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Notice is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the MASONIC ROOMS, BLANDFORD, Dorset, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of AUGUST next, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the transaction of the Annual Business of this Province.

The BANQUET will be at the CROWN HOTEL, at 4 p.m.

N.B.—All petitions to P.G.L. must be delivered to the P.G. Secretary, on or before AUGUST 3, and all notices of propositions to be made thereat on or before AUGUST 9, or they cannot be brought forward.

A P.G. CHAPTER will be held at the MASONIC HALL, DORCHESTER, on TUESDAY, the 26th day of AUGUST, at 3 p.m. Notices of propositions to be made thereat to be delivered to the P.G. Sec. E., on or before AUGUST 11.

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Dorchester, 16th July, 1873.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Notice is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on Tuesday, 5th August, at 1 p.m., punctually, at the Assembly Rooms, Southsea, where the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge are requested to attend.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

W. HICKMAN,
J. E. LE FEUVRE,
Prov. Grand Secs.

Southampton, 26th July, 1873

The Banquet will take place at the Portland Hall, Southsea, at half-past 3, precisely; tickets 7s. 6d. each.

The United Service Lodge, No. 1428, will be constituted at the Masonic Hall, St. Mary's Street, Portsmouth, by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, immediately before the opening of P. G. Lodge. The ceremony will commence at noon precisely, at which all brethren are invited to attend.

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Prov. Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the "CITY TERMINUS HOTEL," CANNON STREET STATION, E.C., on Saturday, August 2nd, 1873, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Acting Wardens, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock.

A LODGE OF INSTRUCTION will be opened at Four o'clock, when the ceremony of advancement will be rehearsed.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank.

By command of the R.W.P.G.M.M.

JAMES STEVENS, P.G.O., &c.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Clapham Common, S.W.

July 19th, 1873.

BUSINESS.

To read and (if approved) confirm the minutes of the previous Grand Lodge Meeting, held at Richmond, in August last.

To call over the Roll of Lodges, and report thereon.

To decide as to the amount of Subscription to be paid annually to this Provincial Grand Lodge by Private Lodges.

To appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the members of this successful suburban lodge, assembled at the Garston Hotel, Garston, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington. The attendance of members and visitors was large and highly influential, and the whole of the afternoon's proceedings were of the most interesting character. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Jones, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Vines, P.M.; C. Leedham, P.M.; J. Sellar, P.M.; Dr. J. V. Worthington, S.W.; J. Evans, J.W.; J. W. Baker, P.M. Treas.; T. B. Tellett, Sec.; J. Hughes, S.D.; A. Fisher, J.D.; R. Jones, P.M., D.C.; J. Clark, Org.; M. Bush I.G.; G. Aspinall, S.S.; I. Raw, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Coats, F. McGarvey, J. Booth, R. Webster, D. Ellis, J. H. Norton, J. Jones, S. Hardy, J. Tewkesbury, W. Guest, C. Humphries, S.W. 1013; J. Gordon, J. Parslow, J. Cave, J. Ellis, T. E. Lloyd, S. Tickle, W. H. Lovelady, J. D. Graham, I. Platt, J. Jarvis, T. Coates, W. Newall, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. C. Mott, P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; W. Boulton, W.M. 823; W. G. Veale, Org. 203; J. Banning, P.M. 823; J. Busfield, 216; J. Kenyon, 1013; A. T. Smith, S.D. 1299; G. Dodson, P.G.S.B.; J. Kenyon, S.S. 897; J. Rose, W.M. 249; G. Williams, 1182; J. J. Jacob, 294; John Banning, 823; T. Dodson, 995. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington, was installed W.M. according to ancient form by Bro. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; and the following brethren were subsequently invested as officers for the ensuing year—Bros. W. Jones, I.P.M.; J. Evans, S.W.; J. Hughes, J.W.; W. Vines, P.M., Treas.; T. B. Tellett, Sec.; A. Fisher, S.D.; M. Bush, J.D.; I. Raw, I.G.; R. Jones, P.M., D.C.; S. Tickle, S.S.; and J. Tewkesbury, J.S. Bro. J. Robinson was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. After the installation ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. initiated Dr. F. D. Sutherland in a highly effective manner. It should be mentioned that Bro. Worthington presented the lodge with a new set of gavels, and rough and perfect ashlar, and that before the business proceedings closed a very chaste P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. Jones, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren. A sumptuous banquet was subsequently served in a fine tent, provided by the Garston brethren, fitted up in the grounds of the Garston Hotel. The tables were decorated with a number of choice plants, lent by Bro. Meredith, of the Lodge No. 1182, and the band of the Pride of Garston Lodge of Druids played during the dinner. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and cordially responded to during the evening. In giving the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers," the W.M. alluded to the fact that his Lordship had promised to visit all the lodges within his province in the course of time, and he

was sure that the brethren of 220 would do all in their power to give him a becoming welcome. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. J. W. Baker, and A. C. Mott. Bro. W. Jones, I.P.M., gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," to whom he paid a high compliment as a worthy Mason and one who would admirably fulfil the duties of his important office. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, after which Bro. Worthington, W.M., responded in eloquent terms, promising to do his utmost to forward the interests of the lodge during his year of office. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. W. Jones, I.P.M.; "The Officers" by Bro. Evans, S.W.; "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," proposed by Bro. P.M. Leedham, by Bro. Mott, "The Visiting Brethren," by Bros. Boulton, Rose, Kenyon, and P.M. Banning; "The Resident brethren of Garston," given by Bro. R. Jones, P.M., responded to by Bro. Tickle, and "The Newly Initiated Brother" acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Sutherland. Several excellent songs were sung during the evening, and the pleasant proceedings terminated at an early hour.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual summer festival of this admirably conducted lodge, which took place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., was in every respect one of the most successful and enjoyable which has yet been held in connection with the lodge. Favoured with the most brilliant weather, which was all the more grateful after the terrible thunderstorm of the previous evening, a large party of about 160 started from Lime-street, shortly after 10 o'clock, and proceeded to Thatch Heath, which had once more been selected as the scene of the day's festivity. On arriving at the lovely grounds of the village hotel, the brethren and their fair friends immediately set about enjoying themselves according to their various tastes. Amongst those present were:—Bros. Davies, W.M.; P. B. Gee, I.P.M.; J. Healing, P.M., Treas.; J. Pemberton, P.M., Sec.; J. Taylor, P.M., M.C.; H. Williams, P.M.; J. Dixon, S.W.; T. Singleton, J.W.; W. Roberts, S.D.; J. Cotter, J.D.; Royle, I.G.; Korn, S.S.; Hughes, J.S.; Fish, A.S.; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 673; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; Burrows, 673; and others. Mr. Wittle, the landlord of the hotel, had made special preparations for the excursionists by providing a new entrance to his grounds, which at present show a magnificent display of flowers, and are beautifully laid out. Messrs. Walsham and Thomas's band met the brethren at the station, and marched at their head to the ground. An excellent banquet was served in the large dining hall connected with the hotel, at which Bro. Arthur Davies presided, supported by a large number of P.M.'s and other officers of the lodge. A number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. Bro. P. B. Gee, I.P.M., in giving the health of "The Worshipful Master of the Neptune Lodge Bro. Arthur Davies," said he had known Bro. Davies for about four years in Masonry, and during the whole of that time he had seen the invariable kindness which had marked his conduct, in fact he had displayed every quality which should endear him to a Mason's heart, and he trusted their W.M. would have health and strength given him to fulfil aright the duties of his important office. In acknowledging the toast, the W.M. in an eloquent speech, referred to the great pleasure it gave him to meet again so many brethren on their annual festival day. He also spoke of the excellent effect which such annual social gatherings must have upon every member, especially when they were favoured with the presence of so many ladies. Bro. Gee responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. P.M. Healing to that of "The Ladies," Bro. Dixon, S.W., to "The Officers of the Lodge," Bro. P.M. Williams on behalf of "Our Absent Sea-faring Brethren." After toast, song and sentiment, the company betook themselves to various amusements. Dancing appeared to be the chief attraction, excellent music being furnished by the quadrille band in attendance. Various groups of the "outers" were successfully photographed by Bro. H. Burrows during the afternoon. After spending a pleasant afternoon the party returned to town at an early hour.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—At the White Swan Tavern, High Street, Deptford, on Thursday, July 24th, this lodge held its meeting. Bro. William Andrews, P.M. and Treasurer (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.), opened the lodge. Bro. W. Myatt, W.M., soon afterwards arrived, and took the chair. He was supported by Bros. G. Andrews, S.W.; S. A. Lewin, J.W.; F. Walters, P.M. and Secretary, Prov. Steward Middlesex; H. J. Tuson, S.D.; J. J. Pakes, J.D.; H. J. Wells, I.G.; R. Killick, W.S.; J. Hawker, P.M.; J. Truelove, P.M.; G. Porter, H. W. F. Fellows, H. J. Fisher, J. G. Thomas, R. West, L. Lemon, T. Spencer, T. Harton, H. Schartau, J. Rennie, and others. The long list of visitors comprised Bro. H. Sadler, P.M. 147; J. Beckett, 148; E. H. Thiellay, S.D. 145; W. Kippis, I.G. and Organist 1275; E. Wisher, 700; P. From, 1326; F. Jensen, 1326. The work performed was conferring the third degree on Bros. H. W. F. Fellows, P. From (1326) and F. Jensen (1326). The W.M. distinguished himself by his admirable manner of performing the important ceremony of raising. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Those, in addition to others already balloted for, made more than five names on the list of candidates for initiation, consequently to ease the work, it was unanimously resolved to hold an emergency meeting of the lodge on Thursday, August 28th, at five o'clock, p.m. To enable the wife and family of a brother, who was at one time a member of this lodge, to join him in America (where he had gone to better his position in life), it was unanimously resolved to raise a sufficient amount (£23) from the lodge and charity funds of the lodge. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge, (No. 1035).—Wednesday, the 23rd ult., being the day selected for the annual picnic of the Prince of Wales Lodge, 1035, about 150 of the brethren, their wives, and sweethearts, met at Lime-street station at noon, where first-class saloon carriages were waiting to convey them to Runcorn station, where they were provided with conveyances to Halton Castle, the scene of the afternoon's enjoyment. Amongst those present were the W.M., Bro. Sculthorpe; Bro. M'Nab, S.W.; Crosby, J.W.; Bunting, P.M.; Morgan, P.M.; A. Willis, Sec.; Salmon, S.D.; Westbury, J.D. Amongst the visitors were Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; Bro. North, P.M. 216; Walmesley, 292; Bro. Captain Berry, S.W. 1393; Bro. Gee, 249, &c. The scene from the elevated point of Halton Castle may be, and no doubt is, very fine on a clear day; but unfortunately a smoky mist hanging around the valleys below somewhat interfered with the pleasure of the prospect. However, the party, having come to enjoy themselves, determined to do so, and having some good turf, and excellent music, by the Liverpool police band, under the leadership of Mr. Beardall, the younger portion took to dancing, while the more sedate played bowls on a green, which was of anything but of the best description. Ample provision was made for the comfort of the inner man, and, as the shades of evening closed round, the party made towards home, well pleased with their "out."

