered on the minutes of the lodge, together with a thankful acknowledgement and recognition of the valuable services he had for upwards of a quarter of a century rendered to the Craft. This was seconded by Bro. Moore, and seconded unanimously. Some other business was transacted, and two candidates proposed for initiation, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The brethren assembled at the Freemason's Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., on which occasion there were present,—Bros. Clement Stretton, Prov. G.W., W.M.; A. Palmer S.W.; W. Weare, P.M., Treas.; J. M. McAllister, Sec.; C. E. Stretton, J.D.; S. Tebbut, Org.; W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.; Rev. W. Langley, P. Prov. G.S.W.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G.S.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Halford, W.M. 1391, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. John Bramley was passed to the second degree. An interesting feature in the business of the meeting was the initiation of Mr. John Fowke Montague Rolleston, a grandson of the late Sir F. G. Fowke Bart, whose distinguished Masonic career, extending over a period of forty years, receives prominent notice in Bro. Kelly's History of this Province. The pure and unsophisticated principles of Freemasonry were inculcated by Bro. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.; assisted by Bro. W. Sculthorpe, P.M. During the period of refreshment the musical element was admirably sustained by Bros. S. Tebbut, Org.; A. Palmer, S.W.; T. A. Wykes, and R. Taylor. The toast of the W.M. was introduced with high encomiums on his administration of lodge business, and was enthusiastically responded to by the brethren.

BANBURY.—Cherwell Lodge (No. 599).—This Lodge met at the Red Lion Hotel, on Monday evening, the 12th instant. There were present—Bros. Pemberton, P.M., who, in the absence of the W.M., occupied the chair; Bro. R. Havers, P.M., who filled the chair of the absent S.W.; Bro. Griffin, P.M., who filled the chair of the J.W., who was also absent; Bro. Looker, P.M., Secretary; Bro. Humphrey, I.G.; and Bro. Foster. The Lodge was opened, and Bro. Pemberton proposed, and Bro. Havers seconded, its adjournment until the Monday nearest the full moon in January, 1874. No opposition was shown to this, and it was carried. The lodge was then closed. This was the first lodge held since the installation of the present Master, in February last. At the next lodge, in January next, it will be its duty to elect a Master for the then ensuing year.

BRADFORD.—Harmony Lodge (No. 600).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of Bro. C. F. Unna, W.M. There was a large muster of the brethren. Bro. S. O. Bailey, P.M., P. Prov. S. of W., owing to press of private business engagements, resigned the office of Secretary, which he had filled for eleven years, with the greatest satisfaction to the brethren, and advantage to the lodge. The ceremonies of one passing and two raisings were gone through by the W.M. in that excellent and most efficient style of working which has characterised him during his year of office,

and which, coupled with his unrivalled courtesy and hospitality, has endeared him to all the brethren of his lodge, as well as to those of the province who have been favoured by his acquaintance. Bros. Wright, P.M., and Beanland, P.M., assisted in the ceremonies. Bro. C. D. Unna, W.M., alluding to the death of the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., said: "It would ill become us to meet this evening without giving expression to our feelings of extreme regret at the decease of our M.W. P.G.M., and thus evince the sentiments of esteem and regard in which he was held by us. I feel convinced that the announcement of the death of our P.G.M., must have struck a painful chord in the breast of every brother who has come in contact with him, and brought home to each the thought of the transitory nature of this worldly existence, and the evanescence of all things lovely or noble. He was indeed a noble man, noble not alone in name, but in nature, a worthy Mason, and a worthy man, one who in all the relations of life carried out those purest of Masonic principles which tend not alone to make a good Mason, but a good true gentleman. The eclat which he imparted to the proceedings in connection with the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of our St. George's Hall will be in the memory of all of you, as well as the geniality by which he won the kindly feeling of all present at the banquet on that occasion. Masonically, and in the outer world he presented to us an example of what a Mason and a man ought to be, and when we shuffle off this mortal coil, may we leave behind us as many regretful hearts, as many admirers and friends as this our brother who has gone to join the Grand Lodge above. "The lodge was ordered to be put in mourning, and after the conclusion of other business adjourned."

PONTEFRAC.—St. Oswald Lodge (No. 910).—At an emergency meeting of this lodge, a large gathering of the members assembled to meet Bro. Bentley Shaw, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and to ascertain from him the views of Grand Lodge in respect to an important application that had issued from the Castleford brethren. A memorial a short time since was forwarded to the Marquess of Ripon, M.W. Grand Master, signed by all, or nearly all, of the brethren residing at Castleford, praying for the grant of a Warrant of Constitution for a new lodge to be held at that place, and called the Prince of Wales Lodge. As the establishment of this lodge would withdraw a considerable number of members from the parent lodge, the change was not regarded with favour by the remaining members, as the tendency of the alteration would, it is presumed, create two comparatively weak lodges in place of one now enjoying a strong and vigorous existence. The Castleford brethren were very careful in disclaiming any intention on their part that their application imputed any misunderstanding or complaint as the foundation of their wishes, but that it arose simply from motives of personal inconvenience, occasioned by the distance which they resided from the lodge. Bro. Bentley Shaw, after patiently listening to the representations of all parties *pro* and *con*, promised to communicate to the Grand Master impartially what had been told him, but in the meantime it was not considered by the Grand Master expedient to grant an additional lodge at Castleford, but the subject was one which might another time be further considered and discussed. At the conclusion of lodge business, the brethren entertained Bro. Bentley Shaw D.P.G.M. of W.Y., and other friends, at dinner, at the Dragon Hotel. When between 40 and 50 of the brethren sat down to excellent dinner, supplied by Mrs. Saltmer in her best style. At the conclusion of dinner the various loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, the musical part being under the superintendance of Bro. Dr. Spark, who, as his wont, presided with great skill at the piano-forte, and introduced several appropriate pieces from the "Freemason's Liber Musicus," while several brethren favoured the company with their vocal efforts to the enjoyment and edification of all present.

LEIGH LODGE (No. 957).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when the retiring

Master, Bro. Kelso, installed, in admirable style, Bro. John Diprose in the chair. Bro. Diprose then appointed the following brethren as his officers:—C. Wootton, S.W.; Nixon, J.W.; M. Edersheim, Treasurer and W.S.; C. A. Cottebrune, Secretary; Cobham, S.D.; Arthur Wootton, J.D.; Schoeltensack, I.G.; and Woodstock, T. Afterwards the brethren sat down to banquet, at which the W.M. was supported by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; John Hervey, G.S.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Bros. W. Hilton, John Smith, Geo. Pymm, and many others. The W.M., in giving the various toasts, did so with commendable brevity, expressing nevertheless the greatest warmth and heartiness in the subject of his respective addresses. The Grand Master and the Prince of Wales he eulogised in terms of honest praise, and spoke of the great exertions they had made for the good of Masonry. The death of the Earl of Zetland he alluded to with feelings of sorrow, and desired that the toast of "The Past Grand Master" might be drunk in silence. The toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," drew from him his thanks to the many Grand Officers who had honoured him with their company, all of whom he named individually, the services each had rendered to the Craft, and the peculiar gratification it was to him to entertain them. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, responding for Lord Carnarvon and himself, congratulated the lodge on having a brother in it who could work the installation ceremony so perfectly as Bro. Kelso, and he trusted that many brethren would emulate the excellent example he had set. It was a pleasure to him to see a W.M. instal his successor, and it was a thing that ought always to be done. Eighteen years ago he attempted the same feat himself, and he should have been most happy if he had done it as well as Bro. Kelso. He then touchingly alluded to the death of Lord Zetland, who had presided for a quarter of a century over the Craft. He also took occasion to draw the attention of the brethren to the shortness of their days, and advised them to exhibit that truest sense, a preparation for their end whenever it might come. Bro. John Hervey also responded, and was followed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, who informed the brethren of the great success of the Masonic charitable festivals this year, each of which had collected over £7,000. Bro. Cottebrune also replied. Bro. Kelso proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., in reply, said it was such an exalted position he was occupying for the first time that he felt rather nervous, but he could not allow the opportunity to pass without thanking the brethren for having placed him in that position, and without assuring them that he should do his best to deserve the confidence they had shown. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and presented Bro. Kelso with a magnificent P.M. jewel, which he said had been most fairly earned, as Bro. Kelso had always performed his duties to the satisfaction of every one of his brethren. Bro. Kelso responded very briefly, and thanked the brethren most for their magnificent recognition of his services. The other toasts were then given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Some lovely music was performed by Bros. Edersheim, Creswick, and other brethren, and an evening which any visitor must have been proud of was spent by the company; the greatest cordiality and hospitality was bestowed on the visitors, and the Leigh Lodge proved itself not inferior to any other on the roll of Grand Lodge of England.

WARRINGTON.—*The Gilbert Greenall Lodge* (No. 1250).—The regular meeting of this flourishing young Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, when the W.M. (Bro. Hawkins) presided, and was supported by the S.W. (Bro. Pollitt), the J.W. (Bro. Brierly), and the rest of the officers. There were also present—Bros. Woods, P.M.; Richardson, P.M.; Mossop, P.M.; Finney, P.M. (Hon. Sec.); and a goodly number of other brethren. After the ordinary routine and other business, the brethren proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The ballot was taken in the usual form, and proved in favour of Bro. Pollitt, S.W. We congratulate Bro. Pollitt on his elevation to so distinguished a position.

URTON.—*Upton Lodge* (No. 1227).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., was held a thorough business evening at this active and prosperous lodge. Present:—Bros. English, W.M.; Bratton, S.W.; Chidley, J.W.; Wayland, Treas.; Goddard, P.M. Sec.; Leveck, S.D.; Holtham, J.D.; Slee, I.G.; Pickering, P.M.; Bolton, P.M.; Mather, P.M.; Bellerby, P.M.; Posener, Cohen, Smith, Brown, Gundelfruger, Owen, Kirby, Grover, and numerous other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Stevens, P.M. and Sec. Doric; Watton, Doric; Johnstone, 1000. Mr. F. Holl was initiated; Bros. Kinneear, Isaacs, Tremlett, and Walton, passed; Bro. Witherstone raised; Bro. Bellerby resigned, and elected honorary member. A more impressive speech than that delivered by Bro. Bellerby on his being compelled by Government appointment to retire from this, his beloved lodge (of which he was the leading founder,) could scarcely be made. Excellent orations followed, by Bros. Bolton, Mather, and Owen. The proceedings terminated in the usual Masonic manner, saving that there were no festivities, owing to the recent death of the late Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of England, whose memory was recalled and great virtues affectionately extolled by Bro. English, the Worshipful Master.

