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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*The Mariner's Lodge* (No. 249). The brethren of this venerable lodge held their usual monthly meeting on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Edwin Hughes, W.M. There was a full attendance of officers and members, together with a large muster of visitors. Indeed, it is the boast of members that their lodge receives during the year a larger number of visitors, especially of Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, than any other in the province. The principal business to be transacted was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, the appointment of Auditors and Trustees of the lodge, and also of the Lodge Committee. The latter is one of the very best features of this carefully managed section of the fraternity, being formed for the special purpose of making inquiries into the character, standing, and peculiar fitness of every candidate for initiation before his name is allowed to be placed upon the circular, or go to the members for ballot. After the usual ceremony of initiation had been gone through by the W.M. and his officers, and due consideration paid to the cause of charity, Bro. Hughes, W.M., addressing the lodge on the subject of the election, begged the brethren to follow carefully the time-honoured system of that assembly by rewarding merit in the officers who had so faithfully performed their duty heretofore. It was, he said, at all times disastrous to the best interests of the Craft to promote feuds and discord by unnecessary changes, and he sincerely hoped the brethren would seriously exercise the important duty they had before them. This was uttered with the special intent of guiding the junior brethren. The W.M. and the whole of the P.M.'s present then signified their desire that their names should not be included amongst the candidates, and the ballot, upon being taken, resulted in the almost unanimous return of Bro. J. J. Rose, the S.W., who was at once declared duly elected W.M. for the coming year. Bro. Hughes warmly complimented the lodge upon the choice which it had made. Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 1094 and 249, was urgently pressed to resume the duties of the Treasurer, and after receiving his consent he was re-elected by acclamation. The business being disposed of, a notice of motion respecting an amendment of the bye-laws was adjourned until the next meeting, and it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Dr. Smith, P.M., "That a Lodge of Instruction, in connection with the Mariners' Lodge, should be formed," and of this Bro. Hamilton, one of the most capable and respected members, was appointed Secretary. The lodge was then closed in due form. At the banquet, held subsequently, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being first given in their entirety, Bro. Nicholas gave his new "A. B. C. Song," which, embracing as it did local and Masonic matters entirely novel, convulsed the brethren with laughter. In response to the warmest appeals, Bro. Nicholas followed with Tom Hood's poem of "Mary's Ghost," in a most spectral and midnightly style. Several

other brethren ably assisted to make melodious this happy evening, and at a timely hour the "Tyler's Toast" was given. It is worthy of notice that of late years this old lodge has not only been the means of forming others, but also has, by most careful management and admirable working, succeeded; whilst being famous for giving large sums in charity, in keeping up its funds and keeping up its character as second to none in the extensive province of West Lancashire. On Saturday, the 7th inst., a Lodge of Emergency was held for the purpose of disposing of general business in arrears. Bros. Barrow, Tickle, and Walker were then passed, and Gardner, Roberts, and Carrington raised to the higher degrees.

LIVERPOOL.—*Neptune Lodge* (No. 1264).—The annual gathering of this excellent lodge was held on Friday last, the 6th inst., the principal business being the installation of the W.M. Elect, and the investiture of officers. The gathering was particularly large, and perhaps one of the most influential ever held in connection with the "Neptune," as there was an unusual array of brethren holding past and present rank. The lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock by Bro. P. Merriman Gee, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. J. Taylor, P.M.; A. Davies, S.W.; J. S. Dixon, J.W.; J. Healing, Treas.; J. Pemberton, Sec.; T. Singleton, S.D.; W. Roberts, J.D.; J. Korn, S.; A. Cotter, S.; W. Royle, S.; W. H. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Ashworth, T. G. Wilkin, W. Barr, R. B. Bott, T. N. Jackson, P. West, H. Williams, J. Williams, E. T. Jones, E. Balson, W. Brewer, J. Cotterall, R. Farrell, J. Hughes, G. Smith, J. Hill, G. Cain, D. R. Davies, W. Heath, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Skcaf, P.G.O.; J. T. Callow, W.M. 673; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M. 721; T. Leighton, W.M. 1325; W. Archer, P.M. 1086; T. Evans, S.W. 1356; R. W. Holt, 1276; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; W. Shortis, W. M. 724; W. Doyle, P.M. 667; R. Ing, W.M. 594; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 249 and 1094; W. Jones, W.M. 220; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. Hocken, P.M. 673, and others. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. J. Hamer, as installing officer. Bro. Arthur Davies, W.M. Elect, was then presented for installation by Bro. Gee, I.P.M., and Bro. Taylor, P.M. After the usual ceremonials in connection with installation, the following brethren were invested as officers:—Bros. P. B. Gee, I.P.M.; J. S. Dixon, S.W.; T. Singleton, J.W.; J. Healing, Treas.; J. Pemberton, Sec.; W. Roberts, S.D.; A. Cotter, J.D.; W. Royle, I.G.; J. Hill, Org.; J. Taylor, P.M., M. of C.; Korn, Fish, and Hughes, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hamer for his services as installing Master. The W.M. subsequently presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Gee, who said he felt deeply the gift which had just been made. Nothing could have given him greater pleasure than that mark of esteem, and he could assure the brethren of the Neptune Lodge that he would cherish the remembrance of it till the close of his life. He also cordially thanked the officers for the active and valuable help they had rendered him during his year of office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet.

Red Cross of Constantine.

INAUGURATION OF THE DE SHURLAND CONCLAVE, No. 92.

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R.N., Viceroy; Staff-Surgeon James Johnstone, R.N.; Lieut. Albert R. Wigham, R.N.; Lieut. Harry F. Yeatman, R.N.; Assistant Paymasters J. M. Bruce, and T. Russell, R.N.

The deputation from the Grand Council was composed of Ill. Knts. R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, M.A., G.H. Almoner; J. Lewis Thomas, G. Architect; and J. G. Marsh, P.G. Architect; the G. Recorder, Dr. Woodman, and Sir G. E. Campbell, Bart., Inspct. Gen. of Hospitals, being at the last moment unable to attend. A procession having been duly formed, the knights entered the conclave chamber, when the chair was taken by Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, who delegated Sir Knts. Marsh to act as V.; H. C. Levander, as H.P.; and Thomas as G. Recorder. The splendid rite of inauguration was then proceeded with, and nothing could exceed the precision and solemnity of the whole ceremonial.

The conclave was thrice dedicated, and after the invocation and an appropriate hymn, the "De Shurland," No. 92, was declared duly formed, and its members authorised to receive brethren faithful and true into the pale of Christian Knighthood.

Sir Knt. Hancock was then enthroned as M.P.S.; Sir Knt. Jolliffe inducted into the chair of Eusebius, and the officers were then appointed.

The following brethren were then installed as Knights of the Order:—Bros. Edward Penny (1089); Alfred Ingleton (1089); Robert Draycon (1273); and Payne (158).

Comp. Parsons officiated as, and was elected to the post of Sentinel.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the members of the Grand Council who had attended and assisted during the ceremonies, and this compliment was acknowledged by Sir Knt. Little.

The M.P.S. then proposed, the Viceroy seconded, and it was carried by acclamation, that the Conclave should become an annual subscriber to the Masonic Institution for Girls.

After some formal business the Conclave was then closed, and the Knights adjourned to the banqueting-room, which we may remark was the lodge room of the De Shurland Lodge, and very beautifully fitted.

No pleasanter evening was ever spent in Masonic fellowship than that which succeeded, the general regret being that, owing to the early departure of the Grand Councillors for London, it was considerably abbreviated.

Toast followed toast in quick succession, speech trod upon the trailing garments of speech in rapid rotation, and at the early hour of eight, the bell—the "railway bell"—close by, tolled the hour for retiring. "Then there was mounting in hot haste," a rush for *chapeaux*, a grasping of hands, nay, the whole *posse comitatus* of new-made Knights insisted upon seeing their "Conscrip Fathers" safely off by train, and, accordingly, "accompanied them to the spot," where a comfortable carriage and a quiet "smoke up" counteracted the regrets experienced by the London Knights upon leaving such jolly good company as they had found amongst the gallant sons of Neptune and "De Shurland" the bold "Baronne."

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—This conclave met at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when the chair was occupied by Sir Knt. R. Wentworth Little, P. Sov., in the absence, through indisposition, of Sir Knt. G. Kenning, M.P.S. Ballots having been taken for several candidates and joining members, Bros. Lieut.-Col. James Peters and James Pettengill were duly installed Knights of the Order. A College of Viceroy was then opened, when Sir Knts. Peters and Pettengill were advanced to the priestly grade, after which a Senate of Princes was held for the reception of Sir Knts. H. A. Dubois, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Col. Peters, and Pettengill. Sir Knt. Moss was enthroned as M.P.S., and the following officers were invested:—Sir Knts. E. Sillifant, V.; T. B. Yeoman, S.G.; H. A. Dubois, J.G.; Rev. Dr. Bratte, H.P.; T. Cubitt, P. Sov., Treas.; R. W. Little, P. Sov., Rec.; G. S. Haines, Prefect; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, S.B.; H. Parker, Organist. The sum of one guinea was voted as an annual subscription to the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Conclave was then closed. A banquet, which gave the utmost satisfaction to all present, was then served, and upon the withdrawal of the cloth the usual toasts were given, and received with enthusiasm. The performances of Sir Knt. H. Parker on the pianoforte formed a most agreeable addition to the evening's proceedings, and several capital songs were sung. The Knights present comprised Colonel Burdett, Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., Colonel Whitbread, H. C. Levander, J. G. Marsh, W. C. Lucey, M.D., C. Hogard, E. H. Thiellay, J. T. Moss, E. Sillifant, H. Parker, F. Walters, R. W. Little, H. A. Dubois, Rev. Dr. Brette, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, T. Cubitt, W. H. Hubbard, Col. J. Peters, and J. Pettengill.

The following charters for new Red Cross Conclaves have been recently granted.

- No. 93, Saxa Rubia, Brooklyn, New York.
 „ 94, Labarum, Manchester, New Hampshire.
 „ 95, Indus Valley, Mooltan, East Indies.
 „ 96, St. Mark's, Newport, Monmouthshire.
 „ 97, Walton, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 „ 98, Roman Eagle, Lawrence, Massachusetts.
 „ 99, Bard of Avon, London.
 „ 100, Constantine, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, ROSE CROSS, H.R.D.M.—This Chapter was held on the 27th ultimo, at 33, Golden-square, when the following members of the Order attended:—Captain N. G. Phillips, 33°, Lieut. G. Com.; J. M. P. Montague, 33°, G. Sec. Gen.; Hyde Pullen, 33°; Major S. H. Clarke, 33°; R. Costa, 32°; J. Hervey, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Colonel Burdett, 32° (Ireland), M.W.S. Elect; R. Wentworth Little, 30°, P.M.W.S.; H. C. Levander, 1st Gen.; T. L. Fox, 2nd Gen.; C. E. Williams, 30°; J. W. Barrett, Raph.; J. T. Moss, Herald; E. Stanton Jones, Organist; Sir G. E. Campbell, Bart.; T. Cubitt, J. Boyd, L. Hirsch, E. Hewett, C. Hammerton, and E. Sillifant. The following candidates were admitted to the 18°:—Colonel James Peters, John Dixon, M.D., Constantino Peragini, and Eugene H. Thiellay. Colonel Burdett, who had hitherto been unable to attend, was duly installed as M.W.S. The elections for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. G. Kenning, 30°, as M.W.S., and Bro. J. Hervey, 31°, P.M.W.S., as Treasurer. The alms having been collected, the Chapter was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent dinner was served, and the evening was spent in the greatest harmony and social good feeling. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M.W.S., presided at the banquet.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73). This old lodge had a visit from the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., headed by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. The P.G.S., Bro. A. McFaggart, M.A., having examined the books of the lodge, reported that he had found everything in perfect order, the Acting P.G.M. then addressed the lodge, congratulating them on their continued progress, he found that not only had the Secretary done his duty with the books, but the R.W.M. and all his officers appeared to be thoroughly efficient in their several duties, and it was a source of great pleasure to the Provincial Grand Lodge when they came to inspect the various lodges under their jurisdiction to find them working so satisfactorily. The Provincial Grand Lodge then retired, having another visitation to make. The R.W.M. then initiated Mr. George McBeth in the Order, after which, at his request, Bro. Wheeler took the S.W. chair, and Bro. T. Stewart passed Bro. P. McAdams to the second degree. The lodge having been raised to the third degree, Bro. Bain, P.M. of No. 3 bis, in a very impressive manner raised Bro. Alex. Neilson to the sublime degree, for which he received the thanks of the lodge and the R.W.M.