SOMERSET.—Saint Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—Bro. General Gore Boland Munbee, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., was installed W.M. of this lodge by Bro. E. Else, P. Prov. G.S.W., P.G. Sec. (who ably performed the ceremony in the absence of Bro. Captain Bridges, D.P.G.M. through indisposition), on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall. The following officers were afterwards invested:—Bros. B. Cox, P.M.; Rev. R. H. Bigsby, S.W.; S. Jones, J.W.; Rev.—Martin, Chap.; H. W. Davies, Treas.; H. R. Pearson, Sec.; A. W. Butler, S.D.; S. Lewis, J.D.; E. E. Earle, D. of C.; L. H. Ricketts, I.G.; W. Gaskell, Organist; J. Bath, and A. Wickenden, Stewards; W. Cousins, Tyler. The W.M. closed the lodge with prayer. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Bath's, Railway Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was served under the superintendence of the Stewards. The visitors present were:—Bros. E. Else, P. Prov. S.G.W., P.G. Sec., Somerset, 291; G. T. Inskip, P.G. J.W. Somerset, 626; J. Cook, P. Prov. G. J.W. Somerset, 135.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Lodge* (No. 1293).—This lodge met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 26th ult., when there were present:—Bros. D. R. Still, W.M.; Colonel Burdett, P.M. and Prov. G.M.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M. and Treas., Prov. G. Sec.; H. Phythian, S.W.; D. R. Pearse, P.M., as J.W.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; J. W. Wiles, J.D.; S. Rosenthal, P. Prov. G.W.; J. W. Saunders, J. W. Berrie, R. Kotzenberg, W. Owen, D. Bindoff, and E. Baxter, with several visitors, including:—Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.M. 141; R. G. Glover, P.M. 181; and S. Lazarus, P.M. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Wilkin was accepted as a joining member, after which the annual subscription was, pursuant to notice of motion, increased. Two brethren were proposed as joining members and the lodge was then closed. A banquet followed, but after the loyal toasts, the usual routine was dispensed with, and the brethren went out to enjoy a charming evening on the banks of the river.

POTTER'S BAR.—*Acacia Lodge* (No. 1309).—On Saturday, July 26th, at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar, Middlesex, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Punctually at the appointed time the lodge was opened by Bro. Frederick Walters, Prov. G.S. of Middlesex, P.M. and Secretary. The W.M., Bro. E. W. Richardson, was detained in town by professional duties. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Captian John Harnett Dodd (in consequence of his going to sea long before the next lodge meeting, his candidature was declared to be a case of real emergency, which enabled him to be initiated at this meeting). The long list of work was got through by the presiding officer, initiating each candidate separately into the several degrees. He commenced by initiating Messrs. Henry Bryceon, John Bryceon, Abraham Gould, and Capt. John Harnett Dodd, into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. He passed Bro. R. Jennings (907) Royal Albert Lodge, to the second degree; and completed the day's work by raising Bro. J. J. Colman to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was very carefully, impressively, and correctly done by the worthy Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M. Bro. G. J. Waddington, S.D., by letter resigned his office and membership of the lodge in consequence of leaving for New Zealand. His resignation was accepted with very great and deep regret, as he is a popular and highly esteemed brother. The promotions which were made was the appointing Bros. C. A. Ferrier, Junior to Senior Deacon, and C. G. Rushworth, from Inner Guard to Junior Deacon. The new officers then appointed and invested with the collar and jewel of their office were Bros. H. J. Webster, I.G., and W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. The following resolutions were duly made, and unanimously agreed to, namely—That the sum of five guineas be taken from the lodge funds, to purchase a Past Masters' jewel, to be presented to Bro. John Henry Button, I.P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, for the efficient services rendered to this lodge during his year of office; also that his name be returned to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, as the member whom the lodge would like to see selected for higher honours in the province. The name of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.S., Middlesex, P.M., and Secretary, was ordered to be returned as the member whom the lodge recommended and would like to see receive Provincial Grand Lodge office in 1874. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. There were present, besides those enumerated, Bros. G. W. Schollar, S.W.; R. Limpus, P.G.C., J.W.; J. W. George. The visitors were Bros. T. H. P. Moore, J.W. 907; R. Jennings. At the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, held on Thursday, 17th July, the following members were honoured with appointments, viz., Bros. John Henry Button, I.P.M., promoted from P.G.S. to P.G.A.D.C.; R. Limpus, P.G.O.; and Frederick Walters, P.G.S.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room on the 15th inst., to instal Bro.

Thomas Dodgson, the W.M. elect and P.M. 995, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The chair was taken by Bro. R. Dodgson, the W.M. and P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bro. T. Dodgson, S.W.; J. Mills, J.W.; Jas. Meredith Leo, S.D.; Postlethwaite, I.G., W. Cook, S.S.; W. Whiteside, J.S.; J. Holloway Org.; and J. T. Scott, Tyler; John Case, P.G.J. West Lancashire, P.Z. and P.M. 995; B. Pearson, P.M. 995; H. Waiting, W. Bradley, J. R. Beck John Barrow, P.M. 1353. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Henry Cook, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland and P.M. 1021, &c.; Morgan, Chaplain 1318; W. Harrison, S.W. 995; Dr. Robinson, Sec. 995; John Hartley, 1398 and S.S. 995; F. Best, J.D. 1398; and Bro. Casson, P.J.D. and Org. 995; who ably presided at the harmonium. The minutes of the last regular communication were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Case presented Bro. T. Dodgson, the W.M. elect, who after promising adherence to the ancient charges and regulations, took the O.B. of a W.M. elect. A board of Installed Masters was formed, and the brethren below that rank having retired, Bro. T. Dodgson was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. R. Dodgson, I.P.M., which ceremony was performed in an exceedingly impressive and effective manner. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the three several degrees, and the following officers were invested with their respective badges.—Bros. Mills, S.W. and Treas.; Jas. Meredith, J.W.; Jas. Postlethwaite, Sec.; W. Crook, S.D.; H.M. Meakin, J.D.; W. Whiteside, I.G.; J. Holloway, Org.; H. Waiting, S.S.; W. Bull, J.S.; and J. T. Scott, Tyler. Bro. Pearson, J. and P.M. 995, explained the jewel. The Installing Master addressed the Wardens, afterwards the brethren generally. The lodge was then resumed in the first degree. Communications were received from several brethren, containing expressions of regret at not being able to be present at the installation. Heartly good wishes were given from lodges Nos. 86, 119, 281, 1021, 1353, 1398. The lodge was finally closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 3.45 p.m. The brethren, to the number of about forty, afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet at the Station Hotel, provided by the host, Bro. Henry Waiting. Bro. R. Dodgson, Installing Master, acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. gave the following toasts, "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family." "The Army, Navy, and Volunteer Forces," responded to by Bro. Dr. Robinson; "The Grand Lodge, Grand Master, Deputy G. and Master." In giving the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers," the W.M. said he was personally acquainted with them all, and the way in which the business was conducted. He need make no remarks about any particular officer, as they were all good, and he would couple the name of Bro. R. Dodgson, P.G.S.B., Cumberland and Westmoreland, who responded, and said that Earl Bective, it was well-known, had always discharged his duties with fervency and zeal, so had the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Col. Whitwell, M.P.; he was a thorough good worker, and took great interest in the Craft; he was happy to hold an office under his management. Bro. Cook, P. Prov. G.S.W. also replied. Bro. Cook, P. Prov. G.S.W. proposed "The newly installed W.M." The W.M. said he was exceedingly flattered by the kind manner in which Bro. Cook had spoken of him. He sincerely intended to do what that day had been given in his charge, and he relied on his officers to help him to do all he possibly could for the good and great work of Freemasonry. Bro. Pearson, P.M. 995, proposed "The Past Masters and Installing Master." He said they did not often find a retiring W.M. capable of acting as Installing Master. Bro. Dodgson had performed his duty in such an efficient manner that the Lodge intended to present him with a jewel. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Dodgson a handsome P.M. jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, in recognition of his Masonic zeal and excellent services rendered to the Lodge. Bro. R. Dodgson replied in a feeling manner, and thanked the brethren for their kind acknowledgement of his labours. He would still continue to do all he could for the Lodge and the Craft. He could

say the S.W. was always ready to further the interests of Freemasonry; the J.W. was also a zealous Mason. He thanked the officers, who had all regularly attended to their duties. Bro. Case, P.M. 895, proposed "The S.W., J.W. and the Officers generally." The S.W. and the J.W. responded. "The Clergy" was proposed by Bro. Mills, S.W., and responded to by Bro. Morgan, Chaplain 1398. "The Visitors" was proposed by the S.W., and responded to by Bro. Cook. "The Host and Hostess," and the Tyler's toast were then given, and the gathering broke up to leave by the 7.15 train.