RED HILL.—*Royal Albert Edward Lodge* (No. 1362).—This lodge met at the Town Hall on the 10th instant. There were present Bros. E. E. Meakin, W.M.; William Finlay, S.W.; A. Kelsey, J.W.; J. Clement, J.D.; J. Adam Acton, J.D.; William Kemp, I.G.; F. J. Besley, P.M. Secretary; Charles Joseph Smith, P.M. and W.M. 416, P.M.; J. H. Drinkwater, Organist; Henry Gee, P.M. 1003; J. Wood, P.M. 1149; R. W. Morrison, S.W. 416; with members and visitors, were present. The minutes being read and confirmed. Bro. W. B. Waterlow, J.P., having shewn efficiency in the F.C. degree, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Wheatley, P.M., as joining member, and Henry Bull as a candidate for the M. and P. of the Masonic Order, which was unanimous. Mr. Bull then passed through the ordeal, and was congratulated on being made an E.A. Other formalities being attended to, brought the meeting to a close.

Royal Arch.

BRADFORD.—*Chapter of Charity* (No. 302).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street, on Monday, the 19th inst., Comp. W. Beanland, M.E.Z., presiding. Bro. Saml. P. Firth, of the Pentalpha, 974, was exalted. The officers for the ensuing year were invested, namely, Comps. Wm. Beanland, M.E.Z.; Sugden, H.; Evans, J.; Hutchinson, N.; Broughton, S.E.; Andrews, P.S.; Farrar, Treas.; Proctor and Best, Assist. S. After business, the M.E.Z. invited all present to favour him with their presence in the refreshment-room, where they were entertained by him to a most sumptuous dinner. Comp. W. Beanland, M.E.Z., was supported by a large muster of companions, including the following distinguished visitors:—Comps. Ahrens, M.E.Z. Sincerity, 600; Dewhurst, F. C. Unna, J. Beanland, Althorpe, Mouckman, and Metcalf. The evening proved one of the most agreeable and interesting ones that this chapter has had, and the enjoyment was greatly increased by the excellent harmony volunteered by Comps. Unna, Jer, Rhodes, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—*Hulton Chapter* (No. 1086).—This chapter held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Thursday, the 24th April. There were present:—Comps. T. Chesworth, M.E.Z.; J. C. Lunt, H.; Geo. de la Perrelle, J.; Wm. Archer, P.Z., Treas.; P. Armstrong, S.E.; John Lunt, P.Z., and a large attendance of companions. The visitors were Comps. Banning H. 825; and E. T. Jones, 220. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Rev. C. R. Hyde, I.L.D., and Bro. W. T. Warhurst, for exaltation, and Comp. Curtis, Chapter 220, for joining, who were duly elected. Bros. Rev. Dr. Hyde and Warhurst being present, were duly exalted of the degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, by Comp. Lunt, P.Z., Comp. Archer

acting as P. Soj. and Comp. Banning as S.N. The Historic, Symbolic and Mystical lectures were given by Comps. Lunt, P.Z.; J. C. Lunt, H.; and Geo. de la Perrelle, J., each lecture being given in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Raw was proposed for exaltation, Comp. Jones for joining. There being no other business, the chapter was closed, and the companions retired for refreshment.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69) held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 13th inst., Comp. T. D. Humphries, Ph. D., M.A., Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. J. Crabb, Z. of 50, P.G.S.N. as H.; H. Park, Z. of 122, as J.; J. Campbell, Scribe E.; and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, acting as P.S. A Mark Lodge having been opened, Bro. Charles A. Goldsmith, M.D., was regularly advanced to that degree. A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened, when the same gentleman was initiated into its mysteries, and subsequently, with Bro. Cumming, exalted into the Holy Royal Arch. Comp. Crabb at the request of the M.E.Z., acting as 1st Principal, the Chapter was duly closed. At refreshment, Comp. Goldsmith, who is an American Mason, and has visited numerous lodges in both hemispheres, expressed himself highly gratified at the impressive manner in which all the ceremonies had been rendered, as well as the fraternal feeling exhibited by Scotch Arch Masons in coming forward so readily to assist each other in working.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Chapter Unity* (No. 73) held an emergency meeting to exalt Bro. Robert Ross, of Lodge 73, who was about to proceed to Japan. Comp. G. McDonald, M.E.Z. presided, assisted by G. W. Wheeler, H., John Donaldson acting as J. and J. Hanbrige as S.E. A Mark Lodge was opened with J. Bannerman, M.S.W. and T. Stewart Develin. The chapter having been opened in consequence of the absence of the three Sojourners, Comp. Wheeler left the chair of H., to act as 1st S., and the degree of Excellent Master, was given previous to the exaltation of Comp. Ross. Though this was only the second time of the M.E.Z. giving the whole three degrees, the companions were highly pleased with his very efficient working.

THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

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FIFTH ARTICLE.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The future constitution of the Board of General Purposes is a subject that requires very careful and dispassionate consideration.

As at present existing, the Board consists of a Past Master from each of the Dublin lodges, now numbering upwards of thirty; and of certain of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, the latter, however, being, to a certain extent, only permitted to attend and vote at the sittings.

In the proposed new laws, it is contemplated, in the first instance, to change the permissive character of Provincial representation by arranging that "One representative from each of the Provincial Grand Lodges, such representative being any one of its four principal officers," shall form an integral portion of the Board.

It is also intended to reduce the representation of the Dublin lodges by about one-half, the metropolitan contingent being, on the proposed new board, composed of fifteen Past Masters, elected, by an internal ballot, from the total number sent forward by the lodges of the "Dublin district"—one for each such lodge.

There has undoubtedly been, for some considerable time past, a feeling existing—and, I think, strengthening—among our Provincial brethren, that the members of Dublin lodges enjoyed too much preponderance in the government of the Order; and, as a fact, the entire working of the Board rested in the hands of the Dublin members, the presence of any Provincial representative being almost, if not quite, an unknown phenomenon. At the same time, it should be borne in mind that Dublin, being "the seat of government," naturally monopolises

a large portion of the executive power of the Order; and that the attendance of those Provincial Grand Officers, who were entitled to a seat at the Board, could hardly be expected, when the loss of time, and the expenses involved in a monthly visit to the metropolis are taken into account.

The problem we have to solve is, how to secure an adequate and actual representative of the provinces at the Dublin Board, without impairing the power, or weakening its efficiency.

It seems to me that the solution is a very simple one. In the first place, let the Provincial Representatives be, *not* "Provincial Grand Officers" who are usually appointed because of their social standing and position, as much as, or more than, because of their Masonic zeal and ability, but brethren elected by the Provincial members, either from those brethren subscribing to lodges in their district, or from *brethren resident in Dublin*, as may seem most fit and desirable.

By those means a full representation of the provinces can always be relied on. If a Province selects a brother resident in the country, to represent it, it can easily elect one whose time is sufficiently at his own disposal to enable him to attend regularly to his duties, and the expenses attendant on his monthly visits to Dublin can of course be borne by the district he represents. If on the other hand, they choose to nominate a resident in Dublin, and there are few Provinces which do not possess several Dublin residents who were once members of provincial lodges, the question is very much simplified as to the time required, and entirely disposed of as regards the expense. I would not of course wish to be understood as limiting the power of nominating a resident in Dublin as Provincial Representative to those who are, or have been, members of provincial lodges. Any brother eligible to represent a Dublin lodge should be eligible to represent a province, should a province think fit to appoint him to that office.

It would be necessary to reduce the numbers of the Dublin Members of the Board if the above arrangement were adopted, in about the proportion suggested in the new laws. By doing so there would be no danger of its being unwieldy in numbers, as the total would be less than as at present constituted, and the proportion of Dublin and Provincial Representatives would be very nearly balanced.

I would however be inclined to suggest that the mode of appointing the Dublin members should be somewhat different from that proposed.

A better plan, I submit would be, to require each Dublin Lodge to send forward to Grand Lodge the names of two P.M.'s and from the total number so sent, let Grand Lodge elect by ballot, fifteen members to serve on the Board. The election could be so arranged as to time, as to enable the nominees of the Provincial Lodges to be selected from the unelected brethren, if such should in any case be found desirable.

By this means the Board of General Purposes might be made a more truly representative body, and the Order at large would probably have more confidence in its operations that would be attained by the plan proposed by the new laws.

It must not be forgotten that the rulings of the Board must, in essential matters, be confirmed by Grand Lodge before they can take effect.

The powers of the Board are increased in some respects by the proposed new laws, but as there is the right of appeal from their decision within a certain time, this will most likely be found an improvement in the administration.

THE CHARITIES OF THE ORDER.

The official Charities of the Order are the Fund administered by the Committee of Charity and Inspection, the Female Orphan School, and the Male Orphan School.

The latter institution does not figure in the proposed new laws; but this is clearly attributable to its very recent formation, and the omission will, of course, be rectified in completing the new code of laws.

The Committee of Charity and Inspection consists of the Grand Officers and the Masters for the time being of the Dublin lodges. Their duty is twofold. They form a board of inspection, by which all the candidates passed by the

subordinate Dublin lodges (Grand Master's Lodge excepted) must be approved of prior to initiation; and they also administer certain funds provided for charitable purposes.

The meetings of the Board are held twice in each month, the first on the day succeeding the meeting of Grand Lodge, and the second a fortnight later. This last meeting is for the purpose of approving candidates only, and the attendance is usually not "plethoric." At the first monthly meeting the charity funds are distributed, by usually a large board, the members subsequently dining together.

It has been considered by some members of the Order that the dinner of this board could be dispensed with; but, on reflection, it will be found that such a change would be most injudicious. In the first place, no advantage would accrue to the Charity Fund, as the Masters' dinners are nearly paid for by special half-yearly dues exacted from the lodges for that particular purpose. Those monthly dinners are, moreover, useful in bringing together, in a social manner, brethren who might otherwise form but slight acquaintances; and no charge of extravagance can well be brought against them, as, while they are "full and plenty" in their providing, they are free from that costly profusion that swells the price of our "installation" banquets to absurd proportions; and they set an example of "refreshment meetings," that might well be imitated by the individual lodges.

The fund at the disposal of the Charity Board is an exceedingly meagre one. For a long series of years past it has been limited to eight pounds monthly; and when the number of applications—in nearly every instance deserving ones—are taken into consideration, it will be seen that the funds available are miserably inadequate. There is, at present, an endeavour to "strengthen the hands" of the committee, by obtaining subscriptions from the various lodges, in addition to the grant from Grand Lodge; and several of the subordinate lodges have intimated their willingness to contribute annually sums, that in the aggregate, would swell the fund to a more commensurate amount. The new laws seek to impose on the various lodges in Ireland a capitation tax of one shilling annually for each subscribing member, to be especially applied to the Charity Fund.