This concluded a very lengthened meeting, all the work having been performed in a highly satisfactory manner.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

We are requested to state that the numbers polled at Grand Lodge for the several candidates for the Board were as follows:—

SUCCESSFUL.	
Bro. Henry C. Levander, P.M. 76	158
„ John A. Rucker, P.M. 66	145
„ Samuel Mullens, W.M. 753	139
„ Witham M. Bywater, P.M. 19	137
„ Joseph C. Parkinson, W.M. 778	133
„ Frederick G. Finch, W.M. 33	127
„ Standish G. Grady, W.M. 14... ..	123
„ Peter de L. Long, P.M. 1150... ..	123
„ Henry Gruning, W.M. 197	119
„ Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21... ..	119
„ J. Bagot Scriven, W.M. 5	116
„ Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902	107
„ William Johnson, W.M. 1201	99
„ Edwin March, P.M. 99	88
UNSUCCESSFUL.	
Bro. Samuel May, P.M. 780	76
„ Edwin Sillifant, P.M. 217	69
„ George Kelly, P.M. 63	47
„ Walter H. Wilkin, W.M. 1	46
„ William Smith, P.M. 26... ..	38

Original Correspondence.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the proceedings of the Grand Mark Lodge in the last *Freemason*, you state, "Before Grand Lodge met, Earl Percy, who was to be installed as Grand Master, was installed as Grand Master of the Royal Ark Mariners, the degree being now given under the authority of Grand Mark Lodge by the Mark Lodges under its jurisdiction;" and you have omitted my name as one of those Past Grand Officers present at the Grand Mark Lodge.

Perhaps you will allow me to add, for the information of all Royal Ark Masons, that I had the very great pleasure of presiding as W.C.N. at a special lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, at which the Earl Percy, the Grand Master elect of M.M.M., was elevated to that ancient and honourable degree, in the presence of, and assisted by, Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M.M.M.; F. Binckes, R. W. Little, A. D. Loewenstark, G. Neal, S. Bryant, S. Funkenzstein, and others; and I afterwards opened a special assembly of Commanders, assisted by Bro. F. Binckes as J., and Bro. R. W. Little as S., when Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal and Earl Percy received the degree of Commander. Bro. Earl Percy was then invested and enthroned as Grand Commander of Royal Ark Masons, and saluted by the brethren present. It is with the greatest satisfaction that I am enabled to say that all Royal Ark Mariners may look up to the M.W. the Earl Percy as Grand Commander or Grand Master of Royal Ark Mariners, and to say that all matters between the two Grand Lodges have now happily been settled; and that the members of the new Grand Council of Royal Ark Mariners are to be selected from those Past Grand Officers of the Order who have qualified themselves.

In conclusion, I am quite sure that this very beautiful and ancient degree will—under the control of its new Grand Commander, Earl Percy, and its future Grand Council, and attached to the Grand Mark Lodge—receive the hearty support of all Mark Master Masons.

Yours fraternally,

MORRIS EDWARDS,

P.G. Commander.

7, Gower-street, Bedford-square,

June 7th, 1873.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. ROGERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"B. B." is mistaken if he thinks that the testimonial to Dr. Rogers has anything to do with Masonry. The subject I know, was

transferred to your columns, and when I saw mention of it there, I thought that the officious person who had sent it to you would have done well to leave it alone. The testimonials which has been on foot for some long time now, is got up by members of the Grampian Club, a body of Scottish gentlemen, anxious to promote the publication of works on Scotland's history. It is in recognition of the Doctor's efforts in this direction that the testimonial is proposed, and the "Masonic Educational Institutions" "B. B." is so desirous to puff are not likely to suffer one jot by it.

Query.—Was the original paragraph in *The Freemason*, about the testimonial, sent by "B. B." himself, to give him an opportunity to write against it next week, and so obtain a cheap advertisement for the "excellent Masonic Educational Institutions?"

Yours fraternally,

F. Y.

CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you inform me what right and privileges, as to wearing the charity jewel or clasps belong to a brother who has served the office of Steward at an anniversary festival of the Boys' School, and has contributed personally the sum of ten guineas.

Yours fraternally,

P. M.,

Steward and Life Governor, R.M.B.I.

THE "ORDER OF THE TEMPLE" AND BRO. HOLMES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am quite at a loss to know if our learned Bro. Holmes's letter, at page 356, is intended as an answer to Bro. Dr. Hodge's communication, to Bro. Rev. P. H. Newnham's pointed questions, or to my short review. I say "intended as an answer," because the letter does not appear to me to be a reply to either of us, but is an evident attempt to draw us into a consideration of matters quite irrelevant to the present inquiry.

However interesting a consideration of the "Masonic Red Cross Degrees" may be, and though the discussion between Bro. John Yarker and myself was in some respects an important one, I fail to see why either should be examined to any extent now, seeing the points in dispute are wholly distinct from the aims and endeavours of our Bro. Holmes. I am ready at a suitable opportunity to discuss the historical position of the "Red Cross of Rome and Constantine;" meanwhile we have to do with the new Templar organisation, which I think Bro. Holmes has failed to prove either to be Masonic or desirable, and certainly not ancient or chivalric; although I cheerfully acknowledge his capital history of the Knights Templar to be an able production, apart from its Masonic bearings.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

UNVEILING THE REREDOS IN GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

(From the *Gloucester Journal*.)

A public ceremonial in which the Masonic Craft takes part is of so rare occurrence that a great amount of interest necessarily attaches to it. The presentation of the magnificent reredos, which has been so liberally subscribed for by the Masons of the province, as their contribution towards the Cathedral restoration, which has been for some time in progress, naturally afforded such an occasion. It is scarcely necessary to remark how appropriate comes such a contribution towards the restoration and decoration of a fine building like our ancient Cathedral from such an august body as the Freemasons, which may almost be said to date its existence from time immemorial; for writers on Masonry, themselves Masons, affirm that the Order has had being "ever since symmetry began, and harmony displayed her charms." The Craft has been traced by some to the building of Solomon's

Temple; and it is said the architects from the African coast, Mahometans, brought it into Spain about the sixth century. Its introduction into this country took place about 674. The Grand Lodge at York was founded in the year 926. The finishing, if, not the erection of many of our gothic cathedrals has been attributed to Freemasons, who, without considerations of pay, nobly devoted their lives and talents to the work of raising these "grand poems in stone," to their eternal "Grand Master." It is only from such devoted souls, living in a sort of atmosphere of religious fervour that we could possibly have the first conception of the exquisite form, exquisitely wrought out so conscientiously by patient and laborious hands, as far removed from the contract spirit in which modern public buildings are erected as it is possible to conceive. The most venerated and sacred spot of all in a church was, of course, the altar, and here it was in ancient times that the most solemn and impressive ceremonies of the church were performed, and none but the favoured few dare enter its sacred precincts. Beneath the altar, as the most perfect place of safety, were deposited relics and treasures, space for their reception being specially left in the shape of recesses beneath the walls, generally sunk below the level of the floor, reached by lock-guarded doors, which were let into the screen. The lavish manner in which many of the altars of our church in mediæval times were enriched with gems, precious metals, exquisite carvings, and pictures—the offerings of the wealthy devotee—indicate pretty accurately the spirit which prevailed. Our richest decorations, in comparison with them, appear dim and tame, though we may claim a purer, because a simpler, taste. The magnificent reredos, however, well recalls some of the glories of our ancient altar-pieces; while it has the merit of being in perfect harmony with the character of the venerable and stately building in which it is erected, with whose surroundings it blends most pleasantly, and in accordance with the strictest canons of taste in gothic architecture, as interpreted by the highest known authority, Sir Gilbert Scott. The Freemasons have therefore good reason to be proud of their generosity being directed into so fine a channel; and we are sure their gift will be regarded with pleasure and gratitude alike by the church authorities, by all admirers of noble architecture, and by the public at large, who look upon our cathedral with feelings akin to veneration.

The importance which has attached to the formal opening of this grand work justifies us in going somewhat into detail in describing its history and completion. We will, however, first briefly refer to the reredos and screen which previously existed on the site of the present new one. Between 40 and 50 years ago an altar screen from designs by the late Mr. Smirke was erected. This consisted chiefly of stone panelling, and had no pretensions to architectural or sculptural display. It was put in place of the older work, which Fosbrooke states was formerly behind it, in fresco. The latter old altar-piece is stated to have been removed to the parish church of Cheltenham. In 1718 it appears that a curious picture in distemper was discovered against the east wall of the nave, behind the wainscoting. This was removed to the triforium at the south transept, where it remained for many years. In the account of the cathedral published by the Society of Antiquaries in 1809, it was stated that "it is supposed this picture once made part of the decorations of the high altar, as its dimensions agree with the original altar screen now remaining, behind the modern one set up in the seventeenth century." It was nine feet seven and a-quarter inches in height. It had been painted on a white plaster ground laid on oak planking three-quarters of an inch thick. Portions only of the frame remained. It consisted of a striking though somewhat rough representation of the Last Judgment, a large number of figures being represented. Mr. Scharf considered it one of the most important specimens of English painting he remembered to have seen. It was a coarse epitome of the famous altar piece at Dantzic, of the date of 1467. He considered it to have been painted at the end of the reign of Henry VIII., or Edward

VI. Although not found *in situ* at the altar, the conclusion drawn from its dimensions, that it once occupied that place, seems to be a fair one. About two years ago, before the commencement of the present work by Sir Gilbert Scott, the screen which had been erected by Mr. Smirke was removed, and Mr. Waller, the resident architect of the Cathedral, who has always taken a special interest in all that appertains to the ancient work it contains, discovered the foundations of the original reredos, with two doors of approach between the reredos and the back screen. Each of these doors leads by three curved steps to a floor of a lower level, forming what is known as a feretory, in which it is supposed that valuables were deposited, three recesses apparently for that purpose exist beneath the altar, and two beneath the wall screen at the back. We understand a very correct plan of this ancient work has been made by Mr. Waller, who also found there the foundations of the two Norman pillars, one on each side, showing clearly, as the crypt indicates, the original form of the Norman Church, prior to the erection of the present Lady-Chapel. The lower portion of the walls nearest the east window is considered to be a part of the old chapel, and the main walls of the building, which were erected by Abbots Hanley and Farley about 1472-1498, are brought gradually from a much greater width to the same dimensions, so as to interfere as little as possible with the light to the great east window. There is no doubt that the ancient reredos which existed on the site of the present new one was a fine structure, gorgeously painted, probably in a similar style to the four sedilia on the south side, the colouring of which may be traced. These have been beautifully restored from designs by Sir Gilbert Scott, but of course without the colouring which covered the originals. The canopy work has been made to surmount twelve statuettes, by Mr. Redfern, which have an exceedingly fine effect. These represent the founder and several successive abbots who have taken the most prominent part in the construction of the building, in their order of date, the oldest standing towards the east.

The reredos is of Painswick stone, and screens of the same material are attached to it, reaching to the north and south walls of the choir. A small portion of an embattled cornice of the ancient work, which was attached to the north and south walls, gave the position and leading features of the design; the place and width of the doors were also found from the remains of the ancient work. The doors are of polished oak, and elaborately panelled and carved.