LEICESTER.—*Commercial Lodge* (No. 1391).—The annual picnic of this lodge took place on the 21st inst., at Belvoir Castle, the residence of the Duke of Rutland. The weather being serenely beautiful, a numerous party of brethren and ladies assembled at the first-class waiting-room to proceed by the 9.20. train to Melton, where carriages were provided to complete the journey, a distance of 15 miles. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Halford, W.M., the carrying out of the arrangements for the day's enjoyment devolved upon Bro. J. B. Hall, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. W. H. Chamberlain, Secretary; J. S. Tomlin, and W. Tomlin, who admirably performed that duty. There were also present:—Bros. R. A. Barber, J.W.; C. Wilkinson, T. Matts, B. Moore, A. Chamberlain, J. Hunter, R. Waite, P.M.; C. Gurden, J. W. Smith, J. Turner, G. K. Billings, Ewen, Odell, J. M. McAllister, and Kennedy, Fletcher Lodge, Birmingham. Amongst the ladies present were:—the Misses Hall, Mrs. W. Chamberlain, Mrs. A. Chamberlain, Miss Chamberlain, Mrs. W. Tomlin, Mrs. J. S. Tomlin, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Gurden, Mrs. Smith, Miss Parsons, Mrs. Turner and Miss Turner, Misses Kemp, Miss Ewen, Mrs. Panter, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Hunter, and Miss Hunter, and Mrs. McAllister. Much might be said of the drive from Melton through that celebrated hunting district, but more especially from the heights beyond Waltham, where the first view is obtained of the extensive vale of Belvoir, so rich in many picturesque and sylvan scenes, which cannot fail to improve the taste, gratify the curiosity, and increase the knowledge of the visitor. The approaches to the castle are in keeping with its general character, and the views from the park are the best calculated to strike the stranger with a sense of its imposing majesty and feudal magnificence, for from these spots the massive towers and wide battlements stand haughtily forth in the upper air, and are environed with large forest trees. The entrance hall is a lofty apartment of oblong shape, fitted up in the ancient baronial style, and containing within recesses in the walls at a considerable height above the floor, figures in complete armour, the size of which corrects the mistaken impression that the men of old were of greater stature than those of modern times. The Regent's Gallery, a magnificent and princely apartment, is ornamented in compartments by some beautiful tapestry representing the most prominent scenes in Don Quixote. The furniture throughout the principal rooms is of the most costly description, and many works of art and family portraits by the most celebrated masters, decorate the walls. The library has a very neat and unique appearance, and the collection of books is large, including many rare and choice works. The chapel is fitted up with great taste and neatness, the altar-piece being a valuable painting by Murillo. A visit to the mausoleum, approached by an over arching grove of fine yew trees, and the beautiful gardens, completed the tour of inspection, under the guidance of Bro. Ingram, a gentleman whose high attainments and benevolence of character, have deservedly placed him in a high position of trust with the noble duke, and secured to him the respect and esteem of all who enjoy the pleasure of his acquaintance. As a souvenir of the visit, Bro. Johnson, P.M., succeeded in producing two excellent photos of the party, artistically arranged in social groups, the castle forming the background in one of them. Great credit is due to the committee for the completeness of the arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party, and to the host of the Peacock Hotel for the bountiful and agreeable manner in which the cuisine was supplied.

ROMFORD.—*Liberty of Havering Lodge.*—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Fox and Hounds, Romford. The lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the consecration meeting read by the Secretary and signed by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Wilson. It was proposed by Bro. English, and seconded by Bro. Brayshaw, that a committee of five, consisting of W.M., S.W., J.W., Secretary and Treasurer, be formed to decide upon a code of bye-laws, to be submitted to lodge for approval at next meeting. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Hitchen, J. Ellis, A. W. Naylor, and G. H. Vaughan, as candidates for initiation. The lodge was opened in the second degree. A letter was stated by the W.M. to have been received from Bro. Parker, W.M., King Harold Lodge, 1327, requesting that Bros. Malcolm, Sole, and Miller, might be passed to the second degree. The lodge was closed in the second degree, and resumed in the first. Mr. A. W. Naylor, the only one of the candidates in attendance, was initiated. It was proposed by Bro. Bishop, Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. J. J. Wilson, W.M., that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Young, of Lodge No. 1327, for having presented the lodge with sword, poniard, and die, and that Bro. Young be elected an Hon. Member of lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form, until the fourth Wednesday in August, emergencies excepted. The following brethren were present:—J. J. Wilson, W.M.; J. Tydeman, S.W.; E. West, J.W.; G. W. Patmore, Secretary; Bishop, Treasurer; G. English, S.D.; B. B. Brayshaw, J.D.; Steadman, Parkinson, Sackett, Wootton, and others.

Royal Arch.

ULVERSTON.—*Chapter of Furness (No. 995).*—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing chapter took place at the Masonic Temple, Ulverston, on Monday, 4th inst., at two o'clock, p.m. The chapter was opened by Comps. Case, Z., P.Z., P. Prov. G.J.; T. Dodgson H.; and R. Pearson, J. There were also present, Comps. T. Wylie P.Z., P.G., Reg.; and W. Dodd P.Z. The companions being admitted, minutes of last regular convocation were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Comp. the Rev. J. M. Morgan, No. 1, Ireland (Vicar of Dalton-in-Furness) as a joining member, which proved favourable. (In this chapter one black ball excludes). All below the rank of Z. then retired, and the installations were proceeded with by Comp. Case, M.E.Z.; assisted by Comp. Wylie, who is an honorary member, Comp. T. Dodgson H., P.M. 995, W.M. 1390, being installed as Z., Comp. R. Pearson, I.P.M., 995, H.; and Comp. Roger Dodgson, Scribe E., P.M. 1390, P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. The companions were then admitted, and the following investments made, viz, Comps. Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain; J. H. Matthews, Scribe E.; G. Cornfield, Scribe N.; J. Postlethwaite, Treas.; W. Whiteside, P. Soj.; R. T. Taylor, Org.; John Barrow First A. Soj.; John Morris, Second A. Soj.; Samuel Davies, Steward; John Robinson, Janitor. It was resolved to hold the chapter every two months, instead of quarterly. The M.E.Z. in name of the Chapter presented to Comp. Case, P.Z., P. Prov. G.J., a very handsome P.Z. jewel, (supplied by Comp. Kenning) as a slight recognition of his services to the chapter, having twice served the office of Z., and also being one of the founders of the chapter. Comp. Case warmly and suitably responded. The chapter was closed at four o'clock, p.m. and the companions retired to the Sun Hotel, where a banquet was provided, in Mrs. Smith's usual style. It was presided over by the M.E.Z., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were very heartily responded to, a most agreeable evening being spent by all.

TWICKENHAM.—*Royal Middlesex Chapter (No. 1194).*—This chapter met at the Grotto Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 19th ult. (July), and amongst the companions present were Comps. G. Cattell, M.E.Z.; W. Roebuck, P.Z., Prov. G.H.; C. Horsley, J.; R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., S.E.; D. M. Dewar, A.S.; S. Ros-

enthal, P.Z.; H. Parker, Org., and T. W. White, S.N. 21. Bro. Alfred Solomon was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, after which the Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was served. During the evening Comp. Roebuck was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, for his efficient services during the year 1872-3.

Knights Templar.

IPSWICH.—*Prudence Preceptory.*—The usual quarterly meeting of this old preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 23rd July, when the following answered to their names on the muster roll being called:—Sir Knight Emra Holmes, Past Grand Provost, Acting Preceptor, in the room of Sir Knight Dr. Beaumont, Staff Surgeon on board of H.M.S. Northumberland; Sir Knights Dr. Mills, P.E.C., Acting First Captain; J. Pitcher P.E.C.; G. S. Findley, P.E.C., Registrar; S. B. King, Acting Capt. of Lines. Visiting Frater Sir Knight W. T. Westgate, of the Plantagenet Preceptory, Acting 2nd Captain. The preceptory having been opened in ancient form and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the Emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, the Eminent Preceptor drew the attention of the Sir Knights to the bye-laws of the preceptory, with reference to a candidate who had been proposed, ballotted for, and accepted at the last meeting, but whose proposition fee had not been paid. The companion had been written to twice, but had not answered either communication. The bye-laws directed that if a companion did not appear at the next regular meeting after he had been ballotted for, in order to be installed, or send a reasonable excuse, his name should be erased. The companion, who was an officer in the army, had not thought it worth his while to acknowledge the communications which had been addressed to him, and had made no excuse whatever for his non-attendance, but the E. Preceptor would leave the matter in the hands of the Sir Knights as to what should be done in the matter. Sir Knight Mills suggested that as the candidate was proposed by the present Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight Dr. Beaumont, who was at present absent with his ship in Sweden, perhaps it would be as well to await his return in order to get an explanation. Sir Knt. Findley thought it would only be courteous to delay erasing the brother's name till the next meeting, for the reason stated by Sir Knight Mills. The Registrar announced that he had received the official accounts of the proceedings at Convent General and Great Priory. The Preceptor suggested that the Sir Knights would peruse the proceedings at their leisure. There being no further business before the preceptory it was closed and the Sir Knights retired for refreshment, which Frater Spalding had provided for them in the adjoining banqueting room. An admirable repast was served and ample justice was done to the viands. On the removal of the cloth Sir Knight Emra Holmes gave "The Queen, the Patron of the Order of the Temple;" "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital;" "The Earl of Limerick, Great Prior of England," in quick succession, the toasts being greeted with the usual loyalty and enthusiasm. He next proposed "The Health of their popular and estimable Provincial Prior, Sir Knt. Capt. Phillips, which was warmly received. Our visiting Frater was next proposed the Preceptor taking occasion to remark that the Prudence Preceptory was always very glad to receive visitors and only sorry it did not see them oftener. Sir Knight W. T. Westgate responded in his usual modest manner. A very pleasant evening was spent by the Sir Knights, the merits of the new "Masonic Magazine" being discussed, the advantages or disadvantages likely to arise from the proposed lowering of the fee for the Royal Arch as suggested by Sir Knight Emra Holmes, Masonic funerals and the law respecting them, the interest attaching to the Mark degree, and various other topics being discussed and dilated upon by the fratres in turn, much to their mutual edification. The Templars

separated at a reasonable hour mutually pleased with the refection and discourse, and not the less gratified at the announcement of the Registrar (the accounts having been audited) that the funds of the preceptory had never been in so flourishing a state as at present.

EDITIONS OF THE CONSTITUTIONS, GRAND LODGE AND GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

For some years I have endeavoured to obtain a complete list of all the Constitutions published by the Grand Lodge of England, as also to purchase copies of each edition, and the following exhibits the result:—

The first edition of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge (the first of any Grand Lodge in fact) was published A.D. 1723, and it was followed by various editions issued in 1738, 1756, 1767, 1776, and 1784, which was the last of the series, prior to the "Union" of the two rival Grand Lodges in 1813. After that eventful period, there were published those of 1815, 1827, 1841, 1847, 1853, 1855, 1858, 1851, 1853, 1857, 1871, and finally 1873, making eighteen editions in all. Besides these, there were published a copy in 1769 (which does not appear to have been regularly authorized), and the edition of 1738 was issued in 1746, with only the title-page altered, bearing the last-mentioned year. The 1815 and 1827 copies are both styled the "second part," but the first portion, though promised, was never published. It was to have been edited by Bro. William Williams, Prov. G. Master, Dorsetshire. Bro. the Rev. George Oliver, D.D., subsequently offered to write the History of Freemasonry, which the expected volume was to contain; but his fraternal assistance was not accepted, although evidently some such valuable aid was needed. What may be termed the Traditional History, is to be found in all the issues of last century, but since the "Union" only the "ancient charges" and the laws have been published. I think the Grand Lodge wisely decided not to commit itself to several absurd statements first of all promulgated by Bro. the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., and contained in all our "Old Constitutions," by refusing any longer to publish, as under their sanction, the account of our ancient society, accepted as authentic from 1723 to 1784.