I am sorry to know that our Provincial brethren intend to oppose this trifling impost, I believe on the ground that they object to give to a body located in Dublin the administration of funds levied generally on the Order. It should, however, be borne in mind that very few of the applications are from Dublin brethren or their dependants, and that full consideration is given to each case, no matter from what quarter the application comes, a principle most properly extended under the proposed new law by enabling the board to relieve applicants holding under Foreign Grand Lodges. The existing rule rendering eligible for relief only those claiming under the Irish constitution.

Practically the effect of the existing system is, that when a case is favourably considered by the board of charity, the sum granted is so small as to be of little real permanent use. The largest grant in their power to make, is a sum of five pounds to any individual at any one time. A larger grant, in the rare instance where it is recommended, must be made directly from the Grand Lodge funds, on a regular notice of motion to that effect. When a case does arise that calls for the exercise of their relieving power to the full extent, the sum left from the monthly grant, viz., three pounds, is quite insufficient to meet the other calls on their consideration, which must be either dismissed, held over, or relieved by grants, which if the subject was not so painful, would be absolutely ludicrous in their attenuation. Another injurious effect of their inability to cope with the urgency of cases presented is, that a grant from the board of charity being recognised as a proof of the deserving nature of the application, those who have received but a small and most inadequate measure of relief are induced to try and increase that measure by an appeal to the individual lodges, who usually respond very fairly to really worthy cases, and thus in some instances, unfortunately a systematic "begging" for relief is initiated and en-

couraged, the result being, as can be well understood, most demoralising and injurious to the funds and interests of the Order. There is no doubt that there is room for considerable improvement in the administration of such portion of the funds of the order as are devoted to charitable purposes, and I believe our brethren in other parts of the world are far in advance of us in the system, by which they test the genuineness of all applications, and the worthiness of all applicants, and, having ascertained that worth, by the promptitude and liberality with which those claims are met. Niggardliness is not our national feeling, and I am sure if our machinery worked equally well, we would not be behind any other branch of the great Masonic family in "relieving the distresses, soothing the afflictions, and in all things doing unto others as we would they should do to us."

Meanwhile, let us do the best we can with what we have, and not let petty local jealousies stand in the way of making our means of usefulness in some degree proportioned to the wealth and position of the Order to which we have the honour to belong.

I had intended going, at some length, into the working of our Schools, but the subject suggests so many points for consideration that I prefer merely touching on it here, possibly reserving for a future opportunity more detailed expression of opinion on various points incidentally involved. In a general way, both Institutions are admirably managed, and the time is, I think, rapidly approaching when our Boys' School will be placed on the same footing as its older companion, the Girls' School, by having a "local habitation" as well as name. While however we have reason to rejoice at the success of both Institutions, so far, I do not think we ought to be very jubilant over them till we can proclaim to friends and foes alike, that the ballot for admission of candidates no longer exists, that every deserving case obtains admission as a right, a result that would be easily attainable if they received that general support they so much deserve, a result that the numbers, intelligence, respectability, and wealth of our ancient Order justify us in expecting.

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Original Correspondence.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me, through the medium of your excellent paper, to express my full concurrence with the opinions of my friend, Bro. Hughan, and Bro. "H. H." Knight Templarism, if not Masonic, is simply something with which, we, as Masons, have nothing to do, and we should uphold our dignity as Masons best, by now repudiating all connection with a society which has first usurped a chivalrous title, and to support that, made use of Freemasonry as a bolster. I cannot help thinking that the best interest of our order will be served by cutting off all such excrescences as the quasi-Masonic Chivalric Orders. I am convinced the best friends of Masonry will agree that they are quite unnecessary, and frequently most injurious to legitimate Craft Masonry. I believe with Bro. Hughan that many Freemasons will, now the Masonic prefix is most properly abandoned, rather leave the ranks than act a lie by claiming to be the lineal descendants of the original Knights Templar. An immense amount of research has been given, and a great deal of unnecessary and useless erudition wasted in the endeavour to establish such a claim. I cannot agree with "Devoniensis" (May 10th) who thinks that all the Crusader Knights were Freemasons. Indeed it is most fervently to be hoped that they were not, and in fact they behaved in numerous instances, so disgracefully and un-Masonically, one to the other, as to prove they were not all Masons. Bro. "Devoniensis" believes himself a lineal descendant of the ancient Knights Templar, and would not disconnect the modern order from Masonry, because, the R.A. is to a certain extent a guarantee of the eligibility for the candidate. I take that it may in a measure be a guarantee for his respectability.

Bro. "Devoniensis" would like in addition some social qualification, and I would suggest that the Order carried out one of the main principles of the ancient Order, and be all sworn to celibacy. I wonder what one of the old Templars would think of some of the present encampments, could he awake and visit one, and find it composed principally of men, who though excellent Masons, were carrying on (I trust successfully) the business of apothecaries, tailors, shoemakers, lawyers, and in fact a mixture of all trades and professions! He would, I doubt not, retire with very unmingled feelings.

Our esteemed brother, who signs himself a "Masonic Student" is justly proud of his position as a simple Craftsman; like him, I accept, *ex mio corde*, the universality of Freemasonry, and cannot see my way clear to accept, either Masonically or historically, what are technically called the "high grades," especially after reading the concluding portions of Bro. Yarker's "Speculative Masonry." Bro. Yarker, who can put after his name a string of high-sounding titles in every degree up to the 33rd, tells us that there is an immense amount of learning developed in the higher degrees, but that their advantages is a vexed question, and which, if Freemasonry could be conducted on its old principles, would be useless, as the whole of the learning which they are designed to convey is latent in the three degrees of Craft Masonry. The modern Knights Templar have, vulgarly speaking, not a leg to stand upon. They cannot possibly be a chivalric body, and they are not Masonic. I would, therefore, give them the homely advice frequently given in my county, to "let the old hare sit;" and I trust the Masonic prefix never will, in any possible form, be revived.

With regard to the complaint of Bro. "H. H.," that in the province to which he has the honour to belong, no restriction is placed on the wearing of badges of unrecognised degrees in some lodges in that province, he must know that the remedy is in his own hands. Now, of course, the Knight Templar badges cannot be worn; having relinquished their Masonry in Knight Templarism, they have not even the shadow of the claim they latterly perhaps imagined themselves to have. I would advise Bro. "H. H.," on every occasion of such an openly acknowledged contempt for the Book of Constitutions, to ask the W.M. of the lodge in which it occurs to direct the attention of the brethren of the lodge to pages 19, 68, and 115 of the the Book of Constitutions. Should the W.M. refuse to perform the duty he has sworn to on his installation, our Bro. would be remiss in his duty to the Craft did he not complain in writing to the Provincial Grand Master of his District.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,
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P. Prov. S.G.W. Herts.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "Devoniensis," in reply to my queries on this subject, is such a curious medley of inaccuracies and irrelevancies, that I have waited to see if some more logical correspondent would vouchsafe a reply which should be plain, and free from assumptions and unproved assertions. Any attempt to discuss the aforesaid assumptions, or to dissect the illogicalities of the letter in question, would only lead me away from the real point at issue; and I respectfully decline to yield to the temptation.

The question I have asked is a very plain one, and only needs an answer of yes or no. I have asked it bona fide, and have signed my name to it. It may be politic, but it is not fraternal to withhold a straightforward answer.

Let me briefly restate the point at issue. I ask, are the two expressions "a Masonic Body," and "a Body composed of Masons" absolutely convertible, or equivalent terms?

Of course the old, but inaccurate reply is ready, that "The rose by any other name, will smell as sweet." But in this case, I think that the change of title is not the mere giving of a new name to the rose, leaving its original scent unaltered, but it also involves a great change of principle. Instead of a body of which Masonry was the vital essence, we have a body to which

Masonry is a secondary appendage. We were all obligated to the former body. Do our obligations necessarily pass on to the new body?

The "Rosicrucian Society of England" lays down the following fundamental definition. "The Society of Brethren of the Rosy Cross is totally independent, being established on its own basis, and, as a body, is not otherwise connected with the Masonic Order, than by having its members selected from that fraternity." This position is straightforward, and intelligible. If the present rulers of the Order of the Temple intend to adopt a similar standpoint, let them tell us so in an equally straightforward manner; and then we can all elect for ourselves whether we will transfer our allegiance to the new body, which claims to be what we don't believe that it really is, or ever can become.

I am Sir, and Brother fraternally yours,
P. H. NEWSHAM.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Being very much astonished to hear at the last meeting of N. G. Priory that Lord Eliot had resigned the Order of the Temple, I thought I would ask whether you or any of the readers of your journal know why one of the triumphant Triumvirate should have resigned at what may be called the very commencement of their headlong career? Surely we are going to have no first consul trick played over again.

Yours fraternally,
A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to a letter about the recently appointed Grand Officers, signed "S.G.D.," in the *Freemason* of this date, I beg to correct one or two rather grave errors which it contains.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh is not, and never was, the W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, although he is a member of it, and was its Senior Deacon in the year 1869-70.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh is the I.P.M. of the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, of Oxford, a lodge which is not a University lodge, whose chair is at present occupied by the Senior Grand Chaplain, the Rev. A. Bruce Frazer; whilst the chair of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, is occupied by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., who has appointed as his Deputy Bro. Reginald Bird, Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Oxfordshire, and I.P.M. of the Lodge.

In your leader of the previous week, there was an error which I may as well also point out, and it is this: Lord Burleigh's name is not unknown on the subscription lists of the Masonic charities, for two years ago he served the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution.

Yours fraternally,
A LOVER OF TRUTH, AND A MEMBER
OF THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY AND
CHURCHILL LODGES.
Oxford, May 17, 1873.

NEW ZEALAND.

The annual installation meeting of the Pacific Lodge of Hokitika (No. 1229) was held at the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, Westland, on Tuesday, the 11th February. A very large assemblage of brethren took place to do honour to the occasion. The lodge-room was most tastefully and elegantly fitted up with flags, Masonic banners, devices, evergreens and flowers. The R.W.D.G. Master, Bro. John Lazar, presided and performed the duty of installation in the beautiful and impressive manner for which he is noted both far and near, assisted by Bro. John Bevan, P.M. 1229, and Bro. H. Gutheil, P.M. 1241. There were also present on the dais Bros. J. R. Hudson, W.M. 1229; Edward Hardcastle, W.M. Lodge Westland Kilwinning, 437, S.C. Bro. J. R. Hudson, W.M., having been re-elected, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Patrick Crawford, S.W.; J. Brauwel, J.W.; C. Linneman, Treas., (re-elected); F. Eisfelder, Sec.; Robt. Ferguson, S.D.; C. Hill, J.D.; J. R. Powell, I.G.; and G. Epping, Tyler, (re-elected.) The R.W.D.G.