The lower stage of the reredos contains three large niches, and four smaller ones, the bases of the niches resting on a shelf which is four feet six inches from the level of the altar step; in each niche there is a pedestal of a semi-octagonal form with carved cornice and cresting, being two feet in height from the shelf. The pedestals in the large niches support groups of sculpture, while single figures rest on those in the small ones. To each niche there is an elaborate canopy, delicately panelled, and with pinnacles of a highly ornamental character at the angles. The arches to the canopies are richly moulded, cusped, and crocketed, the bosses to the arch of the central one being formed of angles, while the vaulting is of a very intricate nature. An ornate cresting completes the cornice of these canopies, and the niches are separated by panelled pinnacles, each having three rows of gables, and widened at the lower part by slightly projecting buttresses. At the extreme ends of the reredos are two large pinnacles of a similar character, and attached to the rest by flying buttresses, cusped and crocketed, the distance between these being seventeen feet, seven inches. Over each of the large niches is a lofty canopy, with pierced tracery on each side, and crockets at the angles, the central one being higher than the rest, and surmounted by a richly-carved and well-proportioned cross, while the other two have carved finials. The cross is upwards of twenty-six feet from the level of the altar step. Each of the canopies has three niches, divided as before with pinnacle buttresses, each having a tall canopy, with cusped ogee arches, and ornamented with crockets at the angles. All the canopies are vaulted, and under each pedestal is

an angel bearing in his hand an emblem or instrument of the "Passion." Commencing on the north side the first carries the dice, the next the crown of thorns, and the third the whipping post and scourge. In the central canopy the angel carries the nails and hammer, the one in the centre bears the cross, and the third the sponge. In the canopy on the south side the first angel holds the chalice, the second the spear, and the third the ladder. In the lower stage of the reredos, the first figure commencing on the north side, is Moses bearing the tablets of the law. Next him is a subject representing the "Nativity"—a ministering angel stands behind the figure of the Holy Child, and S. Mary kneels in an attitude of adoration beside Him, while S. Joseph completes the group. Next to this is a figure of S. Peter, the Patron Saint, bearing his emblem, the keys. In the centre is represented the Ascension of Our Lord, His hands slightly raised in the attitude of blessing His disciples, who are kneeling in the foreground. Next to this is the figure of S. Paul bearing his emblem, the sword. Then follows the entombment of Our Lord, S. Mary Magdalene kneels in front, while figures of the Blessed Virgin, S. John, and S. Joseph of Arimathea, occupy the back ground. The series is completed by the figure of David playing on the harp. The group are two feet nine inches wide, and the single figures are three feet six inches high. The design for the reredos was given by Sir Gilbert Scott, R. A. the masonry and carving were executed by Messrs. Farmer and Brindley, of London; and the sculpture is by Mr. Redfern, of the same place. The stone is from the quarries belonging to Messrs. Wingate, of this city. The contracts for the work amount to about £1,200, which is all covered by the subscriptions given by the Freemasons. A brass-plate at the back of the reredos bears the following inscription:—"Glory to God in the Highest! This reredos was erected and presented by the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucestershire, June, A.D. 1873. The Rt. Hon. Henry Legge Dutton, Baron Sherborne, P.G.M.; George Fred. Newmarch, D.P.G.M.; Thos. Gill Palmer, P.G. Treas.; Edwd. Trinder, P.G. Sec.

A list of the subscriptions has been beautifully illuminated on vellum by Mr. J. Turner, and bound in black morocco, forming a handsome volume. The following is a copy of the title-page, as far as lettering goes:—

"On the fifth day of June Anno Domini, 1873,

THE REREDOS

Of the Cathedral Church of Gloucester, having been erected at the cost of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Gloucestershire, was presented to the Dean and Chapter by the Right Honourable James Lord Sherborne, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of the Masonic body. Provincial Grand Master: The Right Hon. James Lord Sherborne. Deputy Provincial Grand Master: George Frederick Newmarch. Provincial Grand Treasurer: Thomas Gill Palmer. Provincial Grand Secretary: Edward Trinder."

This, as the title page of the volume, is elaborately and beautifully illuminated. The initial letters of the first two words are in crimson and blue, the rest of the letters being in blue, on a finely foliated background in orange. The interlaced ornament is firmly, though finely, painted, and the colours harmonise well. The names of the chief Masters of the subscribing lodges, which come next, are also brought out in brilliant colours, and surrounded by ornament. A representation of the sun in gold surmounts the lettering; and the whole is enclosed in a border of gold, shaded with brown. Encircled by the initial letters are represented various symbolic objects, an interpretation of which, as given by a Masonic authority, we append. "The three lesser lights of Masonry indicate the sun, the moon, and the Master of the lodge. The sun, the centre of light and heat, turns the thoughts to God that made it. The initial letter T has represented enclosed within it the moon, with the square and compass resting upon the tesserae of a Masonic pavement. "The square is an emblem of our duty to God and man. Inequality by its two sides, the greater and the lesser, it teaches duty, by reminding us

that all our actions should be guided by the strict rules of rectitude. The compass teaches that as by its means we describe a circle which is confined within the boundary of its circumference, so we should at all time keep our desires within due bounds." Both the square and the compass are also emblematical of the sciences and the useful arts. The moon represents the Mason receiving his light from above; and as the moon is sometimes eclipsed, but regains her former brilliancy after a while, the Mason is reminded thereby when through accident or infirmity of nature he has fallen from his moral rectitude, to return to the path of light. In the initial R of the next word is another design, the letter enclosing a representation of the mallet, chisel, and plumb, resting on an unhewn block of stone, by the side of which lies a rule. "The rule directs that we should punctually observe our duty, press forward in the path of virtue, and incline neither to the right nor to the left. The plumb line teaches moral rectitude, to avoid dissimulation in conversation and action, and to direct our steps in the path which leads to immortality. The chisel demonstrates the advantages of discipline and education. The mind, like the diamond in its original state, is unpolished; but as the effects of the chisel on the external surface of the stone present to view the latent beauties of the diamond, so education discovers the latent beauties of the mind, and draws them forth to range the wide field of matter and space. The plumb admonishes us to walk upright in our station, and to hold the scales of justice in equal poise. The mallet teaches us to lop off excrescences and to correct irregularities. What the mallet is to the operative Mason, enlightened reason is to the passions of the speculative mason; it curbs ambition, represses envy, moderates anger, and encourages good dispositions." Then follows a list of the subscribers to the work, under the heads of the respective lodges to which they now belong, or have previously belonged, with the addition of some few non-members who have been subscribers to the work. Precedence in the list is given to the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham, as being the oldest lodge established in the Province. Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham, which comes next in order, is an older lodge in point of establishment, but was brought up from Berkshire. Then follow Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge, No. 270, Berkeley, where the Right Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge heads the list. Next come the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, Gloucester; Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, which embraces the names of the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne, the Provincial Grand Master, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.; Sherborne Lodge, No. 702, Stroud; St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Dursley; the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester, which has the largest number of subscribers, and the largest amount; Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge; St. George's Lodge, No. 900, Tewkesbury; Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 951, Stow-on-the-Wold; Zetland Lodge, No. 1007, Newent; Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067; Tynedale Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury. A ribbon containing the name of the designer, Mr. J. Turner, brings the elegant volume to a close. The binding is ornamented with Masonic emblems in gilt—a double square on the face, and square and compass at each corner, with a foliated border, and similar emblems on the back.

THE CEREMONIAL.

Great preparations had been made at the Cathedral and the vicinity for the opening ceremonial. The reedos was hidden from view by a white cloth, which was suspended by cords from the triforium. When the unveiling took place these were loosened, and the covering slowly descended. In order that as many of the general public as possible might witness the ceremony, arrangements were made for the occupation of every part of the Cathedral, including the nave and triforium, from which a view could be obtained. Tickets for these latter places were obtainable by the general public on application to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Mr. Tinder. Although all the best places were early occupied, there was space in the nave for more spectators than were present. The choir

was reserved chiefly for those taking part in the service and procession. Outside the Cathedral, ropes were stretched round portions of the College-green to preserve space for those entering by the south porch and west door. A large body of persons assembled, notwithstanding the rain which was falling, and had a good view of the procession as it wound round from the College Gardens into the western entrance. Most of the windows in the vicinity commanding a view were also occupied by interested spectators. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Michael's gave early intimation of a day of rejoicing, and rang merry peals at intervals during the day. Besides the numerous Freemasons coming from different parts of Gloucestershire, and from distant counties, many strangers were attracted to the city, which presented a scene of bustle and excitement, in which the gay dresses of a large number of ladies were conspicuous, reminding us of the times when the city is *en fête* at the Musical Festivals. Unfortunately the weather was not so fine as it had been hoped and expected it would be. The morning broke dull, and threatening clouds hung about. Soon after midday rain began to fall, and though not heavy, it continued at intervals until after the procession had entered the Cathedral at half-past three o'clock.

The day's proceedings, as far as the Freemasons were concerned, were initiated by the holding of a Provincial Grand Lodge, at the Bell Hotel, at twelve o'clock, by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne. Provincial Grand Officers were directed to wear their provincial grand clothing; other brethren Craft clothing, the officers Past Masters and P.M.'s wearing their collars and jewels. The Chapter Room and North Cloister were the place in which the brethren were directed to assemble prior to the starting of the procession, the time fixed for which was three o'clock. It was arranged that the Mayor and corporation should head the procession, proceeding round the Cathedral Gardens, and College Green, and entering the Cathedral at the west door. Here the Provincial Grand Master was to be met by the Lord Bishop, the Dean with the canons, clergy, lay clerks, and choristers preceding him with their choir, followed by the Provincial Grand Officers, the members of the lodges of the province, following in inverted order, according to their seniority. Soon after three o'clock the procession left the north cloister, and arrived at the west door in the following order:—

Two Prov. Grand Officers with wands.
The Mayor and Corporation, preceded by the Mace Bearers and Cap of Maintenance.
Brethren not Prov. Grand Officers nor members of any Lodge in the Province.
Members of Lodges of the Province in the following order:—

Tyndall Lodge, Chipping Sodbury, 1363.
Forest of Dean Lodge, Coleford, 1067.
Zetland Lodge, Newent, 1005.
Prince of Wales Lodge, Stow-on-the-Wold, 951.
St. George's Lodge, Tewkesbury, 900.
Lodge of Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge, 855.
Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, Gloucester, 839.
St. John's Lodge, Dursley, 785.
Sherborne Lodge, Stroud, 702.
Cotteswold Lodge, Cirencester, 592.
Royal Lebanon Lodge, Gloucester, 493.
Faith and Friendship Lodge, Berkeley, 270.
Foundation Lodge, Cheltenham, 82.
Royal Union Lodge, Cheltenham, 246.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE:
Bro. G. Rennie Powell, Prov. G. Purst.
Past Prov. G. Pursts. of all Lodges.
Bro. G. Woodward, Prov. G. Org.
Past Prov. G. Sword Bearers.
Past Prov. G. Directors of Cers.
Past Prov. Grand Superintendents of Works.
Bro. Redfern, Prov. G. Supt. of Works.
Past Prov. G. Deacons.
Bro. E. Trinder, Prov. G. Sec.
Past Prov. G. Registrars.
Bro. W. Gaisford, Prov. G. Reg.
Bro. T. G. Palmer, Prov. G. Treas.
Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., G. Partridge, and others.
Past Prov. G. Wardens.
Visitors of distinction, including
Prov. G. Officers of other Provinces.

Bro. J. E. Dorington (senior) and Bro. H. Jeff's (junior) Prov. G. Wardens.
Bro. W. Warren, Junior G. Deacon.
Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. G. Chap.
Bro. Newmarch, the Dep. Prov. G. Master.
Prov. G. Sword Bearer.
The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master Lord Sherborne.
Bro. S. Green, the Senior G. Deacon.
Bro. Wiggins, Prov. G. Tyler.