In this short notice of the foregoing, I do not intend to dwell at all on their contents, but my desire is to give the list publicly, so as to secure the co-operation of all Masonic students in seeking to discover other editions, if any such existed, and if not, then to take it for granted that my category includes all published from 1723 to 1873, a period of a century and a half.

I have said nothing about the *Ancient Constitutions*, or *Charges*, peculiar to operative Masons, of which many versions have appeared in print from 1722 to the present time, neither have I chronicled the "Ahiman Rezens" of the "Ancients or Atholl Masons" as I intend these for a separate article. The 32mo. copies of the Constitutions I have not alluded to, as they are precisely the same as the larger regular editions.

Of the Grand Chapter Regulations published apart from the "ancients"—we have traced the following editions, viz—1778, 1782, 1817, 1823, 1843, 1852, 1864, and 1869. The first two were issued whilst the Grand Chapter acted independently of the Grand Lodge, and the remaining six were all published by authority of the United Grand Chapter recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England.

The laws for the government of the Royal Arch Degree as worked by the "ancients" from 1756 to 1813 are contained in the "Ahiman Rezens" or constitutions of that body, and were never issued in a separate form. The first edition of the laws of the Atholl Grand Lodge of A.D. 1756 mentions the Royal Arch Degree, but it is also noticed several times in a work of A.D. 1744 by Dr. Dassigny, of which I have a copy, believed to be unique.

I have copies in my library of all the foregoing constitutions and regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, excepting the edition of 1746 (really the edition of 1738, with a new

title-page), and the edition of 1776 (the 1767 with an appendix).

Will not some good brethren procure me copies of these, in order to complete my set? I shall not mind the expense, and shall be grateful for the assistance rendered. I shall also be glad to reciprocate the kindness any way in my power, for I am particularly anxious to possess the whole of the various editions of the laws of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter published in this country, having already some twenty-six out of the total—twenty-eight.

I believe a complete set is to be seen at Bro. Spencer's magnificent depôt of all Masonic works, London, which is the only collection of its kind in this country, (excepting the copies in Grand Lodge), although there are many near approaches to perfect sets in private Masonic libraries. In the United States I believe that Bro. E. T. Corson, of Cincinnati (Ohio) has a complete set of the constitutions, having also the largest Masonic library in America. I have obtained from Bro. Corson's Library transcripts of works not in any private library that I could discover in this kingdom. In conclusion I beg to thank the many private collectors in Great Britain for their valued assistance in the prosecution of my Masonic studies and researches.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT THIRSK.

On Tuesday, July 22nd, the remains of Bro. Richard Davis Carter, the much respected agent of Messrs. Backhouse and Co., at their branch bank at Thirsk, were consigned to their last resting-place in Thirsk Churchyard.

The deceased being a Freemason, and having previously expressed a wish to be buried with the formalities of the Fraternity, a dispensation for a Masonic Funeral service was granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon.

There was a large attendance of the members of the Craft, not only from Thirsk and neighbourhood, but also from Northallerton, Richmond, and Darlington, in which latter Lodge—Restoration, No. 111, the deceased was initiated, and continued a subscribing member to the time of his death. He was also a Royal Arch Freemason, having been exalted in the Darlington Chapter—Vigilance, No. 111. He was very active in the formation of a new Masonic Lodge in Thirsk—the Falcon, No. 1,416, of which Bro. F. Bell, Senior Grand Warden of North and East Yorkshire, was the first Master, and the deceased the first Senior Warden. He was looking forward with much pleasure to the ceremony of the laying of the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall, at Thirsk in September, when on Thursday evening, July the 17th, he was visited with an attack of apoplexy, and ceased to breathe the following morning.

On entering this quaint old town from the railway station, signs of mourning were everywhere visible, all the shops were closed, and the window blinds drawn down.

The Freemasons opened their lodge in the temporary lodge-room, and adjourned to a larger place for meeting in the Fleece Hotel, when the dispensation was read by the Secretary, and from which place the Masonic procession started, two Tylers, with drawn swords, leading the way. On reaching the residence of the deceased, the Freemason led the way in front of the hearse, and on reaching the church gates they opened out right and left, to allow the coffin to pass through, followed by the widow and other relatives, when they closed in, and took their places inside the church.

The procession was met by the Rev. Canon Coates, who, in the absence of the Vicar of the parish, performed the service very impressively.

On entering the church, the organist, Bro. Walton, who is also Organist of the lodge, played the "Dead March," a surpliced choir occupying the chancel stalls, who chanted the 90th Psalm to a single Anglican, by Dr. Hayes.

After the lesson was read, hymn 191, "Ancient and Modern," was sung, when the congregation followed the body to the grave.

The coffin was of polished oak. On the top was a simple Latin cross of the same material,

and a wreath of flowers. Upon the pall were placed the insignia of offices the deceased held—the sky-blue apron and collar of a Master Mason, and the purple and crimson apron and sash of a Royal Arch Mason.

At the conclusion of the Church service, the Masons formed a circle round the grave, when the Chaplain, the Rev. J. M. Guilding, vicar of Sowerby offered a suitable prayer.

The first part of the exhortation was given by the Master of the Restoration Lodge, and the conclusion by the Master of the Anchor Lodge, Northallerton, No. 1,337, who deposited in grave a scroll containing the name, age, and date of death of the deceased; likewise a lamb-skin, or white apron, the emblem of innocence, and the badge of a Mason; and, lastly, a branch of acacia—the emblem of faith in the immortality of the soul, with the exclamation, "Alas my brother!" The brethren then severally advanced to the grave, and also dropped the sprig of acacia.

The Rev. H. Jones, vicar of Osmotherley, offered another prayer, when the public grand honours were given, the brethren audibly pronouncing the following words:—"We commend his spirit to God, who gave it,"—the hands extended above the head,—and consign his body to the earth,—the hands extended towards the ground; "We cherish his memory hear,"—the arms crossed on the breast.

The procession then returned in the same order, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of luncheon at the Fleece Hotel.

Among the brethren present were the Rev. H. Jones, M.A., vicar of Rev. A. T. Attwood, M.A., Rural Dean; Rev. J. M. Guilding, vicar of Sowerby; Fred. Stichfull Bell, P.S.G.W.; John Rhodes, W. A. Bourne, G. Anderson, James Walton, W. Hall, Charles Greensides, William Coltman, George Ayre, H. Milburn, T. Wilkinson, N. C. Lawton, John Flatten, T. Cooper, of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1,416; Brunton, W.M.; Baily, P.M.; Farmer, P.M.; Jackson, P.M.; Boulton, Luck, Chadwick, Willis, Hoggett, Martin, Blacklock, Pape, Bell, and Gargett, of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111; Walton, P.M.; Palliser, C. Waistell, W. Waistell, Clarkson, Smithson, Hutchence, Oxendale, Rymmer, and Fairburn, of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1,337; T. Thompson, P.M., and P. Prov. G.D.C., of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, Hoskins and Russell, of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1,379, R. S. M. Vaughan of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham; E. C. Pearson, of the Hope Lodge, No. 302, Bradford.

Nearly the whole of the principal inhabitants of Thirsk attended the funeral. There were also present Messrs. Alfred Backhouse, E. B. Mounsey, J. E. Clapham, and B. Boulton, from the Darlington Bank. A more highly respected neighbour and citizen could not exist than Richard Davis Carter. The Freemasons revere his memory and deplore his loss. May the fragrance of virtue, like the sprig of acacia, bloom over the grave of the deceased brother.—*Northern Echo*.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.—The Pope, receiving the Bishops who were recently nominated said they should acquire influence in their dioceses by giving an example of holiness, and recommended them to defend the rights of the Church. The Pope added that a question was now being discussed between some bishops and an American Catholic Government. Freemasons, he said, had re-entered the councils of the Sovereign of that country and religious associations. They believed on that account, and because the object of their association, as in Europe, was a charitable one, that the Church did not condemn them. This idea was false. They were excommunicated, like all other secret societies.

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.

Reviews.

The Etymology and Syntax of Murray's Grammar, systematically arranged by Charlotte Kennion. Second edition, edited by Thalia S. Engall. Simpkin, and Marshall.

Kennion's Grammar is by this time too well known in the higher seminaries to need eulogy from us. By it the "dry" and distasteful study of English Grammar has become not only easy but pleasing to both teacher and pupil, "parsing," the horror of both, being rendered as amusing as the putting together of a child's geographical puzzle, and, to the eye, almost as pictorial. Valuable, however, as Kennion's Grammar has hitherto been, it is rendered much more valuable by Mrs. Engall's revision. The fellow-student and fellow labourer of the authoress, her aid was unsparingly given in the production of the first edition of the Grammar, and now, by an appendix, containing rules for parsing, so plain that a child of ordinary intelligence can scarcely fail to understand them, even without the aid of a teacher. In fact Mrs. Engall's revision has made this book not only what it professes to be, a systematic arrangement of Murray's Etymology and Syntax but without any fanciful departure from the great authority.

It is Lindley Murray revised and corrected, and so arranged that the student is carried forward, step by step, with the utmost speed and facility to the end of the journey; his love for it increasing with his onward progress. The Appendix is not the least valuable part of the book, and, now that the work is put before the public at a price that places it within reach of the ordinary class-room, or the humble private student, we have little doubt that it will soon become the general handbook for those who desire to obtain a thorough knowledge and understanding of the principles of the English and of other languages.

Medical Notes and Queries. London, Simpkin, Marshall and Co.

This paper (weekly) is devoted to the interests of the medical profession. The papers on "The Management and Diseases of Children" are evidently from the pen of a very able writer. It also gives a complete record of the special and general hospitals of the metropolis, with the addresses, means of obtaining admission, days for attendance of patients, &c. Taking the work as a whole, we heartily commend it to our readers, and to students of medicine it will yield much gratification.

Burial of Moses, sacred song. Words by Mrs. C. F. Alexander; music by H. R. Chamberlain. London, Chappell and Co.

We have much pleasure in drawing the attention of the Craft to this very interesting song. We heartily recommend it, feeling assured it will give satisfaction to all lovers of music.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Ye Leg-end of ye Pre-historic Manne," with thirteen illustrations designed and drawn by the author of "Waste of Wealth."

"The early History of the Property of Married Women, as collected from Roman and Hindoo Law."

"Debate on Married Women's Property Act."

"Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council of the 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States."

"Proceedings of a Convention, and the First Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine of the State of Illinois, U. S. A."

Bro. Baxter Langley and Mr. Angerstein, of the Woodlands, Blackheath, who formerly represented the borough, are the Liberal candidates for the representation of Greenwich. The Conservative party have adopted as their candidate Bro. T. W. Boord, 31°, of the firm of Boord and Sons, distillers, of Bartholomew-close.