Master having duly invested each of the officers, paid a very high compliment to the brethren for great state of efficiency in which he found the members, all able to perform the duties of their respective offices in such a manner as to reflect the highest possible credit on their preceptors, and referred to the important financial condition of the lodge, which he considered as second to none throughout the Colony of New Zealand. He further congratulated the brethren, for the very beautiful manner in which they had extended relief, and supported the charitable Institutions of the district, and expressed his admiration of the true Masonic zeal which seemed to actuate every brother of the lodge.

The Auditors' report, accompanied by the Treasurer's balance sheet, shewing a balance in favour of the lodge amounting to £484 19s. 4d. was then submitted, and adopted. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the R.W.D.G. Master for his kindness in presiding, and the many favours he was always so willing to bestow on the lodge. The R.W.D.G.M., thanked the brethren in most feeling terms for the compliment, and trusted that they would all be permitted, with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., to enjoy such sincere friendships. Bro. Thos. H. Garland, M.D., was then duly proposed as a candidate for initiation, also Bro. J. E. Cuddeford, P.M., and Bro. W. Ramsay, as joining members. The lodge was then duly closed, according to ancient custom; but just before retiring Bro. Bevan, P.M., addressed the brethren as follows: "Now that the duties of this evening are concluded, and we are again about to mix with the world; let us not forget that there is much which might occupy the thoughts of Masons generally, much that might encourage them in their good works, much that might enliven the dull routine of daily life by inspiring within us the desire to become more acquainted with its manifold blessings, by striving to behold with an unclouded vision its vast though approachable beauties, its concord of good works, its elaborate design by sowing in our hearts the little seed of its greatness, there encouraging it to germinate and bring forth its luxuriance in good time; so that our knowledge thus acquired may in truth become wisdom, our practice strength, and our admiration beauty, the three great pillars which support our stately structure, and which adorn its ancient name—Freemasonry, which has stood the test of ages, and withal is so complete, being as it is reared on the solid foundation of all that is good and holy on this (pointing to the Bible)—the great rock, the Masonry of God. Therefore, brethren, let us be faithful, and adopt it in sincerity, its genial teachings will bring many happy surroundings, it will illuminate many of the dark recesses of our frail nature, it will pilot the good Mason over many treacherous rocks and shoals, and be assured it will prepare him for a better future through his trust in God the G.A.O.T.U., the brethren then adjourned to Bro. Osborne's Café de Paris, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, at which about fifty sat down. Bro. John R. Hudson, W.M., presided, a most enjoyable evening being spent; many excellent speeches were made and songs sung, every brother seeming to unite in the one great object of being happy; and so was brought to a close (after the Tyler's toast) another of those truly Masonic reunions which tend to cement the warm friendship of years and grace the grand teachings of our noble Institution.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT: Neuralgic and Rheumatic Disorders are perpetually recurring during the changeable temperatures of spring. All aches and pains in the nerves, muscles and bones, which often compel the man of business to neglect his usual avocations, may be speedily subdued by this powerful Ointment. It should be well rubbed into the part affected. The action of the Ointment is expedited by previous fomentations with warm water. The Ointment is then as easily made to pass into the human frame, as salt is made to pass into meat and none need apprehend any injurious after effects from it, for its cures are worked without the aid of a particle of Mercury or any other noxious substance.—It never does harm.—ADVT.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1872.

A FRATERNAL REVIEW, BY BROTHER WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The extraordinary "Proceedings" of 1871, published by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, put all customary issues in the shade! Accordingly the present compilation suffers in common with its predecessors in that respect, and though a valuable and interesting account of the progress of Freemasonry in the Commonwealth above noted, it is nevertheless of a much inferior character to the grand volume of 800 pages, which appeared during the past year, and which unquestionably, is the finest work of its kind ever issued in any country.

The first quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on 13th March, 1872, when M.W. Bro. S. D. Nickerson, G.M., occupied the throne. On looking over the attendance, it is pleasant to notice the goodly array of Past Grand Masters, and other influential Past Grand Officers, who supported the Grand Master on the dais. This happy characteristic of Massachusetts Freemasonry is the outgrowth of Masonic zeal cherished in this State, and hence all are interested in whatever concerns the welfare of the Craft.

The Grand Master presented an epitome of his official acts since his installation in December. On 13th February, he dedicated the new Masonic Halls in the City of Lowell, and reported that they are very convenient, well arranged and elegantly furnished. The services were attended by about 500 brethren, and were followed by an Historical Address by the Masonic Orator, Bro. Gardner, P.G.M. In the evening an elegant and bountiful collation was provided by the ladies, and the whole building was crowded with a delighted and delightful company. On the 21st of the same month, the G.M. constituted Phœnician Lodge of Lawrence, and installed its officers. On the last day of February, the new Masonic Hall of Corinthian Lodge was dedicated by M.W. Bro. Nickerson. An address by Bro. W. H. Wheildon, and a collation after the ceremonies, afforded very grateful food for both mind and body.

A stated communication of "Winslow Lewis Lodge" was held on the 8th March, on which occasion the members, the Grand Master, and many visiting brethren bade an affectionate farewell to P.G.M. Dr. Lewis, who was to sail on the following day on his fourteenth voyage to Europe.

A copy of the "Constitutions of the Freemasons," published by Bro. R. Spencer, London, was accepted by the G.M. (on behalf of the Grand Lodge) from that well-known Masonic Bibliographer, and duly ordered to be acknowledged.

More stringent regulations were introduced respecting the visits of brethren to lodges, and certainly according to the evidence then and there submitted, extra precautionary measures are loudly called for, and to prevent the admission of impostors, the safeguards must be multiplied. The attention of Masters of lodges was also called to the importance of the appointment of competent brethren upon committees of examination, which should rarely, if ever, be conducted elsewhere than in the Masonic apartments, and always with the utmost dignity and thoroughness. Two new lodges sought warrants in lieu of dispensations, when a committee was appointed to consider their applications, who having examined the records submitted, and the by-laws, and also discovering that the dues had been paid to the G.L., unanimously recommended the charters to be issued.

The second quarterly communication was held on June 12th; the Grand Master presided, and a large number of brethren were also in attendance. Much of the time was occupied in considering a question affecting the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, which was finally amicably settled. We omit all reference to this purely private matter, but cannot forbear expressing our appreciation of the excellent spirit in which each party made known their statement of the case, and while there was no lack of argument,

and of the keenest criticism, the whole was softened and permeated by the soul-stirring "bond of fellowship."

The Grand Lodge, we think very wisely, refused to countenance a scheme suggested by a few brethren whereby the families of deceased members should receive some fixed sum of money from every contributing brother to a lodge in that jurisdiction.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to new Grand Lodges in Utah, British Columbia, and Brazil, together with a cordial and fraternal God-speed in their Masonic relations, as an integral portion of our great brotherhood.

The third quarterly communication, held on Sept. 11th, was also presided over by the Grand Master in person. The record of the special Grand Lodge, held at Attleborough on June 14th, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Grace Church, was duly read and approved.

The committee on Grand Master Gardner's Annual Report of Dec. 13th 1871, made known the result of their deliberations, and explained the delay. Their report was most carefully prepared, and according to the expectation of all those who are familiar with M.W. Bro. Gardner, as a Masonic Historian, the committee expressed the entire satisfaction and appreciation of the Grand Lodge with the performance by the retiring Grand Master of his official duties, and its most hearty congratulations for the great success which has crowned his unremitting labours on its behalf. Need we say such a report was accepted by acclamation?

Another Special Grand Lodge was called, the reason for which is explained by the following inscription engraved upon a metallic plate:—"The corner-stone of the Standish Memorial, in commemoration of the character and services of Captain Myles Standish, the First Commissioned Military Officer of New England, laid on the summit of Captain's Hill, in Duxbury, under the superintendance of the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, in presence of the Standish Monument Association, by the M.W. Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Massachusetts, M.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Master, on the seventh day of October, A.D. 1872, being the two hundred and fifty-second year since the first settlement of New England by the Pilgrim Fathers."

The last Special Communication was of more than usual interest, from the fact of its being ordered for the purpose of aiding a meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, convened in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the membership of Bro. Charles W. Moore in the said lodge. The Grand Master, Dep. G.M., Grand Wardens, six Past Grand Masters, and a number of the most influential members of the Grand Lodge attended in honour of the occasion, and a most brilliant assembly it must have been. The hall was well prepared, a flood of light chasing away all darkness. Upon the altar was arranged a profusion of rare flowers. The marble bust of the venerable Bro. Moore, P.D.G.M., had been tastefully decorated for the evening with autumn leaves, flowers, open butterflies mingling with the branches of evergreens—emblem of immortality—and a bird of paradise holding above the head a wreath of immortelles. The W. Master of the lodge introduced the hero of the evening to the assembly of the brethren and their ladies. Bro. Moore subsequently delivered a lengthy and deeply interesting address, mainly descriptive of a vastly different kind of experience to the one they had then met to enjoy, and which told of bitter persecution, and of numerous changes and vicissitudes, which like milestones, dot the course of the journey, marking in regular gradation, the progress of his beloved lodge. Our brother's peroration was very fine indeed, and the rise of the Masonic Institution to a position of dignity and power, when the blast of opposition had passed away was traced by a masterly hand:—"And, if ever, in the providence of God, lashed by the storm and riven by the lightning, it shall, at length, totter to its fall, around its trunk will the ivy of filial affection, that has so long enclasped it, still fondly and firmly cling, and mantle with verdure and beauty its ruin and decay."

At the conclusion of the address, which was listened to with great interest by all present, and

will be read by thousands besides, an ode, written for the occasion by Bro. Dr. Henry G. Clark, was sung by the choir.

Subsequently the Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge were escorted to the Egyptian Hall, and invited to participate, with the members of St. Andrew's Lodge, their ladies and invited guests, in a sumptuous collation, which was duly enjoyed (we are told) after the manner of Masons.

A magnificent volume has since been issued by St. Andrew's Lodge, giving a full account of the proceedings.

The 139th anniversary of Masonry in Massachusetts was held on December 11th, when the Grand Master, members of the Grand Lodge, and representatives of a great many lodges, assembled to transact the usual business appertaining to the annual meeting.

The Grand Master, in his exhaustive and racy report, informed the brethren that he had devoted much time to the improvement of the library. By gift and exchange over three hundred numbers of Grand Lodge Proceedings had been added, and the whole of the books were now arranged upon the shelves—the States in alphabetical order, and the proceedings of each Grand Lodge chronologically, so that reference may be had to any number without difficulty or delay. The receipts for the year amounted to £26,000, and the expenditure £23,000. The present indebtedness however is about £63,000; but this drawback will soon be wiped out. Since 1867 the liabilities have been reduced by £17,000, and a few years more will witness the final extinction of the debt.

The P.G.M. Cregier of Chicago, on behalf of the Masonic Board of Relief of that city (formed to provide assistance for destitute Masons through the conflagration) returned over £300 to the G.L. of Massachusetts, being that amount more than was required, and sums in like proportions were returned to other jurisdictions. This sum was retained to be distributed by the "Committee on Charity," for the calls for aid in Boston were expected to be more than usually numerous and pressing, in consequence of the great fire, which for a time paralysed their fine city.