Owing to a slight hitch in the arrangements a little delay occurred in the reception of the procession, the first part which made a slight halt in the nave for the clergy, &c., to pass them, and then continued their advance into the choir, and took up the places allotted to them, a voluntary being played by Dr. Wesley. The Bishop, wearing his full scarlet canonicals and doctor's hood, and accompanied by his chaplains, took his place in the procession, with the Dean, canons, lay clerks, and choristers, the Grand Master, &c., following, and as they moved forward the choir commenced singing the well-known hymn "The Church's one foundation" to Dr. Wesley's *Aurelia*. Two lines of the hymn were sung without the organ accompaniment, but at third line, commencing—"She is His new Creation," with some of the softer stops Dr. Wesley joined in with the organ, judiciously increasing the power as the procession advanced. The sight presented by the procession, as it filed along the Cathedral, was striking and picturesque. The light blue clothing of the first part of the procession contrasted with the darker blue and purple of the latter portion, comprising the higher dignitaries of the Order, with their richer and more diversified colours and glittering jewels, the scarlet uniform of some of the brethren who were militia officers, giving additional variety to the colour of the line. The hymn was concluded by the time that all had taken up their allotted places in the chancel. All eyes were now directed towards the reedos. The Provincial Grand Master, approaching the altar, gave the signal by a wave of the hand, and the curtain concealing the reedos was gradually lowered. The Grand Master then formally made the presentation of the reedos to the ecclesiastical dignitaries, who had taken their places at the altar, the Dean acknowledging the gift by a slight inclination of the head, first to the Grand Master and then to the brethren. The Lord Bishop then proceeded to his throne, and the other dignitaries to the places assigned them. The choir then sang the "Hallelujah Chorus." This magnificent and ever welcome chorus, so full of graceful harmonies, combined with freshness and beauty was exceedingly well rendered. The prolonged notes on the words "King of kings and Lord of lords," ranging from lower A to upper G, were remarkably well sustained in the treble by the chorister boys, and by the fine "filling up" of the other parts, produced a grand and impressive effect. The scene presented by the congregation was novel and striking. Near the altar were the brethren who were not Provincial Grand Officers, wearing their blue and silver collars and aprons; the Mayor, in his scarlet robes, faced the Bishop, also wearing his of a similar hue; next to the former came the black gowns of the other members of the corporation, and further on, the white robes of the lay clerks and choristers, and below these the chiefs of the Masonic order of the Province in purple and gold collars, aprons, gauntlets, and jewels, Lord Sherborne, the Provincial Grand Master, being distinguished by a gold collar. Opposite to him was P.P.G.W., Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. Near to him, with his black gown and crimson hood, sat the Past Grand Chaplain of England, the Rev. C. R. Davy, with purple and gold collar, gauntlets, and jewels, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother Newmarch, and numerous other officers. The brighter coloured dresses of the lady portion of the congregation were dotted about, the whole overlooked by another congregation in the triforium, gazing with interest on the scene below. Through the open door of the chamber could be seen a third congregation, in a vista of pillars, the nave, diminishing like a picture in the distance—

"With rich reflection of the storied glass,"

The usual evening service was then proceeded with, Dr. Wesley's well-known service in F being used. The Rev. Precentor Clark intoned the service. The First Lesson was read by the Dean, and the Second by the Bishop. After the third Collect, Bach's anthem, "Blessing, glory, wisdom, and thanks," was sung. This grand work, originally written for eight voices, which is generally considered one of Bach's finest, among his many fine productions, was perhaps the most impressive portion of the musical service. Especially was this the case in the fine chorale, "To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," with the magnificent ending, in full harmony, "Hallelujah. Amen." The verse parts were taken by Master Thomas (treble), B. Gay (alto), Mr. Hargrave (tenor), and Mr. Woodward (bass). The grand Old Hundredth Psalm was then sang according to the old version, not only in regard to harmony, but also as to time. This is wholly at variance with modern ideas, which find it impossible to accept a style, in which each verse occupies about 75 seconds in the singing.

The Rev. C. Raikes Davy, who wore the insignia of Past Grand Chaplain of England and Provincial Grand Chaplain and a large number of Masonic jewels, then preached the sermon. He took his text from the 90th Psalm and 17th verse, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; yea the work of our hands to establish thou it." The rev. gentleman said: Such was the pious inspiration of Moses, the man of God, when he concluded the affecting review which this Psalm contains of the shortness and frailty of man's mortal life and mortal labour, in contrast with the eternity and unchangeableness of God. After the ceremonial in which we have been engaged this day, what more becoming words can we utter when we come before the Lord than these?—"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands, establish thou it." To us, my Masonic brethren, who have taken a prominent part in its proceedings, it must afford peculiar gratification that our Order has been privileged to engage in this work and labour of love in connection with this temple and its worship; and others who are here present, and particularly those who are in any way connected with this Cathedral—this ancient city—and the county of Gloucester must rejoice in the endeavour that has been made to adorn this sacred building and to promote the glory of the most High. And here a question may naturally arise—one which has often been asked, and one which is not easily answered—"What is Freemasonry?" I purpose, therefore, in the first place, to offer a few remarks on the nature and origin of our society; as on this occasion so many of its members are assembled within these hallowed walls, which were originally designed and executed by our Masonic fraternity many centuries ago to perpetuate the blessings of religion, and to transmit them to us and to generations yet unborn. Now, Freemasonry, in its primary signification, is an Art and Science as ancient as it is useful and extensive. Its antiquity and utility is generally acknowledged in most parts of the habitable globe. We may trace its foundation from the commencement of the world. Ever since symmetry began and harmony displayed its charms our Order has had a being. No art or science preceded it. It has existed for ages through various countries, languages, sects, and parties, up to the present period. It is so established that it may endure till time shall be no more. In our own country and in our foreign dominions it has flourished, and still continues to flourish, under the protection and guidance of some of our greatest statesmen, of our nobility, and even of Princes of the Royal Family. Yet it is a remarkable fact, that, though Freemasonry is so universally prevalent, the outward world is but little acquainted with its general principles, and totally ignorant of the more truly valuable parts of our time-honoured institution. A well-known learned author has given us an instance of the truth of this statement in his definition of the word Freemason. "One of a numerous society who profess having a secret to keep." But had he known anything at all of the subject, had he been favoured with one glimpse within the veil which hides our converse from the rest of mankind, had he been

in the least acquainted with our esoteric teaching, he never would have uttered an idea so erroneous. If the essence of Masonry consisted in the knowledge of any particular secrets or peculiar forms, or imaginary benefits, it might indeed be alleged that our pursuits are trifling and superficial. But this is not the case. Our ceremonies are the only keys to our treasure. From the lessons which they inculcate the well-informed Mason derives instruction. They are laid before him for inspection. He views them through a proper medium. He adverts to the circumstances which gave rise. He dwells upon the tenets which they convey. Finding them replete with useful information, he prizes them as a sacred trust. Being convinced of their propriety, he estimates their value accordingly. Such is the nature of the teaching of our lodges, which, like the Adyta of the ancient temples, are hid from the eyes of the uninitiated. But as to the possession of a secret unknown to the rest of the world, we profess nothing of the kind. Such a supposition is utterly absurd. It is true that all our affairs and transactions are conducted in secret, but we do not on that account pretend to be better or wiser than our fellow creatures. Let us look at the present state of society in general. The diffusion of knowledge is a remarkable feature of the times in which we live. The strong barriers which formerly confined the stores of wisdom have been broken down; old establishments are adapting themselves to the spirit of the age; new establishments are rising; schools are introducing new systems of instruction; books without number are rendering every man's bedside a school, either for good or evil. From all these causes there is growing up an enlightened public opinion, which quickens and directs every art and science, and, through the medium of the press, is now becoming the governing influence in all the affairs of men. In the early ages of society men were destitute of these methods of diffusing knowledge, which we now so super-abundantly enjoy. The few discoveries in Art and Science which were then made were necessarily confined to a small number of individuals. In those times the pursuit of Science was a secondary consideration to public utility and the necessities of life. As architecture was the first occupation of mankind even in a rude state, for protection and support, so it is superior to every other mechanical profession. As men extended their dominion over the works of Nature, greater efforts of human skill would be demanded, and those who required the assistance of Art would alone endeavour to obtain it. The information which they acquired individually would be imparted to others of the same profession as themselves, and thus associations would be formed for the mutual communication of knowledge and the mutual improvement of its members. Hence originated particular societies of men to whom scientific knowledge was confined, and which gradually developed themselves, and combined to form an institution that has been sanctioned by ages, embracing individuals of every nation, of every religion, and of every condition in life, all united as brethren—considering that they are springing from the same origin, are partakers of the same nature, are sharers of the same hopes, and are destined to the same end. Thus in the earliest ages of antiquity our fraternity was founded. To it scientific knowledge was originally confined. This was communicated with the greatest care and circumspection—not in schools or academies, but in certain fraternities, the rulers of which instructed their disciples, and concealing their teaching, by hieroglyphics, symbols, allegories, and figures, such as they alone could explain. By this means they conveyed their knowledge, and handed it down to posterity. In process of time these societies gradually developed themselves and combined to form an institution which, like the electric telegraph, girdles the world with its magnetic influence, and extends from pole to pole. By secret and inviolable signs, carefully preserved among our fraternity, it becomes an universal language. Beside the common ties of humanity, we are bound by still stronger obligations to kind and friendly offices. The universal principles of our Art unite in one indissoluble bond of affection, men of the most

opposite characters and habits, and of the most distant lands. The Briton meets a brother among the remote Chinese, the wild Arab, and the American savage. In every nation a Mason may find a friend, and in every clime a home. Such is the nature of Freemasonry, and he who cultivates this Science, and acts agreeably to the character of a Mason, finds a subject of contemplation that is inexhaustible and ever new. It not only enlarges the mind and expands its powers, but raises it above this world upwards towards heaven. Though it is based on morality and science, it does not end here. Having inculcate moral duties and led to the advancement of the intellectual faculties in the paths of science, it rises by degrees to higher and more heavenly themes.

(To be continued.)

Reviews.

A valuable little shilling book for tourists has just been issued by Messrs Cook & Son, the well known excursion agents, and at the present time, when so many are preparing to visit the Vienna Exhibition will prove a very valuable source of information. It comprises a Time-Table for all the principal railways, steamers, and diligences, &c., on the Continent. The Tourist is informed of the quickest mode of reaching the principal cities of the Continent from London, and Paris, without the trouble of hunting up the times of the trains from point to point from the general tables.

The special features which distinguished this book from its colleagues are:—the omission of all small and unimportant names of places, which in existing time tables serve only to perplex the traveller, in the arrangement of the time tables, a mode very little known has been adopted, one list of names of stations serves for both the up and down lines, or out and home journeys. The tables being read downwards in the one case, and upwards in the other. This arrangement reduces the matter to one half. The tables are illustrated with eight sectional maps, showing the different routes, &c.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Old Faith and the New, by D. F. Strauss.

Record of Draught of Water of Sea-going Ships, leaving ports in the United Kingdom.

The People's History of Cleveland, by Bro. G. M. Tweddell.

Descriptive notice on the Theatrico Historical Religious Labarium.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania for 1872.

Boletim do Grande Oriente do Brazil.

Obituary.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Bro. J. N. Garrod, which took place at his residence, Wyndham House, St. John's Wood, on Thursday. Bro. Garrod was a member of the Common Council for the ward of Aldersgate, which he had represented since 1869. He had long been known in Aldersgate as one who took an active part in parochial affairs, and will be long remembered there for his many acts of kindness. It was with him that the idea originated of presenting the "Aldersgate Window" to the new library at Guildhall, and he showed a lively and practical interest in its erection. Much sympathy has been expressed for Mrs. Garrod and the family in their sudden and painful bereavement.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS: Healing not Harmful:—Persons striving to live honestly and to pay their way, have these never failing remedies within reach, which, used as directed, successfully dispose of a serious illness at a trifling expense. No application has met with the same universal approbation, for curing all external ailments as that which this unguent has received. Skin sores, deep ulcers, foetid discharges, burns, blistered surfaces and many similar affections are at once soothed and put on the road to soundness by Holloway's Ointment. With his Ointment and his Pills, the wealthy may save themselves much suffering and the poor may help themselves to health, since these medicaments are reasonable in price and can be purchased in every hamlet.—ADVT.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

MACKENZIE.—June 9, at 20, Church-road, Stanley, near Liverpool, the wife of Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

RAMSON—Book.—June 4, at St. Saviour's Church, Falkner-square, Liverpool, by Bro. the Rev. G. H. Hobson, M.A., Vicar of Guilden, Sutton, P.P.G. Chaplain of Cheshire, brother-in-law of the bride, Bro. Edward Ramson, of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, to Lucy, youngest daughter of Bro. Dr. Book, of the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203, Liverpool. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist of West Lancashire, played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

DEATHS.