The Bishop of London has given notice that he will hold the next general ordination in St. Paul's Cathedral, at Christmas.

MASONIC HALL IN NEW ZEALAND.

We recorded in our last number an account of the laying the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall at Timaru, Canterbury, New Zealand. We regret to have to add the following account (from the *Timaru Herald*), of its being rifled the same evening:—

"DISGRACEFUL THEFT.—The records of a Police Court show the worst phases of human nature, show to what depths man will go to accomplish crime, but usually there is a reverse side to the picture so presented, some reason being generally apparent. Starvation and poverty are at times assigned, but too often drink is found to be the *prima causa* which has led to the filling of our gaols and reformatories. But for the crime of robbing of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall of its contents—the robber must have been actuated by the basest of motives. Poverty could hardly be assignable, and only a desire for committing the pettiest of petty thefts could have actuated the very peculiar blackguard who effected the robbery. After the ceremony of laying the stone on Monday was completed, the workmen placed on the top of the "foundation stone" (a piece from the Oamaru quarries) a heavy piece of blue stone in the ordinary course of building. The two stones were found prized out of position, the cavity in the stone underneath the foundation-stone broken into—a cover of sandstone having been on Monday well cemented in—one of the bottles it contained smashed, the other bottle taken away, and the contents of both bottles stolen. The one bottle which was removed from the old hall contained two copies of the *Timaru Herald*, one of 29th August, 1866, and one of either the 11th or 18th June, 1864, a copy of the *Lyttleton Times*, *Press*, and *Oamaru Times*, besides a sovereign, half-sovereign, a crown piece, a half-crown, a florin, a shilling piece, sixpence, fourpenny bit, threepenny bit, a penny, and a half-penny, the cash in all being £2 1s. 8½d. The other bottle contained a copy respectively of the *Timaru Herald* and the *South Canterbury Times*, a *Lyttleton Times*, and a parchment setting forth the reasons for the then ceremony. The night was bright moonlight, and the thief or thieves must have worked at their rascally task in fear and trembling, the locality facing as it does a much frequented road. That he or they were disturbed is evidenced by a knife being left behind, with which the cement mortar had been picked out. This may eventually tell tales. We sincerely trust that it may, and that the police may catch the perpetrator of this vile act. The law, unfortunately, does not provide a sufficiently adequate punishment, but still we trust the people will not employ Judge Lynch to adjudicate. A warrant was issued for the apprehension of 'a suspect,' which has been acted upon, the man taken in custody and committed for trial."

SUNDERLAND MASONIC PICNIC.—The sixth annual picnic of the Freemasons of Sunderland was held on Wednesday week, July 23rd, at Gilsland. The party, which numbered over 260, were conveyed by special train, which, after clearing the crowded lines of rails between Sunderland and Newcastle, travelled up the valley of the Tyne, among some of the prettiest scenery in the North of England. A section of the party went on to Corley, and inspected the beautiful grounds attached to Corley Castle, the old church at Wetheral, which contains one of the finest pieces of modern sculpture in England, and other places of interest, returning to Gilsland to luncheon and tea. At Gilsland a substantial luncheon was spread for the whole party, the chair being taken by Bro. W. H. Crookes, W.M. 1389, P.G.S., (Chairman of the Committee). This disposed of, dancing was commenced on the croquet lawn and bowling green attached to the Shaws Hotel, and kept up with great spirit. Bro. R. Humphrey, W.M., 97, and Bro. Jas. Davison, W.M., 97, officiated as M.C.S. Bro. Jas. H. Coates, W.M., 949, acted as Secretary to the Committee.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL EXCURSION.—The London and Middlesex Archæological Society recently made an excursion to Hampton Court. A saloon steamer of the Citizen Company was specially chartered for the occasion, and a numerous freight of ladies and gentlemen embarked from St. Paul's or Westminster during the afternoon. Arrived at the Court, the company repaired to the Great Hall, where a general meeting of the society was held, by permission of Mr. Ayrton, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was subsequently passed. In the course of the introductory proceedings, sympathetic mention was made of the recent death of the Bishop of Winchester, who is well-known, amongst his other pursuits, to have been partial to archæology. The Rev. T. Hugo, a vice-president of the society, who had been president of the meeting, then took the society in tow, and throughout the remainder of the visit acted as a most able and agreeable cicerone. He gave an account of the Manor of Hampton as described in Domesday Book, and, in a few graphic sentences, brought the history down to the 13th century, when the widow of Sir Richard Gray left the estate to the Knights-Hospitallers of St. John. Mr. Hugo entertained his attentive audience with some receipts and expenditure of that remote period. The next stage in the historical narrative was to the 16th century, when the Order leased the manor to the famous Cardinal, who died "broken with the cares of state," at Leicester. Wolsey was at the time of this lease Archbishop of York, and the popular idea has been that he pulled down the old Manor-house, and constructed the palace pretty much as it now appears. Nobody disputes that he made short work of the old Manor-house; but Mr. Hugo very plausibly argued that the Great Hall, as the visitors behold it in these days, was the work of Henry VIII. Mr. Hugo took his pleased company over the chapel and grounds, dilating with considerable enthusiasm upon the splendid brickwork of the eastern front, the handiwork of Sir C. Wren. Mr. W. J. Rogers, the celebrated wood carver, was present, to testify to the objects to which he was most interested, especially as to the Grinling Gibbons works, which many competent judges think he has fully equalled. A most pleasant day was spent, and after the heat of the day, and numerous learned disquisitions, the Citizen boat, in the cool of the evening, brought back a highly delighted cargo of excursionists. It should be mentioned that Mr. Waller on tapestry, and Professor Tennant on geological topics, contributed largely to the interest of the visit.

Sheriff Bro. Sir F. Perkins is a candidate for the vacancy caused in the representation of the Ward of Cordwainer, in the Court of Aldermen, by the death of Sir David Salomons.

The Dowager Countess of Carnarvon is lying seriously ill at Pixton Park, Somersetshire, of congestion of the lungs. Her sons, Lord Carnarvon and the Hon. Alan Herbert, are with their mother.

A Memorial of the late Field-Marshal Sir George Pollock, constable of the Tower, has been placed in Westminster Abbey.

His Majesty the Shah of Persia has consented to become patron of the British Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

A circular has been issued from the Local Government Board to the various local authorities advising sanitary measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of cholera in this country.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Dangerous Diarrhoea. The causes of this weakening disease being so various and the nature of its attack being so changeable fully accounts for the present high rate of mortality registered diarrhoea. Under Holloway's treatment the source of this complaint may be in obscurity and the success be still the same, whether the stomach, liver, large or small intestines be the seat of the malady. His Pills judiciously taken and his Ointment laudably rubbed over the abdominal walls restrain the excited vessels and regulates each erring function, let it spring whence it may. Both medicaments address themselves directly to produce the exact balance between sensibility and irritability, between healthy and morbid secretions, between natural and excessive excretion.—ADVT.

Masonic Tidings.

THE EASTERN STAR.—The advocates of this system have now perfected their organization in such a manner as to insure its permanent existence, so as to more thoroughly accomplish the purposes for which it was established. This union which, after much consideration, has been effected, is entitled "The Supreme Council of the Order." It assumes control of all grades and orders connected with it, and claims jurisdiction co-extensive with the Republic. To extend the knowledge of this subject to all inquirers; to form societies of ladies, being the wives, widows, &c., of Masons, in every community; to organize Grand Bodies out of their constituent societies, and finally to enlarge the sphere of charity and sociability by securing the countenance and aid of the ladies—these are the aims proposed in the organization of the Supreme Council. A committee of three is appointed to draft a constitution, and to appoint Deputies of the Supreme Council in those jurisdictions that have not yet formed chapters of the order. An adjourned meeting of the Supreme Council will be held in the city of New York at an early day to receive the reports of the committee, and the first regular meeting for the more perfect organization will be held in New Orleans on the Monday preceding the convocation of the Grand Encampment of the United States, December, 1874.—*New York Dispatch*.

Dr. Albert G. Mackey, 33°, in his last journalistic enterprise, has failed of that support from the Fraternity to which his great ability and transcendent talents entitle him. In all the walks of Masonry, as an historian, author, commentator and ritualist, he has few peers; his works are regarded as text books, and his opinions upon questions of Masonic jurisprudence are universally accepted. He needs no greater monument to his genius and Masonic life than the volumes which will live after him; then (if possible) to be more highly prized than now. Hence it seems passing strange that in this progressive age, the *National Freemason* should languish for support and maintenance among the Craft, that the diffusion of esoteric intelligence which it imparts should be interrupted, and that the Pædian spring for whose water we have so often thirsted, should cease its refreshing tribute.—*New York Dispatch*.

BIBLICAL REVISION.—The New Testament Company of Revisers assembled on Tuesday, the 15th ult., in the Jerusalem Chamber, for their thirty-second session. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol presided. The other members present were:—Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of St. Andrews, the Dean of Rochester, the Dean of Westminster, Canon Lightfoot, Archdeacon Lee, the Prolocutor, Professor Milligan, Professor Moulton, Professor Newth, Professor Roberts, Dr. Brown, Dr. Vance Smith, Dr. Scrivener, Mr. Hort, and Mr. Humphry. The company proceeded to the revision of the 19th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

THE RESTORATION OF KIRKSTALL ABBEY.—Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A., has just completed a valuable contribution to archæological literature in a report to Colonel Akroyd, M.P., F.S.A., and a committee of gentlemen formed for the purchase and partial restoration of Kirkstall Abbey, near Leeds. Sir Gilbert's services had been called in to make "a careful survey of the ruins of the abbey church, with a view to forming an opinion as to the practicability and cost of bringing it back to a state fitted to its sacred uses." The cost is estimated at £34,250.

The Lord Mayor is to be entertained at a grand banquet at York, as a recognition of his hospitality to the mayors of the kingdom at the Mansion House recently. The various mayors have readily fallen in with the proposal, and it is anticipated that the gathering will be nearly as large as was that at the Mansion House, which was notable as a demonstration in favour of the great principle of municipal government.

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QUEEN'S HALL.—The Ghost.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1873.

THE FRENCH MASONS AND THE PERSIAN VISITORS.

From an elaborately printed brochure we learn the particulars of a Masonic Fete, given in Paris by the Lodge "La Clémentine Amitié" to some members of the Suite of the Shah of Persia who belong to a Masonic lodge at Teheran, and who first saw the light in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France.

Of the three Persian Masons invited, only two were able to accept the invitation, viz.:—Bros. Mirza-Reiza-Khan, and Neriman Khan both whom are generals, and aides-de-camp of His Majesty the Shah. Bro. Mirza-Malcom-Khan, being seriously indisposed at the time of the meeting sent an apology by his countrymen. At eight o'clock on the 16th of July the guests of the lodge arrived at the gates of the Grand Temple, which was brilliantly illuminated, and were cordially received by the brethren of the lodge.