The "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine," which has been edited by Bro. C. W. Moore, of Boston, for thirty-one years, having shown signs of languishing, the Grand Master called upon the Craft to sustain it more thoroughly, and we are glad to see that his kind allusion to an old friend has been followed by renewed exertions on its behalf, and an increased patronage.

The number of subscribing brethren in Massachusetts was reported to be 23,125.

On December 12th a Grand Lodge of Instruction was organised, and the work and lectures of the three degrees were exemplified by the three Grand Lecturers, in turn, the other offices being filled by competent brethren.

A stated communication was held on December 27th for the installation of the Grand Officers, when the Grand Master, Bro. Nickerson, was installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year by P.G.M. Gardner, and congratulated upon the remarkable unanimity manifested in his re-election to the high and responsible office he had so well filled and honoured during the past year. The remaining ceremonies were conducted in a most impressive manner. The voting for the Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. John McClellan, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Charles H. Titus, was unanimous, there not having been an adverse vote. We in England, and the brethren in Massachusetts can mutually congratulate one another on having two most excellent Grand Officers in the persons of our Treasurers and Secretaries. We must not omit to mention that Bro. Rev. C. H. Titus, the Grand Secretary, has done his work well as the editor of the "Proceedings," and is evidently the right brother to hold that responsible and most arduous office in the State of Massachusetts.

Among many beautiful dresses which have been worn at grand festivities this season, few could compare with one in which the Marchioness of Bute appeared at the state concert at Buckingham Palace, which was designed and made expressly for her by Mr. Augustus Ahlborn, of Quadrant House, Regent-street. Garlands of wild flowers charmingly grouped were embroidered on black silk tulle, the effect of which was exceedingly good; while the whole costume was exceedingly appropriate to this month of flowers.—*Sunday Times*.

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DEATHS.

TUNBRIDGE.—On the 22nd of April, at Alkham, near Dover, England, Bro. Edward Tunbridge, of Port Elizabeth, aged 57.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending May 31.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Mr. J. L. Toole in Popular Pieces.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1873.

ESPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

An especial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at high noon, to record the feelings of grief which Masons feel on the lamented death of the late Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M., presided, and was supported by the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M.; J. Fawcett, P.G.M. Durham; R. J. Bayshaw, P.G.M. Essex.

Grand Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities,

Grand Secretary said he had received letters apologising for unavoidable absence from Lord Tenterden, and others. He then read the summons calling the Grand Lodge together.

Thereupon, the Grand Master said: Brethren, you have now heard read the summons which explains the reason of our being specially called together on this occasion, and, brethren, I cannot doubt that in directing this especial Grand Lodge to be summoned, I rightly interpreted the feelings of the Craft at large; for knowing well, as I do, the very high estimation in which our late brother, Lord Zetland, was held, and the affectionate regard which was entertained for him throughout the length and breadth of the country, I feel confident that I did not mistake the sentiments of the Craft, when I felt it my duty to call together this especial Grand Lodge for the purpose of giving expression to the feelings of every truly Masonic heart, and placing upon the records of this Grand Lodge our deep sense of the loss which we have all sustained by the death of our Past Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. Brethren, I need not remind you of the services which Lord Zetland rendered, during his long Masonic career, to the Craft in this country. You will all remember how, for five-and-twenty years, he occupied this throne, and with what zeal, with what impartiality, with what high and honourable feelings he discharged the important functions of Grand Master of English Freemasons. I have, upon so many occasions, since Lord Zetland resigned the office of Grand Master, marked, both in this Grand Lodge, and other assemblages of the Craft, the feelings which you have entertained towards him, and your grateful recollection of his long career as Grand Master, to render it possible for me to doubt for one moment that there is not a brother in this Lodge who is not filled, upon this occasion, with feelings of sincere grief for the great loss which the Craft has just sustained, and who does not feel that that loss is one personal to every one of us; that there has been taken away from us, not only an eminent brother, but one who was, to each of us, almost a personal friend. I, who for many years had the honour—and the high honour, I shall ever esteem it—of being closely associated with Lord Zetland while he was at the head of the Craft, know well the spirit in which he laboured for the interests of Freemasonry. You all know how high and honourable was his character; you all know how utterly incapable he was of acting upon any occasion from any personal or any private motive; you know how much at heart he had the interests of the Craft at large; and it would, indeed, be surprising if, after such a career as his, we had not met together upon this melancholy occasion to associate ourselves with the many hearts—the hearts of his family, of his friends, and of his neighbours—who are now filled with grief for the great loss which we have sustained. Lord Zetland, indeed, lived to a ripe old age, to enjoy the honours which were showered, and justly showered upon him by his Sovereign, his countrymen, and his brethren of the Craft, and I know well that of all those honours there was none which in heart he appreciated more highly than those

which were the result of the confidence which for a quarter of a century the brethren of this Grand Lodge were pleased to repose in him. Brethren, it needs no further words from me, I am confident, to secure your unanimous support to the proposal which I am about to make, that we should, by a formal resolution, place upon the records of this Grand Lodge those sentiments of grief for the great loss which we have sustained, and of affectionate recollection of the past services of our noble brother, which animate, I am confident the heart of every man in this lodge, and of every true Mason throughout the country. Brethren, with respect to the form of the resolution which I am about to submit, it has been prepared in accordance with previous precedents, which upon the principles of our ancient fraternity we are always so desirous of following, and on the whole it has appeared to me that it would be, under the circumstances of this case, more in accordance with propriety if I were to ask you now to agree to a formal resolution to be entered upon the records of this Grand Lodge, and instead of asking you to vote an address to the present Earl of Zetland, I were to suggest to you that you should submit to me the duty of communicating to his Lordship the resolution which I trust you will unanimously agree to. Brethren, this resolution, as I have said, in the first place records formally the death of Lord Zetland, in the manner consistent with the precedent which was followed in the case of his late Royal Highness, the Duke of Sussex, and then it proceeds, very briefly and very heartily, to record the feelings with which this Grand Lodge had heard of that melancholy circumstance. His Lordship then read the resolution.

The Earl of Carnarvon:—Most Worshipful Grand Master I have to express to your Lordship my very sincere and hearty thanks for allowing me the great privilege and honour, as I conceive it, of seconding the resolution which you have just now put to the Grand Lodge. I can add very few words indeed to the tribute which your Lordship has so feelingly and eloquently offered to the memory of Lord Zetland. Indeed, it is a case wherein it is hardly necessary; for he lives still in the recollection of almost all whom I see in this Grand Lodge, and feelings are often in these cases better than words. Yet this much I would venture to say, that in the case of those whom the Craft in England elect to rule over them, they look at least for two great conditions—they look for the Masonic qualifications, those attributes and virtues which this Order especially lays stress upon, and which it becomes all of us to know, and they look also to the moral qualities of the man; they look to a high character, they look to integrity, to an unblemished reputation in every estate, and in every condition and phase of social life. And I think these two conditions were most completely fulfilled in the case of our late Grand Master, Lord Zetland. I would add yet another to which your Lordship also alluded, and that is the personal feeling of affection and respect which he who occupies that throne ought also to inspire. On occasions like these, tributes to the memory of those that are gone sometimes seem to have the cold formality of funeral orations; but this is not the case in the present instance. I am satisfied that the

teachers of our Institution, he will do his utmost if he is a Freemason, not to leave the school without making himself a Vice-Patron. If he be a married man, by all means let him take his wife with him, then he will have this encouragement. Lady Skelmersdale said to his Lordship on Friday last, when she visited the school with him that she was proud to be the wife of a Freemason. Depend on it, brethren, if you do take your wives there you will have no more Caudle lectures when you get home, no endeavouring to know what the secrets are. Your wife will see for herself; she will see 120 dear girls educated and trained, and that is the true secret of Freemasonry. It is my honour to night to return thanks for the Vice-Patrons. Unfortunately we are but few, but if you would take my advice and go down to see that school, on the next anniversary festival, I feel persuaded every man present at that festival will rise to his feet as a Vice-President to respond when this toast is proposed. (Cheers.) I thank you from my heart for the honour you have done me, and I hope on the next occasion I may see not a few only, but very many rise to their feet to respond to this toast.

The Chairman:—The next toast I have to give you is "The other Masonic Charities and success to them, viz., The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." I do not think I need detain you with any remarks beyond saying that I think the observations I made in giving the toast of the evening apply equally well to those other charities. I have not had the pleasure of seeing the Boys' School; that I hope to see; nor have I seen the Asylum at Croydon; but I have no doubt they are equally well conducted with the Girls' School. I give you therefore "Success to those Institutions," and call upon Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, to respond.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B. Herts:—My Lord and brethren, in rising to respond to the toast of "The other Masonic Charities," I can assure you I do it with vast pleasure, because certainly it is one which must commend itself to the heart and affection of every true Freemason. But, my Lord, there is one thing more especially I would wish to do, and that is to thank the brethren of the Craft for the very large amount of support which during the past year they have extended to the three festivals that have taken place, positively unprecedented in the annals of Masonry. We have had the honour of receiving a sum of nearly £22,000 in one year for the three charities, and I venture to say, my Lord, that in no charitable societies has so large an amount been contributed as for Masonic Institutions generally. Well, my Lord, of course we have received a very large amount, but that simply teaches the Committees of our Institutions that the larger amounts received by them the larger are their responsibilities. I am pleased to inform you that they are rising to a sense of their responsibilities. The Boys' School have added ten more to the number they receive, and the Committee of the Girls' School intend to increase their number by the addition of eight; while with respect to the Benevolent Institution, not only have they made an addition to their number, but they have done what is of very great benefit to the recipients of your bounty, they have made an increase in the amount which the beneficiaries are to receive. I can only hope that as the past has gone on so successfully, as the present is so prosperous a career, the future will be no less so. Those brethren who have not contributed I trust will bethink themselves, during the recess, of the responsibilities imposed on them as Masons, and will in the next year rival the success already obtained by the three institutions. As Masonry is increasing in numbers, so there must be a proportionate increase in the recipients of our charity. I hope and trust we may never have reason to refuse the deserving distressed Masons or their widows assistance from a lack of funds. Let me call upon you, brethren, in the discharge of your Masonic duties, to give the executive the power to do all they possibly can, and rely upon it, so far as they can discharge their duties, nothing will be wanting on their part to render back to you every demand that can be made. In your lodges, and in your provinces, impress

upon the brethren the duty they owe to the Craft; increase the activity of the energetic brethren and stir up the stagnant to the responsibilities devolving upon them as Masons.