GARROD.—On the 5th inst., after ten weeks' illness, at Wyndham House, Carlton Hill, N.W., Bro. Joseph Nicholas Garrod, Esq., of Falcon-square, C.C. of the ward of Aldersgate, aged 62.

HEALING.—June 8, at 12, Great George-square, Liverpool, aged 10 years, Martha Lyon, daughter of Bro. Wm. Healing, of Lodge 1094.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending June 21.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Marie Wilton's Company in "Man and Wife."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. Miscellaneous Dramatic Performances.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Seaton Parry. Mr. Byron's new drama, "Chained to the Oar."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frece. Burlesque of "The Colleen Bawn," "The Sylphide," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

S. T. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artists and Programme.

NEW STAR MUSIC HALL, Williamson-square.—Manager, Bro. Saunders. Opera and Special Attractions.

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ROYAL CIRQUE.—William Brown-st.—Equestrian and other Performances.

NEWSOME'S CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circus and other Entertainments.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1873.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The recent changes which have revolutionised the entire character and constitution of Masonic Knight Templarism in this country have evoked, as our readers are aware, a considerable amount of chagrin and bitterness amongst those mem-

bers of the Order who believe, whether rightly or wrongly, that the revolutionists, in their pursuit of a chimera, have sacrificed the substance to the shadow. Neither has adverse criticism, we regret to say, been confined to the limited circle of Templars who happen to disapprove of the Colquhoun regime, inasmuch as the publicity given by the daily press to the installation of the Prince of Wales as chief of the non-Masonic Templars has brought down showers of sarcasm not only upon the devoted head of His Royal Highness, but upon the new Order in general. Nevertheless, although we entertain a strong opinion as to the gross impolicy of dissociating modern Templary from its foster mother Freemasonry, we should, in all probability, have refrained from comment upon the subject, in the charitable belief that, however mistaken in their views, the Colquhoun party were actuated to some extent by *bonâ fide* feelings, and by an excusable, although preposterous, idea of placing the Order in a better position before the public.

Our sentiments of benevolent neutrality have, however, now received a rude and startling shock. Not content with stamping out—as if he were dealing with the rinderpest—every trace of a Masonic origin, every evidence of a Masonic development in his revised Order of the Temple; Not satisfied with having torn from the history of the Order its very title-page to respect—Uneasy until he had deprived Templary of its *raison d'être*, the life, the spirit of Masonry which animated and sustained the whole body—not content, we repeat, with the success of his unholy and lamentable efforts in one direction, Sir Patrick Colquhoun deliberately steps out of his way to attack another Order—long akin to the Masonic Confraternity of Knights Templar—and one which is supported not only in England, but throughout the world by the best and noblest sons of the Masonic Craft. Out of his own lips this Arch Chancellor stands condemned, and we scarcely know which excites our greater astonishment in the following epistle, namely, the grandiloquent egotism which pervades its every line, or the marvellous folly that could allow such an anti-Masonic production to see the light. Fain would we hope that the subjoined letter is a clever hoax upon the Chancellor, but unfortunately it bears too much internal evidence to permit many doubts as to its authenticity.

Nothing but a solemn retraction of this libellous and uncalled for attack upon the Supreme Grand Council 33°, of which (we may remark *en passant* our popular Deputy Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon is a member), will ever set Sir Patrick Colquhoun right again in the minds of all honest Masons, and we trust he will speedily disown the letter as a crude, hasty, and ill-conditioned enunciation of his recent policy.

Premising that we copy the communication from the *Washington Sunday Herald*, we now leave our readers to judge for themselves, believing that at the present state of the question further comment is superfluous.

"The letter from London, which we publish to-day, gives an authoritative history of the negotiations that brought to a consummation, on the 7th of April, the great change in the recon-

struction of the Order of the Temple, which was celebrated by one of the grandest and most interesting Masonic festivals that has occurred for many years in England, on the occasion of the union of the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England and the Grand Conclave of High Knights Templar of Ireland, together with the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the United Orders.

The writer of the letter is Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Knight Commander of the Bath, (*sic?*) Queen's Counsellor, L.L.D., &c., and Grand Chancellor of the Order. Sir Patrick, with all his diplomatic ability, could not prevail upon the Scotch Masons to join this great movement—hence the "pitching into" that sturdy crew of militants. It was at the suggestion of Sir Patrick that the new Order of the Cross was conferred upon J. Q. A. Fellows, of New Orleans, as Grand Master of the American Knights Templar, on the same occasion that the Cross was given to the Emperor of Germany and the King of Sweden, who are active Masons:

"2, King's Bench-walk, Temple,

"London, 13 April, 1873.

"To John Scott Cunningham, U. S. Navy.

"Langham Hotel, London.

"My Dear Sir: The questions you put to me require a somewhat lengthy reply, in making which I trust you will excuse inevitable prolixity.

"When the Ionian Islands (where I had been Chief Justice) were surrendered by Mr. Gladstone to the Crown of Greece, I returned to England, and found the Order of the Temple more or less in a state of disorder. The Grand Chancellor, Mr. John Halsey Law, a barrister and Fellow of King's, was anxious to resign his office, and the Grand Master Stuart, desirous to find some lawyer of standing to succeed him, the office was proposed to me and I accepted it. I, however soon found that there was everything to be done in the way of administrative reconstruction; official order and routine had been neglected, and the whole body in danger of lapsing into anarchy. I, however, applied myself seriously to the work, and by slow steps restored order and discipline, for the materials were for the most part good. The first step was to decentralise and render the provinces responsible to the governing body; in other words to make the Provincial Commanders responsible for their provinces, on a constitutional basis. Thus the Grand Master's authority penetrated to the youngest knight in a legitimate manner.

"Honours and dignities were no longer distributed by favour, but by merit, and the Provincial Officers became real entities instead of ornamental and unmeaning dignitaries. This system was followed out in all its consequences order began to revive, and the body was purged of many abuses.

"Convinced that the Prince of Wales must some day become a Mason and join the body, I conceived the idea of His Royal Highness being constituted its head, and directed my efforts to that end.

"The first step was to combine the three Kingdoms by a solemn compact of reciprocity. This done, soon after, His Royal Highness, as I

foresaw, was made a Mason and Templar by the King of Sweden. I lost no time in waiting on His Royal Highness and inviting him to visit our Grand Conclave as a guest to judge for himself. He was graciously pleased to accept the invitation, and approve of the mode in which business was conducted. At another interview His Royal Highness consented to become a member of the Early Encampment of England of Faith and Fidelity. Again His Royal Highness sent for me and expressed his desire to attend Grand Conclave as a member of our body with His Highness Prince John of Glucksburg, (Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales's uncle,) who was elected a member of the Early Encampment of England. Shortly after His Royal Highness accepted the command of that Encampment, and was duly installed by the Earl of Limerick. The Grand Master Stuart of England, being desirous of resigning his office, from his advanced age and failing health, I applied to the Prince to assume the supreme command of the Three Kingdoms, and statutes were passed to that end. The three Grand Masters were to become Great Priors of their respective nationalities and the Prince Grand Master of all the Empire. The Duke of Leinster at once resigned the name he had hitherto held, in the Prince's favour, the Grand Master Stuart did the same, but the Scotch, a small and unimportant body, in violation of their solemn compact, stood aloof, to the astonishment of all, and doubtless bitterly regret the step they have taken, and the disloyalty they have evinced, to their own detriment. The important section of the Irish Templars, on the other hand, showed an animus which demonstrates the real character of the upper and respectable class of Irish society, working heartily to the great consummation you witnessed on the 7th instant.

The principle accepted was that the body is not in itself Masonic, but has a Masonic basis and qualification, in other words, that nothing was Masonic in the strict sense, except the Craft, from which body alone Templars could be taken. This is so in Sweden, and originally also here, it was, therefore, a mere assertion of an existing principle. In Sweden the Order has State and Court recognition.

You inquire also how we can have Grand Crosses, Commanders, &c., in this Order. I reply that these dignities stand on the same basis and bear the same analogy to the Order as the Order does to Masonry. These honours can only be conferred on Templars, a status which is a condition precedent to those dignities. Just in the same manner as no one can be a bishop except he be a clergyman, no one a judge except he be a barrister, none a member of the military division of the Order of the Bath except he be a soldier, none a Provisional Prior except he be a Templar and Preceptor. It is also in some measure a substitute for Past Rank, that ridiculous aping of Craft Masonry with which it has no connection. Thus at present, if any member accomplish a worthy act, the Grand Master has the power of rewarding him, without the absurdity of appointing him to a temporary office which he does not perform; on the contrary, he directly and at once recognises and places a signal stamp on his deserts. The system heretofore adopted

is as ridiculous as though a man were to go about styling himself Past President of the United States.

"As we profess to be a chivalric body and cannot be so in the sense of the 11th and 12th centuries, let us be so according to the usages of the 19th century. A voluntary body, bound by a vow of profession, modified so as to meet the exigencies of our age, we want no assistance from the law; no charter of incorporation. We all swear to obey our own internal laws or suffer the penalty our own constituted judicial authorities may inflict. We do not trade on our Order, we trust each other as a body of gentlemen.

"The Supreme Council of the so-called Ancient and Accepted Rite, has taken another view of their degrees, it has incorporated itself as a trading company for the sale of degrees under the Limited Liability Act, thus exposed itself to the interference of the ordinary courts of law. It has set up a shop for the sale of Masonic or quasi-Masonic Degrees, and thus exposed itself to the danger of having its title questioned, and its right to sell, the question of consideration raised, its accounts and transactions overhauled, and may be wound up by order of the court.

"We stand on a firmer basis; we do not seek the autocratic and irresponsible power of a self-elected body, considering ourselves safer under a limited monarchy so constituted as to combine representative government with military discipline, which enables us to amalgamate with other similar bodies, whereas the principle adopted by the Ancient and Accepted Rite only allows them to contract with others, as one mercantile firm does with another, and that only within the power contained within the four corners of its deed, whereby all elasticity and development is taken away or restricted.

"We could amalgamate with the United States of America, which the Ancient and Accepted Rite could not; we might form the most powerful organisation in the world by bringing under one head all speaking the same language or tongue. We might make one people out of various nationalities, while they must remain confined within their own narrow sphere. Ours is a truly cosmopolitan organisation, susceptible of extensions to any degree, and as in ancient times there was but one Grand Master, so now there is nothing to prevent even different nationalities assembling under one Supreme Head, divided into tongues or nationalities as of old, without any interference with their individual political allegiance.

"The first step has been taken by the late amalgamation. It may receive further development, at least it is capable of it.

"These, my dear Sir, are my views of modern Templarism—large and liberal views, based on conservative principles, tending to render the Order powerful and nationally useful to its members and mankind in general.

"Believe me, yours fraternally,

"P. COLQUHON."

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.

REFORM IN THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

BY A PAST MASTER.

At the regular quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Monday, the 6th of May, 1873, a motion, of which due notice had been given, was made and carried by a majority, "that at the beginning of next Masonic year, the Grand Lodge be composed of Right Worshipful Masters, actual Wardens, and Past Masters." It is almost impossible to over estimate the importance of the change thus effected in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a change which cannot but be hailed with delight by Freemasons in general throughout the Scottish jurisdiction, and regarded by their brethren in England and other countries as greatly conducive to the advancement of the interests of Freemasonry in Scotland. It is a complete reform of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, a reform calculated to put an end at once and for ever to abuses which have long prevailed, and have grown to great magnitude; to make the Grand Lodge a body such as, according to the principles of Freemasonry, it ought to be, worthy of the respect and confidence of the brethren throughout Scotland; truly representative of the lodges within its jurisdiction, composed of free, independent, and intelligent members, having the interests of the Order at heart, and not likely to be influenced by petty and personal considerations. The step which was taken on the 6th of May is one which can never be retraced. It may be matter for some wonder that it was taken, that the Grand Lodge agreed to reform its own constitution; but it would be matter of far more wonder if the Grand Lodge, such as it will be after the beginning of next Masonic year, were to listen with any degree of favour to a proposal for a return to the proxy system, now happily abolished.