A little before nine o'clock Bro. Cousin vacated

the chair, which was taken by the Senior Warden of the lodge, Bro. Vannier, Past Master, and descended into the Council Hall, to receive the President of the Grand Orient and his officers, of whom a great number honoured the lodge with their presence on this occasion.

The guests of the evening arrived at about half-past nine, and were warmly received in the Council Hall.

As soon as reciprocal presentations, and exchange of compliments were made, the Worshipful Master resumed the chair of the lodge, and made known to the President his readiness to receive the distinguished visitors.

The President of the Grand Orient and his officers were marshalled with due solemnity to their places on the dais. The gavel was, as is customary, offered to the President, who requested the Worshipful Master to retain it, and took his place at the right hand of the Worshipful Master.

The Persian brethren were then introduced with due ceremonial, and invited to seats in the East.

Bro. Cousin, the Worshipful Master, then delivered an address which was listened to by all present with wrapt attention. He said, in effect:—

"My dear Brethren,

"In the name of the Freemasons of Paris, Lodge "La Clémentine Amitié" salutes you. The lodge which you have honoured by your visit has followed its ancient traditions in meeting for the purpose of welcoming you as the representatives of Masonry of the East.

"Your place, my brethren, is naturally ranked as the first among the pioneers of progress, these good and worthy Masons who have so cordially responded to our call. We know that you love France, our dear and unfortunate country; you speak its language, you have been educated in its schools, and you have sought, under our Grand Orient, initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Possessed of the confidence of your sovereign, who has won the sympathy of European nations, absorbed by your official duties, overwhelmed with pleasure, perhaps somewhat fatiguing, you, nevertheless, spare an hour to renew with us the ties of fraternity. Rest assured of your welcome, brethren, in this assemblage of free men, friends of the virtuous whether rich or poor—in this masonic democracy—dedicated to equality yet ever ready to honour the truly noble, and to recognise the superiority gained by services rendered to the country and the human race.

"It is not, my brethren, the distinguished titles which you bear, which have attracted around you the elite of Parisian Masons; it is your filial affection for the Grand Orient of France—of which your presence here to-night is a witness—your faithful attachment to Masonry, and your noble efforts for the propagation of our principles, which have conquered our hearts and merited our approbation.

"Permit me, brethren, to make a reflection, which I think is not out of place, and which, I hope, will not wound the feelings of any Mason present. The respectful cordiality with which our nation has received our royal guest, have drawn forth the remark, that in this loyal sym-

pathy with Nasser-Eddin, may be discovered a latent desire to return to the institution of the past. These, my brethren, are the interesting thoughts awakened, and which your intelligence cannot have passed unobserved. Our poor Paris, so often calumniated, is not so frivolous as she is represented, and has learned a lesson out of her misfortunes.

"Without abandoning our honest conviction, without deserting the noble device which decorates our temple and shines on our monuments, we can, applaud the descendant of Xerxes, who despite the prejudices of his nation, has crossed the sea, and braved its dangers, in order to witness the benefits of civilisation, and endeavour to benefit his people thereby.

"You, my brethren, are the intelligent promoters, the fellow-labourers of this noble enterprise, and that is why the lodge "Clémentine Amitié" honours itself to day by placing your names upon those tablets, on which the most illustrious Masons of the two hemispheres have considered it an honour to be inscribed.

"Receive cordially these modest fraternal offerings from the good and faithful 'Sons of the Widow.'

"May they often call to mind this evening, the memory of which, traced on the brightest page of our 'Golden Book,' will never be effaced from our hearts."

The prolonged applause which greeted the oration of Bro. Cousin, was a proof that it reflected the sentiments of the brethren present.

Bro. Neriman Khan desired a word, and in a voice evidently affected with emotion, expressed to the assembly his deep gratitude for the reception with which he had been so profoundly honoured.

Bro. Mirza-Reiza Khan, in a brief but graceful address, endorsed the sentiments of his friend, and warmly returned thanks for the reception.

The brethren were called from labour to refreshment.

The Persian brethren were surrounded and warmly complimented. Their modest demeanour, the simplicity of their dress (they had worn no decorations), their affability, their readiness to answer the numerous interrogatories addressed to them, and the joy which beamed from their countenances, gained all hearts.

At half-past eleven the W.M. announced the departure of the guests, and conducted them to the gate of the Temple. On the way the visitors received unanimous expressions of sympathy and affection.

The W.M. was warmly complimented on the happy occasion by the President of the Grand Orient, and acknowledged, on behalf of his lodge and himself, the compliments of the first Mason of France.

The brethren retired at midnight, filled with joy at this happy event, which the distinguished assemblage of Masons had transformed from a modest reception to a brilliant solemnity, which must have impressed the Eastern brethren with an exalted idea of Parisian Masonry.

An emergency lodge was held the next day for the purpose of initiating Aga Reza, a member of the Suite of the Shah. Bro. Mirza-Al-Nazin acted as interpreter, as the candidate did not understand the French language,

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BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

BRO. D. MURRAY LYON, P.M., W.M. 125.

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Chapter xiii. records two instances of Masons being made outside the Lodge of Edinburgh, one especially being noteworthy, viz., the initiation of the Right Hon. Robert Moray, Quartermaster General to the army of Scotland, which took place at Newcastle, England, on the 20th day of May, 1641. On the evacuation of the town of Newcastle, and the return of the army to Edinburgh, those who initiated Moray appear to have reported the fact to the lodge, which being approved by the members, was ratified by the signatures of three brethren, as representing the lodge, together with the signature of the newly-admitted brother.

The Kilwinning Lodge minutes (so Bro. D. Murray Lyon informs us) contain the earliest commission extant to enter Masons at a distance from the lodge. The date is 20th December, 1677, and it was granted to a number of operative Masons from the Canongate of Edinburgh, a facsimile of the original record being also given, with the signatures and marks of the brethren. Subsequently the Edinburgh brethren formed themselves into a separate lodge, and have continued to exist to the present time.

Farther on in the splendid volume will be found the Edinburgh Kilwinning MS. (circa 1670), and also the Acheson-Haven MS. of A.D. 1666, both being most valuable documents, and reproduced *verbatim et literalim*. The latter I think must have been the basis of Laurie's MS. in his "History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

Bro. Lyon's remarks respecting these and other old MSS. (particularly as to the York MS. of 1693, which I published in my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints") are well worth perusing, and evidently the result of considerable thought. The information afforded as to the custom of the old lodges opening and closing with prayer, and also other peculiarities of what may be termed the Christian period of the Craft, are full of interest to the Masonic archaeologist.

The history of the various struggles which, alas, disgraced, in some measure, the lodge early in the last century, and also later on, is fully given, and in such an impartial manner, that while I lament the differences which arose, and which evidently were amicably arranged, I can plainly see that Bro. Lyon is anxious to give a true picture of the lodge's past career, and not to keep back, what for the credit of the lodge one naturally wishes had never occurred.

Fortunately, however, for the historian, the Lodge of Edinburgh has not only the oldest records, but as a lodge, it has been, and is, the most influential and distinguished in the world. The "Decree Arbitral" of 1714-15 is surpassed by no other Masonic document in importance, and whether it is regarded in an archaeological or Masonic light, its text is full of interest to all students of the operative period of our history. The Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, F.R.S. (Past Grand Master of England) visited the lodge, 24th August, 1721, and was admitted as a member. Bro. Lyon considers that the learned doctor's visit to the Edinburgh Masons was due to his desire to introduce the ceremonies, as revised in 1717, to the notice of the Scottish brethren, and he "ascribes Scotland's acquaintance with, and subsequent adoption of English Symbolical Masonry, to the conference which the co-fabricator and pioneer of the system held with the Lodge of Edinburgh in August, 1721."

There is no doubt to my mind, but that all grand lodges over the world owe their knowledge of Freemasonry of three degrees to the Grand Lodge of England, constituted in 1717, although of course lodges prior to the last century possessed *secrets* communicated only to the initiated, but then the ceremonies were simple in their character, and known to all the members, irrespective of their rank.

Another Grand Master of England visited the lodge in 1734, and took the chair on the initiation of several noblemen, two of whom became

Grand Masters of England, another Grand Master of Scotland, and two became Grand Wardens.

One of the particulars afforded anent the choice of the First Grand Master for Scotland are entirely new to me, and I expect are equally so to my readers. The Lodge of Edinburgh, it seems, favoured the election of Lord Herne, and the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, William Sinclair, of Roslin. We do not remember any allusion to Lord Herne prior to this, as a candidate for the Grand Mastership. The election, however, because of certain circumstances, fully explained in the history, was unanimously in favour of the latter brother, whose initiation took place only a few months before the occurrence of the great event in Scottish Masonry during the last century.

The history of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of several lodges working under its wing, being so fully treated by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, I cannot do more than express my admiration of the diligence and patience with which our brother has discharged his task, likewise my approval of the manner in which the matter has been arranged and published.

In chapter xxi. Bro. Lyon observes "With the exception of the few instances in which both offices were united in one individual, the Deacon of the Incorporated Masons during the whole of the seventeenth and the first and second decades of the eighteenth century usurped the directorate of the Lodge of Edinburgh. The Deacon of the Incorporation was also Master of the lodge in 1736, and as such took part in the institution of the Grand Lodge. For the second time in its history the Incorporation elected to the Deaconship a brother who had never received Masonic Initiation." This was in 1753, and at St. John's Day the speculatives, taking advantage of this, elected a "writer" to the office of Master, which gave great offence to many of the operatives, who considered that only operative masons were eligible for the chair. Although the Grand Master sided with the latter, the members re-elected Bro. Reoch, to the chair of the lodge, and thus gradually the speculative and operative elements became blended and united in their Masonic relationships.

The third degree is referred to, for the first time in the records, on the first day of November, 1738. There are earlier references to this degree in some of the Scottish minutes of lodges, but during the same decade as the foregoing. It is probable however that it was worked either during the visit of Dr. Desaguliers, or soon afterwards, as I am of opinion that the knowledge of the "Sublime Degree" was obtained from "across the Border."

Bro. Lyon declares that the "Minutes of Cannongate Kilwinning contain the earliest Scottish record extant of the admission of a Master Mason under the modern Masonic Constitution (viz., A.D. 1735). "We have authority for stating that there is an earlier instance of the third degree being worked in Scotland than the minutes of the Lodge of Edinburgh contains, viz., in the Ancient Lodge of Aberdeen, which has a most valuable series of records from A.D. 1670, containing a copy of the * "Masonic Charges," and other most interesting matters, which I hope ere long to see printed and circulated amongst the Craft, for their publicity would be a great boon to the studious craftsman, and to the antiquary a curious feast.