The Chairman—I am afraid though I am not very lengthy in my speeches you will get tired of bearing me; but this is a toast I could not depute to anyone else viz., "The Health of the Stewards of the Day." I am sure after hearing the Secretary read the Stewards' lists we must all feel how much we owe to the Stewards for the success of that subscription list. We have a long list of Stewards for this festival, and by their aid you must confess the subscription list is a glorious one. I believe it has never been beaten, and as a slight return to the Stewards, I beg you will drink their health.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D.; Right Worshipful Sir and brethren, I regret extremely the absence of our chairman Col. Burdett this evening, which is caused by a horseback accident, the duty of responding to this toast falls upon me. I shall take a leaf of his lordship's book, and be exceedingly brief, and shall simply thank you very much for your kind recognition of our services.

Bro. W. Platt, G.J.W.—Brethren, by the command of our noble Chairman I am entrusted with the last, but certainly not the least important toast, "The Health of the Ladies," whose presence on this auspicious occasion has shed a lustre and imparted a charm and grace to all around us. Who is there among us who has not experienced their gentle influence? In the hour of sickness their hand tenderly supports the drooping head; in the hour of adversity they smooth the brow of care and bind up the broken heart. Whether as mother, wife, daughter, or sister, they are upon all occasions our ministering angels. I am proud to be their humble representative, and invite you to drink their health; but before doing so, I would give you the estimate which a Northern poet had of them.

"Auld nature swears the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes, O;
Her 'prentice han' she tried on man,
And then she made the lasses, O.

To this toast I shall call on Bro. Rucker to respond.

Bro. J. A. Rucker: It is traditionally reported that when the late Lord Brougham was placed in a somewhat similar position to myself, he expressed a difficulty to understand whether it was in consequence of his youth, his beauty, or his innocence. Whether that question was ever solved or not I do not know, and without a better solution I shall rest myself upon my own innocence, and the innocence of the ladies. I will elevate myself to their level, and address my response to you in the first person plural, instead of the first person singular. But before doing so, I think I should be wanting in my duty to you, and in my duty to a lady who is not here present to-night, if I did not express our thanks for the great honour Lady Skelmersdale did to this Institution by being present at the School last Friday. I do not know whether Lady Skelmersdale will be angry with his lordship for mentioning it, but we are exceedingly indebted to her, and pleased and delighted by the expression she made use of upon that occasion. Brethren, you have thanked us for our attendance. On the contrary, we feel it is our duty to thank you individually for giving us the opportunity of being here, and and we thank especially the Ladies' Stewards for the attention they have paid us; we thank you for the music you have given us, and we particularly thank you for the honour you have done us in drinking our health.

The brethren then joined the ladies in the Temple, where a grand concert was given, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist. The artistes were Madame Florence Lancia, Miss Emily Muir, Miss Lucy Franklein, Bro. George Perren, Bro. Thomas Baxter, Bro. Carter, Bro. J. G. Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Bro. Caravoglia, Mdlle. Vittoria de Bona, and Bro. Lehmeier.

The banquet was well supplied by Bro. C. E. Francatelli, and Bro. Goodchild was toast-master.

INTERESTING MASONIC PRESENTATIONS IN LIVERPOOL.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, 14th ult., two presentations of a deeply interesting character were made to brethren who have done good service to the lodge. Being an occasion of more than ordinary interest, there was a good muster of the brethren of No. 1094, along with several influential visitors. The first presentation was made to Bro. Joseph Wood, who, for seven years, since the consecration of the Lodge, has fulfilled the duties of Honorary Treasurer in a manner at once satisfactory to every brother, and calculated to promote the highest and best interests of the Lodge. The second was made to Bro. Richard Danson, the I.P.M. of the Temple Lodge, who, both as a brother of the Order, and also as the architect of the Masonic Hall, in Liverpool, now in course of erection, has fairly and fully earned the compliment paid to him on this occasion. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. R. R. Martin, W.M., the officers and brethren present being Bros. R. Danson, I.P.M.; J. Kellett Smith, P.M.; Thos. Gibson, S.W.; R. Washington, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas.; Thos. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Jeffery, S.D.; R. C. Yelland, J.D.; A. Jarvis, S.; P. Ball, Tyler; Dr. J. Speir; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; T. S. Williams, H. Hocpool, T. Birch, — Lovatt, J. Drew, W. Dixon, C. Leighton, H. Jones, E. Chater, E. Howell, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; C. H. Hill, 1276; J. Ellis, 186; T. Jackson, 1264; J. Hargraves, 203; S. J. King, 960, and others.

After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting duly confirmed, one candidate was initiated, and five passed to the degree of F.C. in a highly effective manner by the W.M. and I.P.M. Danson. Calling Bro. Wood to the front, Bro. Martin, W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented him with a very handsome gold snuff box and a chaste jewel of a highly attractive character. In doing so, the W.M. alluded, in a feeling manner, to the valuable services which Bro. Wood had rendered to the Lodge in his capacity of Hon. Treasurer during the seven years he had held that office, and expressed the great satisfaction and pleasure it gave him in being honoured in making the presentation to a much respected officer. The box, which is exceeding massive and elaborately chased, bore the following inscription, which was surrounded by the symbolic keys and square, and compasses.—"Presented by the Members of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, to Bro. Joseph Wood, Treasurer, 14th May, 1873." The jewel, which is intended for a watch appendage, is made of 18 carat gold, and is remarkably striking in its design, combining, in an artistic manner, the square and compasses, and Treasurer's key, while at the top is a pure diamond set in the centre of the mystic "G," the whole being richly chased. The jewel bore the same inscription at the back as the snuff box.

Bro. Wood, in acknowledging the gifts, said: Worshipful Master, Brother Officers, and Brethren, I have not sufficient language at my command to thank you, in the way I should desire, for the honour which you have conferred upon me to-night. For the seven years during which you have honoured me with your confidence as your Treasurer, I have endeavoured, to the best of my ability, to do my duty. At the same time, I have received that perfect confidence and good feeling from every member of the lodge, which have always made it a pleasure rather than the performance of a duty. For the handsome present you have been pleased to make me this evening, I thank you sincerely, and I assure you it is one which will be treasured by me so long as I shall be spared. The general kindly bearing and confidence of the brethren have always made my work pleasant, and I have some little pride in saying I have never missed a single night when duty required my attendance at your lodge. W.M. and brethren, I again thank you sincerely for the handsome present you made me.

The W.M. afterwards presented Bro. Danson with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so

spoke in eloquent terms of his many excellent qualities.

Bro. Danson briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, spoke of his being connected with the lodge since its beginning, assured everyone that he had, to the best of his ability, endeavoured to perform his duty in whatever position he was placed, and would strive in the future to make any amends for past shortcomings.

During the evening, on the motion of Bro. P.M. Marsh, seconded by Bro. R. Washington, J.W., the lodge unanimously agreed to the recommendation that Bro. Danson should be made a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the necessary amount being furnished from the "charity-box," which has already done good work in this respect on many previous occasions.

The brethren, after business, sat down to an excellent banquet.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE AT ROCK FERRY.

That this degree is making good progress in Cheshire cannot be doubted, for little more than a month has elapsed since the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire and North Wales was established, under the rule of Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., the present W.M., of the Joppa Mark Lodge, No. 11, Birkenhead, and on Monday, the 12th inst., a new Mark Lodge was consecrated at the Rock Ferry Hotel, the first new one under Bro. Egerton's jurisdiction, and bearing his name.

The Egerton Lodge, No. 165, was formed by those who some four years ago inaugurated the Craft Lodge at Rock Ferry, now thriving so well, and there can be little doubt that the new Mark Lodge will be equally successful.

It was a matter of great regret that owing to a very important engagement, the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, who had been appointed by the M.W.G.M.M. to perform the ceremonies, was unable to be present, but a very able substitute was there in the person of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, R.W.P.G.M.M. of Lancashire. He was supported by the following Provincial Officers of Cheshire and North Wales: Bros. Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chaplain; Wm. Bulley, P.J.G.W.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Thos. Platt, P.G. Treas.; Jos. Sillitoe, P.G.S.O.; Capt. Watson, P.G.J.O.; E. Friend, P.G.D.C.; Geo. Higgins, P.G.S.B.; J. S. Mort, P.G.P.; Thos. Kent, J. Heap, G. H. Wilson, P. Grand Stewards; and John Worthington, P.G. Tyler.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.M.O., Lancashire; Tysilio Johnson and J. M. Radcliffe, of the Joppa Lodge, No. 11.

The Mark Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. F. K. Stevenson, P.M. 11, P.G.S.D., and Bro. Callender and Officers admitted, and greeted with the usual honours.

Bro. Callender then proceeded to consecrate and constitute the Egerton Lodge of Mark Masons, according to ancient form, after which he installed Bro. Friend in the chair, who received the customary salutes.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, Bro. S. Spratly, M.D., being unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Holtway, Tyler. Bros. F. K. Stevenson, S.W.; R. H. Moore, J.W.; Lilley Ellis, Sec.; Spratly, Treas.; G. H. Wilson, M.O.; F. L. Bolton, S.O.; Alex. Low, J.O.; J. W. Paton, M.D., S.D.; Stanton, J.D.; Sanderson, I.G.; Holtway, Tyler.

Bro. Tysilio Johnson was elected an honorary member. A cordial vote of thanks was then recorded on the minutes to the R.W. Bro. Callender, for his extreme kindness in coming at great inconvenience to perform the ceremonies, also to the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, for his present of a handsome bible.

Several brethren were proposed for advancement, and the P.G.M.M. and officers then withdrew. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together. Bro. Friend, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. Callender, and the other Provincial officers and brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after a most harmonious meeting.

Red Cross of Constantine.

CONSECRATION OF A RED CROSS CONCLAVE AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

The interesting and imposing ceremonies of inaugurating, dedicating, and installing the officers of a new conclave of the Imperial Ecclesiastical, and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Rome, and K.H.S., under the title of Saxa Rubra Conclave, No. 69, were performed on Tuesday evening last, in the elegant rooms of Dr. Witt Clinton Commandery, No. 27, Brooklyn, under the auspices and by the authority of Sir Albert G. Goodall, 33°, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the State.

After the ceremonies of inaugurating and dedicating the conclave, the following officers and members were installed and constituted in ample form, with full power to do and perform all proper and lawful acts thereunto belonging:—E. Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder of the State Conclave, First Sovereign; Charles Aikman, First Viceroy; J. Anson Foster, G. W. Gritman, John Z. Johnson, Erskine H. Dickey, Robert P. Lethbridge, Charles H. Peck, James D. Kingsland, Caleb A. Eairy, and Joseph L. Edwards.

The charter, authorizing the establishment of this conclave, emanates from the Grand Imperial Council at London, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, Grand Sovereign.