We have so often pointed out the evils of the proxy system which has hitherto prevailed in Scotland, that it is not necessary to say much on the subject now, even to show what cause there is to rejoice over its abolition. It has been a fertile source of abuses which have brought dishonour on Scottish Freemasonry; it has made the Grand Lodge weak, and subject to the domination of a small clique, mindful of their private interests, more than of those of the Brotherhood; it has been a cause of weakness that has been felt throughout the whole Masonic body to the utmost limits of the Scottish Jurisdiction. The Proxy System was, so far as we are aware, peculiar to Scotland, nothing like it ever existed in England, nor anywhere else in the world. The change now made in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, assimilates it to that of the Grand Lodge of England, and of the Grand Lodges of other countries. It is henceforth to consist, like the Grand Lodge of England, exclusively of all the Masters and Wardens of lodges, and of Past Masters. Hitherto lodges could either be represented in the Grand Lodge, either by their actual Masters and Wardens, or by other brethren of any lodge within the jurisdiction, the lodge appointing a Proxy Master as one of its representatives, and he appointing two Proxy Wardens, who thereupon also become members of the Grand Lodge. This system was at first adopted, it would seem, in consequence of the tediousness and expense of travelling, and the consequent inability of the Masters and Wardens of lodges in distant parts of the country to attend regularly the communications of the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh. But practically, instead of securing the representation of all lodges, it only gave opportunity for packing the Grand Lodge, in order to the carrying of any particular motion, or the maintenance of a scheme of policy upon which a few active members of it, agreed in private.

Many lodges were not represented at all, neglecting to avail themselves of a privilege which they had no reason to regard as of great value. When therefore it was desired to accomplish a particular object in the Grand Lodge, those who combined for its accomplishment were accustomed to meet and consider how the members of the Grand Lodge might be expected to vote, and what addition to the number on their own side would secure them a victory. Then

they set to work. Letters were written to unrepresented lodges recommending to each of them some trusty brother, and asking that he might be appointed Proxy Master, and soon as he had received his commission, he proceeded to appoint two Proxy Wardens. In the selection of Proxy Masters and Proxy Wardens, the one thing attended to was the certainty of a vote on the right side. Masonic knowledge, Masonic experience, and all other things worthy of consideration as entitling a man to the honour of a place in the Grand Lodge, were utterly disregarded, indeed a mean subserviency was a great recommendation. Thus the Grand Lodge came to have amongst its members, many who had just recently been admitted into the Brotherhood, and could not be supposed to know much about the questions which were likely to come before the Grand Lodge, or to make up their minds upon them intelligently and wisely; many of imperfect education, and of social position very far from elevated. It was not uncommon for men to be made Masons in order that they might be presently brought into Grand Lodge, to give their votes on the most important questions—questions of such a nature as they had never before heard of. An active member of the Grand Lodge went about among his acquaintances, particularly those of rather inferior station in society than himself, and after perhaps sounding them a little, suggested the idea of their becoming Masons, and getting into Grand Lodge.

To be members of the Grand Lodge was an honour much to be desired, but there was a difficulty in the way—the payment of the fees. This was quickly removed, the fees were to be paid for the new member, and the honour was to cost him nothing. However, a clear understanding was come to on the subject of voting, and the brother who feared he might be at a loss how to vote, was either instructed as to some particular question, or told that all would be right if he held up his right hand when he saw his friend do so who procured for him the appointment of Proxy Master or Proxy Warden for some lodge of the existence of which he had never before heard, situated in some village, the very name of which was new to him, and its geographical position unknown. And all was made right accordingly. In this and no better way were many motions carried in the Grand Lodge. What wonder that the Grand Lodge failed to command the respect which it ought to have received from the whole brotherhood in Scotland? What wonder that its affairs were grievously mismanaged; and that the lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges were often aggrieved by its proceedings? What wonder that the abolition of the proxy system is a subject of general rejoicing and mutual congratulations? It may be thought somewhat wonderful, however, that the motion for a thorough reform of the Grand Lodge was carried in the Quarterly Communication of 6th May. This was not accomplished without an effort, but it was by means of the most honourable kind; by an awakening of the interest of Freemasons throughout the country in a matter so deeply concerning their interests and that of those of the Order. Lodges were thus led to send up their Actual Master and Wardens to the Grand Lodge, in such numbers, that a majority in favour of the motion was obtained. New life was infused into the Grand Lodge, and means were at once adopted to insure its continued vigour—means very simple, but than which no better could possibly be employed.

The only reason which could ever be advanced in favour of the proxy system—that which has already been stated, has ceased to have the force it once had.

Travelling is now so rapid and inexpensive that the Masters and Wardens of lodges, even in the most distant part of the country, may easily attend the communications of the Grand Lodge. It may be mentioned that the Grand Lodge, at one of its quarterly communications, appointed a new office-bearer, a Grand Director of Excursions, who may be expected to make arrangements with railway companies, not only concerning excursions, but also the travelling of members of the Grand Lodge to and from its place of meeting on occasion of its communications.

Masters and Wardens of lodges will thus have the opportunity of taking part in the discussion and decision of all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, and those in which any lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge is particularly interested, are sure to receive due attention. Great advantage may also be expected to result from their saying how the Grand Lodge is worked, and thus acquiring Masonic knowledge and experience which they may afterwards turn to account in their respective spheres. Hitherto the means possessed by Scottish Freemasons in general of making such acquirements have been very limited. Great advantage may also be expected from the very diffusion of interest in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and the concerns of Freemasonry, by Masters and Wardens returning from its meetings to their own lodges.

A most important part of the reform just accomplished is the new position assigned to Past Masters. The office of Master of a lodge is made more worth aspiring to by the permanent right of membership in the Grand Lodge now conferred upon Past Masters. This, which has long been the rule in the English jurisdiction, is new to that of Scotland.

Hitherto in Scotland, through a blind mistake seriously detrimental to the interests of the Order, Past Masters have been shelved, and the knowledge and experience which they have acquired as Masters of lodges and in the inferior offices through which they ascended to this, has never been made available in any special way. As members for life of the Grand Lodge they will now be able to render valuable services; and much benefit may be confidently anticipated from the presence in the Grand Lodge of a large number of really well trained Masons, instead of its being in great part composed, as hitherto, of Masons as untrained and ignorant of Freemasonry, as any to be found in Scotland, who have never held any office in any lodge, and some of whom their own lodges would never think of appointing even as Stewards. It is not to be supposed that any man can attain a thorough knowledge of Freemasonry in a day. Years of careful study and observation are requisite, before anyone, however intelligent, becomes acquainted with all its laws, regulations, and modes of working.

The change now made in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge will give a fresh impulse to the study of Masonry amongst the younger brethren, with whom it will be a matter of honourable ambition to qualify themselves for those offices in the Grand Lodge which give the right of membership of the Grand Lodge, and especially for the office of Master which gives that right for life. A secondary advantage, but not an inconsiderable one, will be the discontinuance of the practice prevalent in many lodges of re-electing the same brother as Master year after year, by which the younger members are discouraged and made careless of all that concerns Freemasonry. Whilst well trained Masons take the place of untrained Masons in the Grand Lodge, or in Masonic phrase, smooth ashlar of rough ashlar—the process of training will be more assiduously carried on everywhere, and smooth ashlar will become more numerous in all lodges.

If lodges in the colonies wish any matter to be brought under the consideration of the Grand Lodge they will now have an opportunity of entrusting to the care of a Past Master, really capable of attending it well. The names of Past Masters will of course always appear in the Grand Lodge roll, from which a list of them can easily be obtained.

Of course in the motion carried on the 6th of May, the term Past Master must be regarded as denoting those who have been actually Masters of lodges and them only. There is a Masonic honour peculiar to Scotland, known as a Past Master's Degree, conferred on brethren who have never filled the office of Master of a lodge. On them no right of membership of the Grand Lodge is conferred. They were certainly not contemplated in the motion.

They are Past Masters only nominally, not really. It were to be desired that the conferring of a Past Master's Degree should be discontinued.

There is absurdity in styling a man Past Master who never was Master, and the confusion of the nomenclature is inconvenient.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

On Tuesday week, at the conclusion of the business of the Grand Lodge, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, when about sixty brethren sat down to table, headed by Earl Percy, M.W.G.M.M.M., who had on his left the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.M., and was supported by most of his newly appointed Grand Officers.

At the clearing of the cloth, the choir provided by Bro. John Read, P.G.O., sang grace, and the toasts of the evening were immediately proceeded with.

The Grand Master, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said that the Institution which he should couple with the name of Her Majesty was one which was well worthy to be in such good company, the great institution of Mark Masonry, which was as widely spread as the British dominions. It had flourished under the rule of successive Grand Masters, but never more so than under the Grand Master who had immediately preceded him. He felt that he should have a very onerous task before him to emulate the works of these Past Grand Masters; but he was certain of this, that whether he could or could not in any way benefit Mark Masonry, it had now made such a start that it was sure to flourish, and would flourish in spite of everything.

The Rev. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M., then proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," and said he knew it would give the brethren as great pleasure to drink it as it did him to propose it. The Grand Master did not come before them as an unknown man. First of all they had known him as their Deputy Grand Master for some years, the duties of which he had fulfilled to their entire satisfaction. He was also Provincial Grand Master of that most important Province of Northumberland and Durham, and the great success which had attended Mark Masonry hitherto would continue, they might safely prophecy, from the excellent proofs he had already given of the regularity and rigour of his administration.

The M.W.G.M., who, on rising to acknowledge the toast was received with great applause, said:—Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Brethren, I thank you very much for the cordial way in which my health has been proposed, and for the very kind way in which you have accepted it. I confess that I rise upon this occasion with feelings of more shyness, if I may be allowed to use the expression, than ordinary, because I feel, in the first place, that you have done me a kindness this evening which is not often accorded to one of your Grand Masters. When you were kind enough last year to elect me as your Grand Master, if I had been able to accept at once the honour which you designed for me, I should have felt that I had received great honour and great consideration at your hands; but when you were content to wait my time, as it were—although, perhaps, it might not strictly be called my time; yet when you were contented to wait to have to rule over you—though I do not give you much credit for that, because I know you had over you one in whom you placed more confidence than in most of those who rule the Craft, yet in some sense a state of uncertainty—and I think I should be very wanting in proper feeling if I were not to express to you my gratitude for the kind way in which you waited till I was able to occupy this chair, and then were kind enough to ratify your decision on the first occasion, and raise me to this proud position. I have said before, in Grand Lodge upstairs, that I should have been unwilling to occupy the position which I do, were it not that I felt that I should be supported both by Grand Officers and Grand Lodge. But I should like to add this one remark to what I have already said, and it is, that according to our constitutions, admirable as they are, we have Grand Officers selected, not, as it were, from the immediate cognisance of the Grand Master, but by the recommendation of lodges in the provinces. (Hear, hear.) The consequence of that

must necessarily be that the Grand Master is not so intimately acquainted with the Grand Officers as he would be if he were to appoint his own personal friends; at the same time, I believe that for the good of the Order in general, it is much more advantageous that those who really know the merits of brethren scattered all over the kingdom should send up those who are eligible for office in Grand Lodge. I only say this to show that I trust to the good feeling of the brethren, as much towards the office I hold and to the prestige that lies upon it, and those who have held it before me, as I do to the personal feeling which I am proud to think many of you have towards me—some of you, doubtless, it is impossible you should have, knowing, as I do, that you are almost unacquainted with your Grand Master. At the same time, I know that you so far trust the holders of this office that you will support them with the utmost cordiality. I do not think I need further dilate upon the toast which you have just drunk so kindly. I will only say one word more on this subject, that you will find in me one who will try his utmost to benefit and advance the prosperity of the Order, and who will give his utmost attention to consulting the wishes of the brethren in any Masonic matter. I do not want to sit down without proposing another health, one which, I am sure, you will drink with pleasure, and that is, "The Past Grand Masters," and especially I shall couple with it the name of Bro. Portal. (Cheers.) The prosperity of our Order, as we have heard to-night, is unexampled in the history of Freemasonry, considering that we are, under our present organisation, somewhat a new one. And I wish to remind you, though doubtless you do not require to be reminded of it, that that prosperity is due to our Past Grand Masters. (Hear, hear.) They had consistently upheld the principles of our Order, and they have never been found wanting on any occasion when the interests of the Order required their attention or their zeal. I may say in passing that I am sorry that there should be none of them, except our immediate Past Grand Master, present on this occasion; but we are rather unlucky in the choice of a week for our festival when every one is taking a holiday. I will pass now to the name which I shall couple with this toast. Bro. Portal has done more, I will say, to raise this Order to its present position than any other Past Grand Master who has held this chair. I do not say that in an invidious sense, because I believe that, luckily for himself and Mark Masonry also, he succeeded to that chair at a time when energy, tact, and strict attention to the business of Mark Masonry were more than doubly necessary than at any other in the history of our Order. He has raised this degree to that position which will compare with any degree, not excepting the Craft at the present moment—I say not excepting the Craft, because you must look not to the number of lodges, or at the number of Masons, but whether they are good men and true, whether the Order is in a flourishing condition, and whether, considering the time that has elapsed since our organisation, our Grand Lodge was started we have not made wonderful progress—when I say progress, I think the goodness of our Masons and the soundness of our lodge, they will compare with any other body. The M.W.P.G.M. informed you this evening of the progress which Mark Masonry had made during his tenure of office. I do not know that I can add anything to it. I can only say what he did not say, which is, that it was to him, seconded by the efforts of his officers, that that progress is entirely due; and I can only assure all Mark Masons that they will ever find in him a true friend, a good Mason, and one who will readily and kindly assist them in every Masonic and social duty; and I speak from experience. I ask you therefore to drink this toast of "The Past Grand Masters," and especially our Immediate Past Grand Master, Bro. Portal.