The third degree is first mentioned by the Clerk to the Aberdeen Lodge, on the 8th July, 1736, but in such a way that it is evident the degree was not new to the members at that period. A month prior to this date it occurs in Kilwinning minutes. In England it is noticed in Lodge records as early as 1724. Abundant evidence is presented in the work to prove that the third degree had not become common to the Scottish lodges, until after 1770.

Some strange correspondence follows respecting the right of the Lodge of Edinburgh to its title, in lieu of Mary's Chapel. The former was the name by which it was originally known, and by which it has been often designated, and I

* I have been granted permission to publish this ancient document, and shall avail myself of the valued privilege shortly.

cannot see why the Grand Lodge should have refused the application, in 1841, of the members to be so known for the future. What has been known as the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel, originally consisted of masons and wrights, incorporated by a seal of cause in 1475 (which document is given in full in the 24th chapter of this work), and ratified by the Archbishop of St. Andrews in 1517, by Royal Charter in 1527, by the Common Council in 1633, by Royal Charter again in 1635, and by decree of the Court of Session in 1703. Embracing at first only the masons and wrights of Edinburgh, the scope of the incorporation was gradually extended, till, in the beginning of the eighteenth century, it included glaziers, plumbers, slaters, painters, coopers, sievewrights, bow-makers, and upholsterers. In the year 1475, the members are styled "Masonis and the Wrichtis." Fines imposed on the Craftsmen in "ye olden tyme" were employed for the sustentation of the church. At Aberdeen, in the year 1483, they were given to the Sanct. Nicholas Kirk-wark. Money and wax to the altar of St. Thomas, erected in the kirk of Glasgow, and fines were exigible under the charter granted to the Incorporation of Masons in 1551, while the Ayr Squaremen (masons and wrights) were in 1555 placed under similar obligations for the uphold of St. Ninian's altar, in the parish kirk of the burgh From municipal records, belonging to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, we learn that public bodies were accustomed to hold their meetings in the kirks within their respective bounds. This custom survived the Reformation; and was recognised by the Masonic Statutes of 1599, which confirmed the lodge of Kilwinning's right to hold its courts within the parish kirk An extraordinary communication of the Lodge of Edinburgh was held in Holyrood House in June 1600.

Chapter xxv. is devoted to a consideration of the claims of Mother Lodge Kilwinning, and the Lodge of Edinburgh, to greater antiquity, and as the old minutes of both lodges have been freely searched on this point, as also the books of the Grand Lodge, the subject is ably and exhaustively treated, and I think finally disposed of. Politics crept into Edinburgh Masonry a little, early this century, and a secession of the delinquents from the Grand Lodge was the consequence, which for a time involved the Craft not a little in the eyes of the public. The Grand Lodge of England sided with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and through the aid of the Earl of Moira, acting Grand Master, opposed any lodges interfering in political matters. Gradually the struggle became more intense until the authorities of the City of Edinburgh were called upon to settle the dispute, and all meetings were for a time interdicted. Other questions also fell to be considered, which originally formed no part in the unfortunate misunderstanding, such as the legal right of a Grand Lodge, in either England, Scotland, or Ireland, to rule all lodges in these countries, which was shown to be erroneous, as at that time lodges in existence prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland had refused to become connected with that body.

The Lord Ordinary of the Court of Sessions gave his decision on the 12th November, 1811. Amongst other clauses in this interlocutor, that legal authority thus refers to William St. Clair, the so-called Hereditary Grand Master. "That supposing the Grand Master to have possessed such powers, there is no evidence that when William St. Clair of Roslyn resigned the office of Hereditary Grand Master, he either actually did or could lawfully transfer to any other body of men any of the rights, powers, or privileges which belonged to him as Grand Master." The defendants were victorious, and the Grand Lodge party were found liable in the costs of the suits. Ultimately the Grand Lodge received the seceders back into their fold, and soon peace and harmony once more prevailed.

The various chapters on the "higher degrees" will be read by many with great pleasure, especially when the origin and progress of the Masonic Knights Templar and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, as also other Masonic bodies, including that far-famed Royal Order of Scotland*

are carefully and exhaustively treated. "It is a curious fact that the Knight Templars' Order, then known as Black Masonry, was propagated in Scotland to a large extent, through charters issued by the "High Knight Templars of Ireland Kilwinning Lodge," and what is still more extraordinary, this body of Freemasons in Dublin was constituted by mother Lodge Kilwinning in 1779 for the practice of the Craft degrees only.

As Bro. Lyon observes, the Knight Templar proclivities of the brethren in Ireland, "encouraged the belief in Kilwinning being a centre of the Hautes Grades." The truth is, however, Mother Kilwinning has never worked any degrees but those known as Craft Masonry, and knows nothing even of the Royal Arch Degree. "It is alleged that the Ancient Lodge of Stirling was, in 1743, the first in Scotland to practice the Royal Arch Degree, but of this there is no authentic evidence. . . . To such an extent had the work of lodges at this period (1799-1800) become associated with that of the Royal Arch and Templar Degrees, that in October, 1800, the Grand Lodge of Scotland issued a circular prohibiting and discharging its daughters to hold any meetings above the degree of Master Mason, under the penalty of the forfeiture of their charter."

The interesting particulars concerning the Royal Order of Scotland in Chapter xxxii. cannot fail to be most instructive and valuable to English Freemasons, as but little is known about the early history of this "quaint and ancient degree," and as it is now legally worked in London and in the northern counties, attention will naturally be drawn to an authentic account, such as Bro. Lyon affords. A transcript of the literal translation, inserted in the Lodge of Edinburgh records, of the charter of Cologne A.D. 1535, is given in the next chapter, and Bro. Lyon evidently concurs with Dr. James Barnes, Herr Findel, and Dr. George Kloss, who have declared the document to be a forgery. The transcript is most useful, however, to enable brethren to judge for themselves, and if it is carefully examined, there will be found plenty of internal evidence in proof of its modern composition.

Bro. Lyon well observes, "Statements as to the Mason Craft having three centuries ago been the conservators of chivalric rites, are not now received as historical facts, except by the more superstitious of the brotherhood."

The various grand visitations of the Lodge of Edinburgh are chronicled in a most happy manner, and I think few, if any lodges can boast of such special distinction in this respect.

The chapter in which allusion to the "dwarfish proportions of the fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence" will, we trust, be carefully read, and lead to more attention being directed to that charitable organisation, which, though now is a disgrace, will soon become an honour to the fraternity in Scotland.

The debt of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (which is also mentioned) by proper management would have been extinct long ago.

All zealous Masons are hopefully looking forward to the time when the Earl of Rosslyn's energetic measures for the welfare of the fraternity in Scotland, have borne fruit, and the financial arrangements of the Grand Lodge will then be placed on a firm and Masonic basis. I hope my friends will not be startled, but at page 355 there are evidences submitted, which unequivocally prove that the presence of ladies was permitted in open lodge in the year 1843. It is too long a subject to open up now, but the proof afforded of such an occurrence having taken place is unquestionable. The matter was duly investigated by the Grand Lodge, and the offending parties were severely reprimanded.

It is comforting to be told that the meeting was only convened on a festive occasion, and not for the conferring of Masonic degrees, or the "Lady Freemason" may have lost her unique distinction.

Chapter xxxix. is mainly devoted to a sketch of the most distinguished Masonic career of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., K.C.B., to whom the History of the Lodge of Edinburgh is dedicated, as one of its noblest Honorary Members, and whose family have for upwards of a century been closely associated with the government of the Craft. His Lordship is well-known in this country as Past Deputy Grand Master, and as the Representative of our

Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which latter body he was Grand Master for three years. To the Earl of Dalhousie the Fraternity are indebted for the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and his installation as head of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and doubtless from His Royal Highness taking so much interest in Scottish Freemasonry is to be attributed the fact that the present work by Bro. Lyon is issued under his Royal patronage.

Numerous notices of many distinguished brethren, forming quite a series of biographical sketches of prominent Masons, extending over a period of upwards of three centuries, adorn the work, and form an additional attraction to the History of the Lodge of Edinburgh. There is of course one important omission, which I shall endeavour to remedy at the close of this article. I allude to the life and labours of the author of the work itself, and am persuaded in briefly noticing Bro. D. Murray Lyon's Masonic career I shall accomplish, though in an imperfect manner, the wishes of all the subscribers. Division No. xlii. may be designated the Royal Chapter, as it contains a complete account of all the sovereigns and princes of this land who have honoured the Craft with their patronage, from the initiation of Frederick Lewis Prince of Wales (father of George III) in 1737, to His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, in 1868.

We are glad to see by the notice concerning the Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that a catalogue of that valuable collection of books is in course of preparation, for the condition the library has been in for many years has been most unsatisfactory. The volume contains in conclusion quite a galaxy of excerpts from the records of ancient lodges in the seventeenth, and early in the eighteenth centuries, the whole of which, though most interesting and valuable are many years later in date than those of the Lodge of Edinburgh.

The Masonic Historian of Scotland, Bro. David Murray Lyon, of Ayr, was initiated in the Lodge of "Ayr and Renfrew Militia St. Paul," No. 204, June 1854; was put in "harness" at once, having acted as Secretary in 1854 and since then, in 1869 and 1873. He was affiliated into "Mother Kilwinning" in 1860, was its Junior Warden in 1861, Proxy Warden from 1862 to 1869, and Proxy Master of Scarborough Lodge, Tobago, from 1869 and 1873. Affiliated with St. James Lodge, Newton-on-Ayr, No. 125, in 1868, the members elected him their Master in 1873, and as such received the degree of Installed Master in St. Mark's Glasgow, No. 102, in July. Until lately the Past Master's degree was worked under the authority of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

His connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, dates from 1861, since which period Bro. Lyon has been either Junior or Senior Grand Warden, having acted to the year 1866 in the former capacity, and since then as the Senior Prov.G.M.

He has also been elected annually from 1863 as one of the Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I shall not append the list of lodges of which he is Honorary Member, as I have already occupied considerable space in my review of his *magnum opus*, but shall rest content by mentioning that the Lodge of Edinburgh has his name enrolled as such in their illustrious records. In Royal Arch Masonry our brother has been also most fortunate and distinguished in his associations with the companions. Exalted in the Ayr St. Paul Chapter No. 18, in July, 1854, and affiliated into Ayr Kilwinning, No. 80, in 1860, the members were not satisfied until they were able to salute him as their Past First Principal of both chapters, and has since then rendered most invaluable assistance to the Grand Chapter by way of inaugurating chapters, and in a trying time was the chief support to that body in the Province of Ayrshire when a rival Grand Chapter was started in Glasgow.