This ancient and chivalric Order of Constantine having for many years enjoyed the patronage and protection of the most distinguished members of the Masonic body, the Grand Mastership having been held for many years, and up to the time of his death, by the Duke of Sussex. None but Knights Templar are admitted to membership in this country.—*New York Dispatch.*

MANCHESTER.—*County Palatine Conclave* (No. 50).—The meeting of this conclave took place on Saturday, the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The chair of C. was occupied by Ill. Sir Knt. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.S., in the absence of Ill. Sir Knt. W. Romaine Callender, M.P.S., who was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present. E. Sir Knt. Hargreaves discharged the duties of V.E. Among the other Sir Knts. present were Thomas Entwistle, P.S.; J. B. Robinson, Liverpool Conclave, and others. Bros. J. M. Beaton, and John Duffield, having been approved of, were received as Knights of Rome, and afterwards dubbed Knights of the Red Cross. Sir Knt. Hargreaves was then elected as M.P.S., for the ensuing year, and Sir Knt. Duffield as V.E. A college of Viceroys was then opened, and Sir Knt. Duffield was placed in the chair of E. by Sir Knt. Matier. The duties of High Prelate were most efficiently discharged by Sir Knt. Entwistle. All Viceroys having retired, a Senate of Sovereigns was then formed, and Sir Knt. Hargreaves was installed in the supreme chair with the accustomed solemnities, and saluted with the mystic number. On the conclave being resumed in the first grade, Sir Knt. Matier presented the warrant to the M.P.S. It was then resolved the installation fee should be raised to two guineas, and the subscription to one guinea. Several apologies were then read, and propositions made, after which the conclave was closed with the usual ceremony. The Knights Companions afterwards partook of the cup of cheerfulness, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to. We have every reason to believe that this conclave will be worked in a most efficient manner, and that with the assistance and support of the Past Sovereigns, the M.P.S. may look forward to a most prosperous term of office.

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Gabb's, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on the first Wednesday in June, by Bro. Austin, W.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, and other brethren. Business to commence at 7 p.m. precisely. Brethren of other lodges are respectfully invited.

Bro. T. W. Boord has been introduced to the Conservative electors of Greenwich as a candidate in that interest for the representation of the borough.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ST. CLAIR CHARTERS.

In a communication which appeared in the *Freemason* of June 8, 1872, Bro. Chalmers Izett Paton gave copies of the St. Clair Charters, which he alleged to be "from Hay's MSS. in the Advocates' Library." On March 29, 1873, I published through the same medium a note on the subject, which is here reproduced to enable the reader to judge whether its tone is either unmasonic or unbecoming, as Bro. Paton alleges:— "These copies, minus the copyist's or printers' errors which they contain, appeared to me at the time to be a literal transcript of the copies from the originals made by myself for the 'History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel),' and published in the *Freemason* of August 27, 1870. I have since examined the Hay MS., and I am confirmed in that opinion. The document given by Bro. Paton is not a copy made from the Hay MS. It differs considerably from it in orthography, in abbreviations, and in the arrangement and rendering of some of the signatures, and is simply a copy of my transcript of the originals published two years ago. I had previously, through the *Freemason* informed Bro. Paton of the existence of the original Charters—a fact of which he was ignorant. If Bro. Paton was unable to decipher the original Hay MSS., he should not have palmed off my transcription of the original charters as copies of them, nor should he have appropriated my work in any case without the courtesy of acknowledgment."

Bro. Paton has published in the *Freemason* of April 26, a rambling statement in which after indulging his taste for personalities, he in the most ungraceful manner pleads guilty to the charge of having published my transcripts of the original charters as *bona fide* copies of these documents from the Hay MS. He says, "I preferred to send printed copies rather than take the trouble of transcribing them, and I do not hesitate to say I cut them out of the *Freemason*, instead of cutting them as I might have done, out of a valuable book." In other words he deliberately presented to the Craft copies of the originals, representing them to be transcripts of the St. Clair Charters from the Hay MSS.

It will be readily admitted that it is of importance to the history of Freemasonry that copies of ancient documents should be honest transcripts of what they purport to be; and it is therefore less upon personal grounds than from a regard to historical accuracy, that I impeach Bro. Paton for deliberately publishing as a copy of a particular document, what is in reality the transcript of another and different document.

Bro. Paton denies my statement that he was ignorant of the existence of the original charter till I informed him of the fact through the *Freemason*. His ignorance in this respect was communicated by himself in the *Freemason* of July 30th, 1870, where he says:—"I frankly admit that I was not aware that the originals of these charters were known to be in existence, and I would feel greatly obliged to Bro. D. M. Lyon or any one else for any information where they are to be found, as I would be glad to take the first possible opportunity of examining them. The copies made by the industrious Father Hay, and now to be found in one of the volumes of MSS. in the Advocates' Library, alone seem to have been known to the historians of Freemasonry, and other writers on the subject to the present time." The information asked by Bro. Paton I gave through the *Freemason* of August 27th, 1870. And now, in 1873, Bro. Paton, forgetful of what he himself had written, and to wriggle out a difficulty in which he had placed himself, declares that copies of the originals had been published many years ago—first in Hay's 'Genealogies,' and also in Laurie's 'History of Freemasonry'—and that he himself had seen the originals long before I had heard of them. I forbear from characterising conduct like this.

Will Bro. Paton have the goodness to give the name of the person who borrowed the original charters from Professor Aytoun, and state whether it was before or after he himself became a mason that he saw them in the hands of the alleged borrower. Bro. Paton's statement that

the St. Clair Charters in possession of the Grand Lodge are "merely drafts," is a specimen, of the way in which he does not scruple to deal with historical documents to suit his own purposes. It is not usual for the autographs of parties, and attestations by notaries public, to be admitted to "mere drafts."

It is a curious and somewhat inexplicable fact that whereas the Hay copies of the St. Clair Charters are, like the originals, without date, the copies of the second charter which are given in Laurie's 'History of Freemasonry,' published in 1804, and Father Hay's 'Genealogies of the Saintclairs of Roslyn,' published in 1835, bears the date "Ed., 1630." This and other facts in connection with the Hay MSS., I have referred to in my History of the Lodge of Edinburgh.

D. MURRAY LYON.

P.S.—Since the above was written, I have received a communication from James Maidment, Esq., advocate, Edinburgh, the learned editor of the "Genealogies of the St. Clairs," in which he states his impression that he copied the date from Laurie's 'History.' That seems to fix on Laurie the onus of interpolating a date into the second charter.

D. M. L.

[Having inserted Bro. Lyon's answer to the explanation offered by Bro. Paton, (which was a reply to the statements made by the former brother respecting the "St. Clair Charters" sent by Bro. Paton, as copies from the originals, we must now close the correspondence. We cannot afford our numerous subscribers the necessary space to express their opinions of the worth of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, and of his devotion to Freemasonry, for the sufficient reason that their communication would occupy the whole of our columns for one week. We all know that Bro. Lyon's fame as a Masonic Historian is world wide.—ED. F. M.)]

SOUTH LONDON MASONIC HALL.

For a long time Freemasons in South London have very justly complained that they had no regular place in which to hold their meetings, but were forced to resort to public-houses—a course attended with many serious disadvantages. The brethren have at last made decided efforts to obtain a hall exclusively for Masonic purposes. When the scheme was first mooted, now little better than 12 months ago, owing to some mistake made as to the amount of capital necessary to be subscribed, but little support was given; but this defect having been remedied, the affair has been brought to a successful issue, and a company formed, with a capital of £3,000, in 600 shares of £5 each.

The object of the company is to provide a building specially adapted to the requirements of Masonic lodges, chapters, and conclaves, held in the South Metropolitan district, and in connection with this building there will be a large hall for the general use of the public, when it is not engaged for Masonic purposes. A most favourable site has been secured for the erection of the building. It is situated in the Camberwell New-road, between the Post-Office and County Court, close to the station of the London Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, and to the tramways from Brixton, Vauxhall, Westminster, Blackfriars, Peckham, and Greenwich. The site possesses a frontage of about 70 feet, with a depth of 150 feet, and it has been secured for a term of 99 years, at a very low ground-rent. The plans have been prepared by a well-known architect and member of the Craft, and embrace every improvement and convenience that long experience could suggest.

The front of the building in the Camberwell New-road will be of red brick, faced with stone dressings. The large hall will be approached by a corridor leading from the vestibule. It will be 54ft. by 37ft. by 26ft., and at one end will have a raised platform, and at the back of this a small room, 15ft. 6in. by 10ft. Here there will be every accommodation for dressing, &c., so that the hall will be eminently adapted for amateur dramatic performances, and similar entertainments.

The size of the lodge-room is to be 28ft. by 22ft. by 13ft. It will be fitted in the most approved Masonic style, and in strict accordance

with the rules of the craft, every attention being given to that detail which characterises a well-appointed lodge-room. In communication with this will be a reading-room, 18ft. 9in. by 13ft. by 13ft., fitted with a small library, and well supplied with papers and magazines. On the opposite side of the building the dining-room is to be situated. In size it will be 32ft. by 18ft. 9in. by 13ft., plainly but comfortably fitted. In connection with it will be a board-room, 18ft. 9in. by 11ft. by 10ft., for the transaction of Masonic business. The basement storey is to contain the most modern and perfect cooking appliances, as well a range of wine cellars and larders. The whole building will have excellent lavatory and water-closet accommodation, and in connection with the lodge-room there will be a well-fitted retiring and ante-room.

Although the chief object of the company is to promote the good of Freemasonry, the directors seem not to have lost sight of the important fact that it is necessary to study the shareholders from a commercial point of view, so that their investments may give a fair return. Estimates have therefore been carefully prepared, and it is found that the annual expenditure for ground rent, taxes, gas, coals, and sundries, will amount to about £200; the estimated annual receipts from lodges, chapters, lodges of instruction, conclaves, &c., including rent of wine cellars, about £220; and from rental of hall for concerts, public meetings, &c., about £300.

The hall will be capable of accommodating about 700 persons, and the cost, including the spacious Masonic rooms, furnishing, &c., is estimated at from £2,500 to £3,000, so that if the expectations as to receipts are realised—and there is every reason to believe they will be—the concern should pay 10 per cent. interest on the capital. This may fairly be taken as the minimum, for a good hall for theatrical and other purposes is so much needed in South London, that public lettings alone should return a very handsome per centage. A more favourable site could scarcely have been selected, being as it is in the heart of the southern district, and easily accessible from all parts. In erecting the building great attention is to be given to drainage and ventilation, while every room will be well lighted and amply supplied with water.