The Rev. G. Raymond Portal:—I have already detained you so long in Grand Lodge that I feel I ought not to say very much more now, except I thank you for the kindness with which you have received this toast, and to assure you that I shall endeavour to make the only return in my power for the kindness that I have always experienced at your hands as Grand Master, and

also for this magnificent present, which you made me to-night—I shall, I say, endeavour to make you the only return in my power by sticking as closely to the business of Grand Lodge in the future as I have done in the past. And it was with that view that I was willing to accept the office of the President of the General Board at the hands of the present Grand Master: in short, if I may borrow a simile from legal phraseology, I shall treasure that jewel as my retainer, and that cup as my refresher. (Laughter.) There are often some things very appropriate in the song put down upon the list to follow the toasts, but now and then the song selected is perhaps inappropriate; and I will venture to promise that the song which will now follow will be found to be very inappropriate indeed to my future conduct—"Sleep, Gentle Lady," I will promise to be as distant from my intentions as it is adverse to the interests of the Order. I shall pursue as diligently as heretofore the course which appears to your interest. I thank you for the kindness with which you have received me, and in conclusion, I assure you that amongst the most pleasant evenings of my life are those which I have passed among Mark Masters. (Cheers.)

The tankard which had been presented to Bro. Portal was here passed round as a loving cup.

The M.W.G.M. next proposed, "The Deputy Grand Mark Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." With regard to the Deputy Grand Master, he did not believe he could have chosen one who would more efficiently discharge his duties, or who would be more acceptable to Mark Masons in general. (Hear, hear.) During that miserable year in which he (the Grand Master) might be said to have been in abeyance, the Deputy Grand Master had performed the duties of the Deputy Grand Master, and for a year or two previously, and he could not help feeling that his lordship would have a claim to be their Grand Master instead of himself. At the same time he hoped there was a good time coming, when the Earl of Limerick would be their Grand Master, and he was sure that would be a good time for the Mark Degree: at any rate he was certain of this, that whether he himself did or did not properly fill the office it would not be for want of cordial, hearty, and efficient support on the part of the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers. As in times past they had always been ready to give advice and assistance to the Grand Master, so he had no doubt they would be found ready to aid the present occupant of the Master's chair.

The Earl of Limerick in reply said:—The M.W.G.M. a short time ago pleaded shyness in rising to respond to the toast of his health. I think I might do the same, and naturally I should have a better right to do so, as I am constitutionally of a modest disposition and my countrymen are proverbial for it. (Laughter.) But fortunately those with whom I am associated in this toast are a tower of strength, and it does not therefore require much to be said in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, especially the Past Grand Officers, for what the Past Grand Officers have done for Mark Masonry speaks for itself. Brethren, as has been noticed before, the Grand Officers, from the mode of selection, represent all phases of thought, and all portions of Mark Masonry. They do, I am sure, all that in them lies, to the best of their ability, to further the interests of our Order. It is not their peculiar virtue to do so, because I am sure that every brother in Mark Masonry does the very same. The M.W.G.M. has been pleased to speak very kindly of myself. I can only say that during the time that I have been connected in any way with Masonry, whether as a Mark Master or in other branches of Masonry, I have endeavoured always to make myself acquainted with the history—if I may term it, the philosophy—of Masonry, and to work to the best of my ability. I, of course, and it is an Englishman's privilege, whenever I have got an opinion on a subject, have stated it, and we all do the same, and I have never found that any brother had a worse opinion of another brother for doing the same. We all meet together, we all know that every brother has the best interest of the Order in which he is meeting at the time at heart; we all express

our opinions, and when we meet each other afterwards, each one knows they all had the same object in view—the general good of the degree. There are, no doubt, older Mark Masons than myself present to-night. I think it is twelve years this evening that I became a Mark Master. At that time Mark Masonry was in a very different state to what it is now. You had then to look far and wide before you found an English Mark Lodge. We have now greatly altered that, owing to the zealous services of our Immediate Past Grand Master, and following his example, I have made up my mind to do all in my power to promote in every way the best interests of English Grand Mark Lodge. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M. next proposed, "The Provincial G. Masters," and complimented them on their usefulness in promoting the good of the Order. Without the Prov. Grand Lodges and their support the Grand Lodge would be as nothing. Accordingly as Mark Masonry had flourished, the creation of Provincial Grand Lodges increased. The Past Grand Master had stated in Grand Lodge, that during the last four years no less than nine Provincial Grand Lodges had been created under his rule in England alone. As a Provincial Grand Master himself, he did not like to say much on this subject, because it appeared like proposing his own health; but he was happy to say his Deputy was present, and he was glad to say in that province they had met with great success. (Cheers.) The other provinces had also been very prosperous, and it was with great pleasure he proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Masters."

Bro. Sicklemore responded, and after a few other toasts the brethren separated.

DUBLIN MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

The June meeting of the Governors of this Institution was held at the Schoolhouse, on Tuesday morning, June 3rd, and was numerously attended.

The chair was taken by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, as senior Vice-President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and also those of the adjourned meeting—at which was adopted the resolution of the Committee "that they could not recommend the Board to co-operate with the Committee of the Boys' School in carrying out the proposition of securing the services of the same brother as the Assistant Secretary of both Schools."

The Reports from the Several Committees of the School were submitted. From the Finance Committee's Report it appeared that the Receipts during the month were £626. This sum included a donation of £100 from Serendib Lodge, No. 113, Colombo, Ceylon. The letter enclosing this donation contained the following extract from the minutes of the Lodge:—

"Bro. Captain W. J. Gorman, in pursuance of notice given by him at the last meeting, said,—That in view of the Special Appeal on behalf of the Orphan Daughters of Masons whose home is established in Dublin, he would propose that the Lodge 112 should shew its sympathy by voting a liberal sum. There was no charity more deserving, and in proportion as our sisters were weak and helpless should our aid be strong and generous. He did not wish to dictate, but hoped for an unanimous vote. He thought one hundred pounds would not more than indicate the sympathy and good will of the brethren of Serendib Lodge, 112."

"Brother Symons, in seconding the motion bore testimony, from personal observation, to the merits of the Institution."

"It was then unanimously agreed that £100 should be given, to be divided in sums of £10, to qualify the Officers and Past Masters of the lodge as Life Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin."

It was then unanimously resolved—That the best thanks of the Board be presented to the Serendib Lodge, No. 112, Colombo, for the kind expressions of sympathy towards the School conveyed in the letter enclosing their munificent donation.

The following contributions were also ac-

knowledge:—£114 6s. from the brethren of Cork, per Anderson Cooper, Esq. (including £10 from Thomas Greer, Esq. and £20 from the Mourne Preceptory No. 1); £10 from brethren of Lodge No. 44, Clonmel, per Charles Ffennell, Esq.; £25 from brethren of Wexford, per A. Davis, Esq.; £19 from brethren of Lodge 18, Newry, per H. W. Wallace, Esq.; £11 from brethren of 101, Athlone, per John Hodson, Esq.; William M'Comas, Esq., Lodge 4, £10; Jun. Warden, Furnell Chapter, No. 4, £10; Jun. Warden, 187, Manorhamilton, £10; Jun. Warden, Lodge 7, Belfast, £10; £22 from brethren of Lodge 47, Dundalk, per W. R. Rogers, Esq.; £23 from Belfast brethren, per F. Kinahan, Esq.; £5 4s. 6d. from brethren of Lodge 130, Bandon, per G. W. French, Esq.; £21 from Sligo brethren, &c., per B. Ferguson, Esq.; £16 6s. from Waterford brethren, per J. Sleator, Esq.; W. M., Lodge 357, Downpatrick, £10; John Warnock, Lodge 84, £10.

The Report from the Education Committee recommended that permission be granted to one of the elder pupils, to accept a situation which offered for her as governess in a family at Ambleside. The Committee also recommended that the Annual Meeting and Distribution of Prizes should be postponed until autumn; both of which recommendations were adopted.

The Report from the Scrutineers of the Ballot for the Election of three pupils was then read as follows:—

"We, the undersigned Scrutineers of the Ballot for the Election of Three Pupils, have to report that with the aid of the Assistant Secretary, we have examined the several Voting Papers sent in, and find that—

151 Brethren voted as Life Governors,
690 " " Annual Governors,
and 321 " " Official Governors.

Of these papers we had to reject 7 as not properly signed, 33 from brethren whose subscriptions were unpaid, and 39 received after the day fixed for their being returned.

The total number of votes recorded was 3,428, viz. :—

For Laura Anne Ballantine	189
" Catherine Brett	145
" Jane G. Crymble	322
" Susan Mary Curran	64
" Annie Wilson Cutter	85
" Elizabeth Mary Gill	183
" Florence Hendley... ..	253
" Eliza Janet Kewley	23
" Margaret M'Intyre	136
" Agnes Owen	282
" Edith Jane O'Reilly	361
" Frances Smith	568
" Elmina Banks Weldon	817

We have also examined the rejected papers, and find that if the votes given by them were recorded, it would not make any difference in the relative position of the candidates.

Dublin, June 2nd, 1873.

JOHN A. HOGAN, }
GEORGE HILL MAJOR. } Scrutineers.

SAMUEL B. OLDHAM, Assist. Sec.

Elmina Banks Weldon, daughter of the Rev. Percival Banks Weldon, of Lodge 646, Durrow; Frances Smith, daughter of William Smith, Head Constable, R. I. Constabulary, of (Old) Lodge 310, Killeshandra; and Edith Jane O'Reilly, daughter of Matthew G O'Reilly, Sub-Inspector, R.I. Constabulary, of Lodges 217, Ballina, and 13, Limerick, were declared duly elected as Pupils of the School.

Bro. Joseph Faviere Elrington, LL.D., Q.C., Past Grand Deacon, and Representative from the Grand Lodge of Hamburgh was unanimously elected Honorary Secretary of the Institution.

Bro. W. E. Gumbleton proposed the alteration in the Rules of which he had given notice, of which the following were adopted:—

Vice-Patrons—Every individual donor of £60 in one sum, or in two sums of £30 each, or of £100, in payments of not less than £10 each, shall be a Vice-Patron.

Vice-Presidents—Every individual donor of £30 in one sum, or of £50 in sums of not less than £10 each, shall be a Vice-President.

Extra Votes—All payments made by any brother after he has become a Vice-President shall entitle him to double the number of votes which such payments would usually give.

The consideration of the other proposals was postponed, and a Committee appointed to rearrange the Rules embodying the proposals which have been adopted.

Bro. James Tyrrell, Lodge 143, handed in £50, as an additional donation to the School Funds, making in all £100, and was announced as the first brother who had qualified as Vice Patron.

Bro. Gumbleton also stated, it was his intention to transfer to the School, shares in the Masonic Hall Company, to the value of £80, making his contributions in all £150.

A MASONIC HALL IN JAMAICA.

We take from the *Anglo Jamaica Advertiser*, the following account of a Bazaar, held at Montego Bay, in aid of a project for the erection of a Masonic Hall, in that remote quarter of the globe:—

"The W. Master of the Friendly Lodge, No. 383, Montego-Bay, has achieved a success—both in its demonstration and sale of articles—which, we venture to assert, no other man at the present day would have obtained in such a limited space of time. The undertaking was, indeed, a great and hazardous one, and the amount of success obtained by the hearty response of the community at large, and the ladies in particular, must be exceedingly gratifying to the cause of Masonry. One like Mr. S. S. O. Jacobs, who has endeared himself, to the community in which he lives and moves and has his being, must obtain that subsidiary and substantial aid for which he appealed to them. And though this was at first thought by some as likely to have been a failure, we are glad to find they have been sadly mistaken.

"It would have puzzled any one with extraordinary vision to find out where the money came from, that for three consecutive days the attendance never flagged but continued superfluous—in fact the room was so crowded that no one could walk comfortably from stall to stall without coming in contact with some person or other, and there was an amount of business done as would be almost incredible if stated. It is worthy of note that the same friendly feeling which pervaded its opening continued to its close. Harmony and goodwill seems to have been the motto with all concerned, made doubly so by the lively interest exhibited by the community. Few in the humble position of life which the above-named gentleman occupies, would have undertaken such a gigantic task and carried it through, *par excellence*, as he has succeeded in doing—and that in times like the present, while his predecessors, in more flourishing days, thought and spoke of the purchase of a lodge room, but had not the courage to attempt. In point of grandeur its fittings-up surpassed anything of the kind ever yet placed before the public, and had only to be seen to be admired; support following admiration.

"It would be impossible to enumerate the amount of articles sent in as presents both from abroad and home. Among them we noticed a highly-finished luo table, tastefully and artistically worked up with different kinds of Jamaica wood, made and presented by Mr. William Kerr, cabinet-maker and coach-builder of this town, and a member of the Craft, which tedious and masterly work was executed within two weeks, and which was valued at £12, and met ready purchase.

"Success, then, has been achieved in the bazaar, and we sincerely trust the like success may attend the future exertions of this worthy brotherhood, and also that health, prosperity, and a long life of usefulness may continue to follow this large-hearted and much-esteemed gentleman throughout, that the means to the end may be gained for the purchase of that lodge room, hereafter to be a lasting memento to his present and future brethren, and held as a tribute for ever of his zeal for the Masonic cause, when he shall have quitted this earthly tabernacle.

We cannot conclude, however, without according that meed of praise to the lady stall keepers who presided over the several stalls. Too much praise—in fact our pen falls short of language sufficiently adequate to do ample justice to their several merits—cannot be awarded them for their attention towards, and endeavours to please,

every individual who visited their stall, from the *élite* down to the meanest peasant girl. On the whole they acquitted themselves nobly. Indefatigable in their exertions, polite in their demeanour, agreeable in their manners, and charming in their bewitching smile and appealing look—a look that would touch the coldest heart, and a smile that would draw the last shilling from any man's purse, be he ever such a miser, and who, if he escaped one could not resist the other—they left not one loop-hole, through which a penny could be gained for the cause they had in hand, untouched. Each one threw herself heart and soul into the noble work to raise money, and so these ladies accomplished their arduous task, handing over the proceeds of their sales to the Worshipful Master. Overcome in part by exhaustion, physically and mentally, as well as by the overpowering efforts of these amiable ladies, silence being obtained, this worthy gentlemen, for whom so much was done, stood up and returned thanks to the inhabitants for their kind co-operation and support, and the lady stall-keepers, individually and collectively, for the very kind feeling displayed towards him, and the able manner in which they had acquitted themselves. This was followed by loud cheers, the band playing 'He's a jolly good fellow.' The bazaar was then closed. Public auction of the few remaining articles followed the next day.

"The amateur band was in attendance each evening, and discoursed some very pleasant music.

"We learn that the next matter on the Master's Trestle Board, during his term of office, to expire in December next, will be the consecration of the New Lodge Room to be afterwards named 'Riponville,' and the laying of a memorial stone, so soon as the same shall be sanctioned by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England."

BRO. AND MADAME FRANK ELMORE'S CONCERT.—Frank Elmore, well known in connexion with many City companies' and masonic banquets gave, in conjunction with Madame Streinburg-Elmore, a grand concert at St. James's Hall on Wednesday week. The programme was a most select one, and was carried out to a successful issue by some of our most popular artistes, amongst whom were Miss Edith Wynne, who admirably sang Clay's song, "She Wandered down the Mountain Side," and was encored; Madame Osborne Williams; Mdles. Girardi and Victoria Bunsen; Madame Thaddeus Wells, Signor Caravoglio, and Bro. Frank Elmore himself were the vocalists. For instrumentalists, Mr. F. Chatterton played his "Remembrances of Italy," on the harp, and Mr. Richard Blagrove his concertina *fantasia* with their well-known effect; and a young lady (Miss Sanders), a pianoforte pupil of Madame Elmore's, played a theme from *Le Prophète* with great power and firmness of touch for one so young; while Madame Elmore herself contributed to the applause which to some extent she conducted to by playing some of her exquisite solos. The humorous trio, "I'm Not the Queen," sang by Mesdames Wells and Williams and Mr. Elmore, concluded a most successful entertainment. The accompanists of the evening were Signor Mazzoni; Messrs. Man, H. Parker, Ganz, Osborne Williams, and W. Carter.

Mr. Michael James Whitty, formerly proprietor of the *Liverpool Daily Post*, was seized with paralysis at eleven o'clock, Tuesday morning, and died at five p.m., without having recovered consciousness. He was in his 79th year.

Coming as it does in the very height of the season, the Ascot race meeting, with its Royal and aristocratic patronage, fairly over-shadows, for the beauty of its accessories, all similar assemblages in any part of Europe. This year the toilettes of the lady visitors have been more bewilderingly beautiful than on any previous anniversaries, and Mr. A. Ahlborn of Regent-st. who now takes foremost rank for the beauty and taste of his costumes, had the satisfaction of designing several for leading members of the aristocracy, which were the observed of all observers on the "Stakes" day.

Masonic Tidings.

A meeting of Freemasons was held at the Masonic-hall, Lonsdale-street, Bro. A. K. Smith presiding, when a resolution was carried unanimously that it was desirable to form a Grand Lodge of Victoria. It was also agreed that a memorial should be sent home to the three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, pointing out the necessity of having a Grand Lodge here, and praying the home Grand Lodges to recognise it.—*Melbourne Argus.*

Excellent woodcuts of the Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and of the interior of Gloucester Cathedral, the latter showing the Reredos presented by the Freemasons of the Province, appeared in the *Graphic* of the 7th inst.

BROS. DEFRIES AND SON were entrusted with the decorations and illuminations of the streets at Wigan and Bolton on the occasion of the recent visit paid by the Prince and Princess of Wales. The devices were of an unusually effective character, and the banqueting pavilion, also erected by Messrs. Defries, is described as "a marvel of decorative upholstery."

BRO. SHERIFF PERKINS has presented Stuart's painting of "The Battle of Trafalgar" to the Art Gallery of the Foundling Hospital.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.—Many contradictory assertions have been made as to those who were most energetic and successful in saving life in connection with the terrible loss of the "White Star" Steamer Atlantic. From details gathered from recently received American papers, it appears that Bro. Quartermaster Thomas was the first to arrive on the mainland and give the alarm to the inhabitants. Procuring a rope, and accompanied by a number of the people, he returned to the scene of the disaster, tied the rope round his waist, and went out to the rock, by which means 60 persons were saved. Twenty-six of the crew and passengers, it appears have made a special declaration to the effect that it was mainly to the instrumentality, undaunted courage, and endurance of Bro. Quartermaster Thomas, that they owed their lives.

THE MASONIC CIRCLE.

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. P.Z., 177
We're all alike pledg'd, in degrees though we differ,

The 'Prentice, the Craftsmen, the Master are here

Though the circle with some is not yet completed,

All may work with effect, each one in his sphere.

Oh 'Prentice drink deep of the spring ever flowing,

In copious streams, from the fountain divine,
That Virtue and Truth may unceasingly guide you,

And give you a part in our common design.

The Craftsman's more skilled, but yet he's not perfect,

Though Nature and Science their myst'ries impart,

He must still labour on, for another degree,
The highest, the proudest, the hope of his heart.

'The pride and the hope of his heart is attained!

In the Masters' Degree the circle's complete,
He's rais'd to a new life of labour and hope.

May his hope and his labour in unity meet.

We're unequal in rank, but united as one,
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THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION EXHIBITION.—The Exhibition of the Palestine Exploration Fund, at the Dudley-Gallery, Egyptian Hall, was opened to the public the 2nd inst. Among the visitors at the private view of Saturday were the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, Lord Colville, Sir Henry Rawlinson, Lord Jocelyn Percy, Lord Wharncliffe, Lady Milton, and a distinguished gathering of savants interested in the work of the society. The most important feature in this Exhibition is a large and beautiful collection of water-colour drawings by Mr. A. H. Harper, chiefly lent by Lord Dudley, Lord Wharncliffe, and Sir Richard Wallace. Next in interest come the tracings of the new map of Palestine, with the recently received casts of the Hamath stones, the models and photographs of the Ordnance Survey of Sinai, and a collection which wants nothing but a lecturer constantly explaining the importance of the objects to make it one of the most interesting ever exhibited. We understand that the Princess of Wales, who recently visited the Gallery has expressed the gratification which her visit gave her. The Palestine Exploration Fund wants an exhibition of this kind from time to time—their last was held four years ago—to show the world what, in their quiet way, they are doing.

TRADES GUILD OF LEARNING.—A conference is to be held in the large room of the Society of Arts, John-street, Adelphi, for the purpose of establishing this guild and determining its constitution. The chair will be taken by Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P.

The Fête to the Shah of Persia will take place at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday evening, the 23rd.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 20, 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, June 14.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- " 1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon.
- " 1423, Era, Kings' Arms Hotel, Hampton-court.
- Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st. Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Monday, June 16.

- Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- 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. Gottheit, 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, Staunsted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, June 17.

- Board of General Purposes at 3.
- Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 176, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 933, Doric, Andertons' Hotel, Fleet-street.
- 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.
- 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, June 18.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6. precisely.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall,
- " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
- Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, June 19.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh, Stockwell.
- Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tavern, Hampton-court.
- Observance K.T. Encampment, 14, Bedford-row.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-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, June 20.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James.
- " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
- " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 176, Caveac, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- St. Georges' K.T. Encampment, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
- 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 Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c. For the Week ending Saturday, June 21, 1873.

Monday, June 16. Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6. Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30. Tuesday, June 17. Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6. Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6. Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7. Wednesday, June 18. Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7. 30. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6. 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5. Thursday, June 19. Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5. Encampment William de la More, New Court House, Prescott. Friday, June 20. Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW. For the week ending Saturday, June 21, 1873.

Monday, June 16. Chap. 122, Thetis, 25, James-street, Kingston. Tuesday, June 17. St. Mungo Encampment, Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. Wednesday, June 18. Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick. Chap. 79, Commercial, 25, Croy-place. Thursday, June 19. Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street. 130, Commercial, Oban, Argyre-square. Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st. Friday, June 20. Lodge 12, Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock. 109, Sir Wm. Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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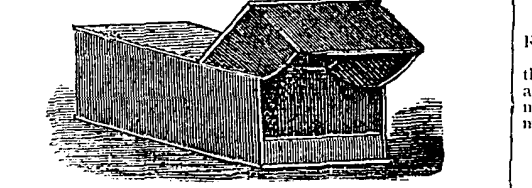
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