Among the directors of the company are Bros. E. Worthington, P.M., P.Z., of Loughborough Park (chairman), and John Thomas, P.M., P.Z., of Denmark-street, Camberwell (deputy chairman); M. S. Larham, York-street, Walworth; E. Pinder, M.D., Wilby Lodge, Camberwell; North Ritherdon, Wellington-road, West Hackney; James Adley Reeves, Gresham Park, Brixton; Wm. Ramsey, Farringdon-street; George Kenning, Upper Sydenham. The bankers are the London and County Bank, and the solicitor, Bro. Percival A. Nairne, P.M., P.Z., of Grove Hill, Camberwell.

The offices of the company are 47, Leipzig-road, Camberwell. From the very large amount of support the movement is receiving from the craft, it may safely be predicted that the Surrey Masonic Hall will soon become a flourishing South London Institution.—*South London Press.*

"THE INITIATE'S WELCOME."

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., P.Z.

Welcome brother! Well we greet thee!
Partaker of our mystic lore,
The gate of knowledge ope's before thee,
And, oh, how plentiful the store.

Linger not upon the threshold,
For nothing there canst thou acquire,
But onward press, nor pause a moment;
Let Truth and Virtue thee inspire.

The mystic pillars stand before thee,
The triad—Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty,—
To lure thee onward in the path
Of self-devoted duty.

To God we'll give our hearts and lives,
To man ungrudging aid;
And rise to that Grand Lodge above,
Where He who all things made
Lives and reigns for ever!

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS PRINGLE.

With sincere regret for the death of a good man, much esteemed and respected of all other men, we record the decease of Mr. Thomas Pringle, at Donoghue's, in the Ross District, New Zealand, on the 7th March. He was one of the early business men located in Hokitika, where he carried on trade for some time before he removed to the Totara. In Hokitika he was ever ready to assist in any movement for the good of his fellow men, and, being a Freemason, he took an active interest in the formation of a Masonic Lodge here in the early days. He was one of the founders of the Pacific Lodge, and remained a member to the last. More lately, when a Royal Arch Chapter was formed in Hokitika he became a Companion. His funeral was therefore conducted with Masonic ceremonial. The body was removed from Donoghue's in funeral procession early in the morning, and being brought to the Masonic Hall was placed there for the usual exhortations at the death of a brother. The lodge having been opened in due form, the brethren were called off to assist in the ceremony for which they had assembled. The funeral cortege was headed by a band playing the "Dead March in Saul." The members of the Pacific Lodge (of which the deceased was a member) followed, the Entered Apprentices first, then the Fellow Crafts, and then the Master Masons. The Kilwinning Lodge joined with the Pacific Lodge, and the officers of the two lodges followed after the members. These were succeeded by the officers of the District Grand Lodge, the Royal Arch Masons, and the three Principals of the Chapter; Comp. Lazar, D.G.M., and Past Z., acting as Chief Principal. The hearse followed with four brothers as pallbearers, then the chief mourners, and after them the general public on foot, on horseback, and in carriages. Comp. Osborne marshalled the Masonic portion of the procession, which was one of the largest of the kind that has taken place in Hokitika. At the grave, after the church service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Kirkland, Bro. Lazar read the beautiful Masonic service most impressively. The brethren then returned in procession to the lodge. We may mention that Bro. Hudson, as W.M. of the Pacific Lodge, took a very active part in the Masonic ceremony, and was very ably assisted by his officers.

BRO. EDWARD TUNBRIDGE.

On Tuesday, April 22nd, Bro. Edward Tunbridge died at Alkham, near Dover, the residence of his father, aged 57. He had (returned for the benefit of his health) to England, from Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, after an absence of 30 years. He was a member of the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 711, to which he had subscribed 13 years. He was a good and affectionate husband and father. His death will be mourned by a large circle of relations and friends, in England and Port Elizabeth.

BRO. JOHN PRIDHAM.

The funeral of this much-esteemed and highly respected citizen of Exeter took place on Saturday morning, at the Cemetery, before a goodly number of spectators. The funeral cortege, which consisted of a hearse and three mourning coaches, left the residence of the deceased shortly after half-past nine o'clock. All along the route shutters were up and blinds drawn, as a mark of respect towards the deceased. He was a Freemason, in which Order he took high honours, and by the members of the fraternity he was highly esteemed. The following members of the Order, who wore sprigs of acacia and white gloves, attended the remains of the deceased to the grave:—Bros. S. Jones, P.P.G.S.D., 112; Brewster, P.P.G.R., P.M., 39; H. W. Hooper, P.M., 1,254; W. Easton, P.G.S.W., 39; J. Moas, W.M. elect, 1,284; Way, P.P.G.T., 39; Dand, P.G.S.B., 39; T. Gardner, P.G.S., 39; J. Tucker, P.M., 1,254; Bailey, W.M., 444; W. Hugo, W.M., 1,254; G. Heath, P.M., 371; Wills, P.M., 1,284; J. Heath, Totnes, P.M., 710; J. Northam, B.L;

371; G. H. Warren, S.W., 1,254; Paine, S.D., 1,284; E. A. Northey, Plymouth, J.W., 1,205; C. C. Kendrick, S.D.; G. Huxham, T.; B. Barbor, S.; J. Badcock, W. G. Carter, C. Langdon, 1,254; H. F. Willey, Hutchings, H. J. Yelland, T. Lascelles, J. Taylor, E. Smale, Hooper, W. Bartlett, Blacking, A. H. Wills, S. Bastard, 1,284; S. C. Halse, J. Stile, T. Chudleigh, J. Algar, H. Cross, Sturgess, H. Lake, Lang, George Jury, Long, Vicary, Bridge, 39; W. R. Commings, 54; R. Pidsley, 640; Sobey, C. Titherley, Robinson, 106; J. Hill, 164; O. Angel, 710; R. Rouse, Serena, 1,284; and Bradshaw, Leghorn Lodge. Following these were Messrs. W. J. Richards, Birkett, Sclater, Limpenny, 2; Cowen, Rowdon, N. Bennett, G. Ward, Lisle, Mitchell, Savage, Reed, Kenshole, Yeo, W. Humphreys, S. Cross, Gill, Underhill, Henley, Turner, Carthew, Barker, Melhuish, Sampson, W. Norris, Perkins, J. Huxham, F. Pollard, H. Bennett, T. Day, Dr. Coxwell, Nosworthy, Moon, Uglow, Furze, Templar, and others. Then followed the hearse and mourning coaches. In the first coach were:—Mr. Southcott, sen., Mr. Robert Southcott, Mr. G. Southcott, and Mr. Pridham, (nephew of the deceased). Second coach—Mr. W. Southcott, Mr. Richard Southcott, Mr. Henry Southcott, and Mr. Toby. Third coach—the two executors: Messrs. Harrison (Topsham), and Carr (Exeter), and Dr. Hunt. The outer coffin was made of polished oak and panelled, with plated breast-plate, which bore the following inscription:—"John Pridham. Died May 5th, aged 45." On the plate were also three Masonic emblems, and on the top of the coffin were white camellias, and the cross of a Past Eminent Commander of Knights Templar, the gift of W. R. Woodman, P.M. At the grave the Freemasons threw their sprigs of acacia on the coffin. The Rev. J. L. Galton, Rector of St. Sidwell's, conducted the ceremony in a most impressive manner. Mr. J. Kenshole, of Heavitree, was the undertaker, and carried out his arrangements very satisfactorily. Messrs. West and Pedrick supplied the mourning coaches.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

We have received the following from a correspondent:—
Bro. Rev. Robert Paul Bent, the new Grand Chaplain, was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, Oxford, No. 340, in 1849. In 1865, he was W.M. of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 102, at North Walsham, and in the same year, and in 1866 was Prov. G. Chaplain of Norfolk, preaching twice to the Provincial Grand Lodge, in 1865 at Great Yarmouth, in 1866 at East Dereham. In the latter year he served the office of Steward of the Boys' School, representing the province of Norfolk. At the present time he is best-known in the province of Norths and Hunts, where he is frequently called upon to perform the office of Installing Master. His Masonic services came under the personal observation of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, at a Prov. G. Lodge at Peterborough a few years ago; hence probably his name being placed on the list of brethren eligible for the office of Grand Chaplain. Bro. Bent has been for the last few years a subscribing member of No. 10, Westminster and Keystone. He is the son of Bro. Major John Bent, an old Peninsular officer, who is probably one of the oldest Masons in England, having completed his 91st year on the 24th ult., and who entered both the Army and the Craft at the very beginning of the present century.

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OUR RAILWAYS.—Captain Tyler, in his report to the Board of Trade upon the capital, the traffic, and the working expenditure of the Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the year 1871, remarks that the train mileage receipts increased to a greater extent than the expenses; and hence it may be inferred that the average amount of work done by each train was greater, or, in other words, that the traffic in each country was in that respect more economically worked in 1871 than in 1870. This economy was greatest in England and least in Ireland.

PEACE CONFERENCE IN SCOTLAND.—A conference of delegates from trades and other societies in Scotland, representing a constituency of 116,000 men, was held in Glasgow, on Monday last, in connection with the Workmen's Peace Association. Resolutions were adopted condemning war, and approving of the plan proposed by the Workmen's Peace Association, of a High Court of Nations for the settlement of all disputes between nations. A Committee, entitled the Scottish Department of the Workmen's Peace Association, was appointed. A memorial to the House of Commons in favour of Mr. Henry Richard's motion upon international arbitration was adopted.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 30, 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 24.

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 26.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
Final meeting of the Board of Stewards to settle accounts of the late Festival of the Girls' School, at 5.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155 Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, May 27.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 167, St. John's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 180, St. James's Union, 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 28.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
" 597, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's-road.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place Poplar.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Graft 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 29.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall at 4
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 Arg'lers' 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.
Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, May 30.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
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 Couits Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom. Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33 Brompton-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
For the Week ending Saturday, May 31, 1873.

Monday, May 26th.
Lodge 148, Light, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
Chapter of Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
Tuesday, May 27th.
Lodge 1393, Hainer, 22, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Everton, Liverpool, at 6.
The Temple Chapter, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
Wednesday, May 28th.
Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
" 724 Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool at 7.30.
Thursday, May 29th.
Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
Saturday, May 31st.
Chapter of Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
For the week ending Saturday, May 31, 1873.

Monday, May 26.
Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170 Buchanan-st.
" 362, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-st.
Chap. 122, Thetis, Freemasons' Hall, 25, St. James's-street.
Tuesday, May 27.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.
Wednesday, May 28.
Lodge 570, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
" 187, St. John's, Black Bull, Carlisle.
Thursday, May 29.
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
Friday, May 30.
Lodge 347, St. John's Operative, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollockshaws.

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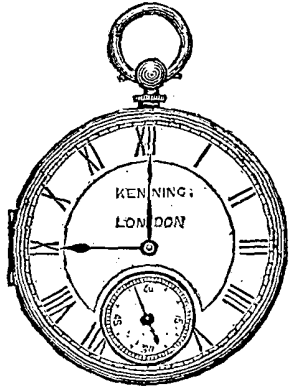
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