Bro. Lyon is also a member of the Grand Priory of Scotland, having enjoyed that distinction from the year 1862. He was knighted in October, 1858, in the Ayr Priory, No. 4, for which he was the Secretary from 1860 to 1862,

and from that period has presided as its Eminent Commander.

But it is as a Masonic Historian that his chief labours for the Craft have been so successfully devoted, and in appreciation of which he was elected one of the few corresponding members of the Verein Deutscher Freimaieria in 1867; and the M.A. of the Masonic University of Kentucky in June, 1862, and corresponding member of the Rosicrucian Society of England in 1869. As the author of the histories of "Mother Lodge Kilwinning;" "The Lodge of Edinburgh;" "The Lodge of Thornhill;" "Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland;" and a host of smaller, but most valuable productions, his name will be associated with his country as a most accurate Masonic Historian, so long as Freemasonry is respected and beloved, and faith, hope, and charity, are venerated throughout the length and breadth of the land, and indeed wherever masonic students exist throughout the world.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was held on Saturday 26th ult., for the year 1873, at the Station Hotel, Sutton, when a large and distinguished party of Freemasons of the county attended to show respect to the Provincial Grand Master, Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., who presided, and to perform the business of the Province which had accumulated during the year.

Among those who attended we observed:—Bros. the Rev. A. W. Hall, Prov.G.C.; George Price, Prov.G. Treasurer; C. W. Dommett, Prov. G.R.; W. Greenway, Prov. G.D.C.; C. W. Power, Prov. G.S.W.; James Squire, Prov. G. Std. B.; C. H. Woodward, P. Prov. J.G.W. Dr. Strong, P. Prov. J.G.W.; H. Cartwright, P. Prov. J.G.W.; George White, P. Prov. S.G. W.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.J.G.D., &c.; James Robins, P.M., Treasurer, No. 452; William T. Sugg, P.M., No. 452; E. H. Sugg, Org., No. 452; Magnus Ohren, P.M., No. 33, and P.M. and Secretary, No. 452; George Porter, Prov. G. Org.; James Fearman, Prov. G. Stwd. B.; J. J. Burton, Prov. G. Std. B.; Draper Woodward, W. Finlay, H. Potter, 1,347; R. R. D. Podmore, W. Church Poole, W.M., 452; C. Horsley, P.G.R., Middx.; R. T. Elsam, W.M., 891 W. J. Kemp, 1,362; A. C. Ebbutt, Walter Spencer, 452; Henry Langridge, S.W., 1,347; Herbert Potter, 55, 1,347; W. Baker, P.M., 142; James Terry, Secretary R.M. Benevolent Institution; W. Smallpeice, W.M. 1,385; C. Moody, P.M. 1,046; John Knight, W.M. 1,046, and E. E. Meakin, W.M. 1,363.

When the lodge had been formally opened and the preliminary business transacted, the Grand Lodge accepted the Finance Committee's report, which recommended twenty guineas to be given to the Boys' School, and fifteen guineas to the Girls' School, to qualify the Province as Vice-President of these Institutions. Bro. George Price was re-elected and invested as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then read the speech of the most Worshipful Grand Master delivered in Grand Lodge on Grand Festival, which appeared in our impression of the 3rd of last May. The observations made in this speech he commended to the earnest attention of the brethren as being likely, if observed, to improve the position of both Masons and Masonry among the Institutions of the country and in the opinion of their fellow citizens.

The retirement of Bro. B. Blake from the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master was announced, and the Provincial Grand Master said he could not but regret it, as the services of Bro. Blake, in his high position, had been of great importance to the province; and that the thanks of himself and all other brethren were due to that brother for the faithful and zealous discharge of his duties.

He then appointed the following brethren as his Grand Officers:—Bro. W. F. Harrison, of Weybridge, D.G.M., in place of Bro. Blake, resigned through ill-health; Bro. Knight, P.S.G.W.; Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chaplain; Bro. G.

Price, G. Treasurer; Bro. C. Greenwood, P.G. Secretary; Bro. Ernest H. Morrison, P.G. Registrar; Bro. Charrington, S.G.D.; Bro. Owens, P.G. J.D.; Bro. W. Church Poole, P.G. Sup. Works; Bro. R. T. Elsam, G.D.C.; Bro. Horne, G. Swd. B.; Bro. Sugg, G. Org.; and Bro. C. T. Speight, Prov. Grand Tyler.

The following proposition by Bro. Woodward was brought forward and discussed:—

"That, owing to the growth of Freemasonry in the Province of Surrey, and the increasing number of lodges, a fund be established, to be called 'The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey Entertainment Fund,' to which every lodge in the Province of Surrey shall contribute the sum of two guineas annually. The amount to be paid to the Provincial Grand Treasurer, with and at the same time as Provincial Grand Lodge dues are paid. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will hand over to the Treasurer of the lodge entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge the amount he shall have received up to and including the day on which Provincial Grand Lodge shall meet in each year."

In the discussion Bros. Magnus Ohren, Sec., and James Robins, Treasurer of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, and many others took part, and it was proposed as an amendment that the sum should be made three guineas instead of two. The amendment, however, was afterwards withdrawn, and the original motion was carried. At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Grand Master and his officers were entertained by the W. Master (Bro. W. Church Poole) and brethren of the Frederick Lodge of Unity (452) at a banquet, in a spacious marquee in the grounds adjoining the hotel. When the banquet was concluded, the musical brethren sang grace, and the toasts were proceeded with.

The Provincial Grand Master, in appropriate terms, proposed "The Queen and the Craft." In giving "The Health of the Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon," he referred again to the speech which his Lordship delivered in Grand Lodge on the 30th April, as showing the genuine interest he took in the welfare of the Craft.

The toast of "The Deputy Grand Master," which included that of "The Past Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," he said would also be received with pleasure. It was an immense satisfaction to the Craft when they found that the Prince had received Masonic light, and though he did not receive it in this country, they knew the excellent spirit in which Masonry was carried on in the country where he became a brother. Since then he had displayed great interest in Masonry; and though it could not be expected that H.R.H. could keep up the working of the degrees, yet as Master of a private lodge to which he (the Prov. G.M.) belonged, he had done his work very well. As the toast included the present and past Grand Officers, he would call on Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, a Past Grand Deacon, to respond to it.

Bro. H. H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D., in responding said how deeply he felt the honour of occupying the position of a grand officer, and of being favoured with the notice of the Provincial Grand Master. As he himself should endeavour, so he hoped every grand officer would endeavour to claim a title to such kind notice.

Bro. G. W. White Phipson proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master." As an old officer of the province, he could not forget the twenty or twenty-one years that had passed since he first had the honour of being associated with the Past Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Alex. Dobie). Under him the officers of the province had passed many years of improvement, pleasure and happiness; but as it had been said there were as good fish in the sea as had ever been caught, so on the retirement of a good Grand Master, a good one was to be found to supply his place. Of that the province had had experience in the selection of the Present Provincial Grand Master, who was always to be found attending to his duties, and seeking the welfare of his province. In a great number of instances the duties of grand officers were but lightly thought of, though in the majority of instances they were well attended to. They had seen this in the past, and had led a happy and prosperous time under Bro. Dobie. The Grand Master,

they could see, was a man of rule, and could carry out what he had set himself. He expected a due observance of the call which it was his right and privilege to make upon them. With such a ruler the province would grow in importance, and the distribution of office among men who were good Masons, would tend to raise the province in the estimation of the Craft. He trusted that the present Prov. Grand Master would long be preserved to rule over the province, and that for many years they would meet in that unanimity and good feeling which characterises them at the present time.

The Provincial Grand Master in acknowledging the toast, said his reception at the hands of the brethren had always been cordial, and if he did not meet with similar kindness in future it would be his own fault. The allusions which Bro. White Phipson had made to the career of the Past Provincial Grand Master was very touching, and he felt it very deeply, because he felt that when the time should come for himself through weakness to resign the honourable position he now held, the same good wishes and good feelings which had followed Bro. Dobie into retirement would follow him. Depend upon it he would do his best to preserve it, in all matters he would endeavour to act fairly, and honestly, and justly to all.

The Provincial Grand Master next gave "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and complimented them by saying that it was impossible he could carry out his work properly without their assistance. He was happy to say they had hitherto been found most efficient, and he hoped that those brethren, on whom his choice had fallen that day, would prove themselves as worthy of office as their predecessors. They would see the necessity of performing their duties, and attending to the work of the province. He would certainly not have undertaken the office of Provincial Grand Master if he had not intended to discharge the duties attached to the occupancy of the chair. Therefore what he had undertaken himself he expected of others.

Bro. Wright, and the Rev. Ambrose Hall responded, the latter remarking that Bro. Harcourt would have been present but for ill-health, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but for affliction, and he felt confident the brethren would express their sympathy with him in that affliction.

The Provincial Grand Master hoped the Provincial Grand Secretary would place on the minutes the few words he uttered in Grand Lodge when he expressed his high sense of the services Bro. Blake had conferred on the province, and his regret at his absence.

The Provincial Grand Master said that before he had the honour of being connected with the Province of Surrey he was able to testify to its hospitality. Since he had had the honour of being more closely connected with it, he had found a repetition of that hospitality. If at any time he had not attended their banquets, it was not for want of being asked, but for want of opportunity to accept the invitations. A large number of visiting brethren were always to be found at their board and in their lodges, which was a habit to be encouraged, as they always learned something from associating with their brethren from other provinces. "The Visiting Brethren from other Provinces" was the toast he had to propose, and he should couple with it the name of Bro. Horsley, Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex.

Bro. Horsley replied, and in doing so thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the compliment, the Frederick Lodge of Unity for their entertainment, and Bro. Magnus Ohren, an old and esteemed friend of his, for giving him the extreme pleasure of being present. The Provincial Grand Master had given them all a treat in shewing them that he could work his columns in Masonry as well as he could his columns in the army. He had had efficient officers round him in different parts of the world; but it was doubtful whether he ever had a more able corps of officers than he had at the present glorious board.

The Provincial Grand Master in giving "The Health of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary," said the duties of those two

officers were unceasing. The Grand Treasurer fortunately had well filled coffers, and it was their confidence in him which made his presence and his position so satisfactory to them all. The Grand Secretary they knew better than he (the Provincial Grand Master) did, and when he invested him with his collar he had said he did not know what we should do without him. With his own, at present, but partial knowledge of the province, Bro. Greenwood's advice had been of great assistance. He hoped in the matter of knowing the province he would go on improving every year. He had a bad memory for names, but a good memory for faces; but he trusted he should be able very soon to remember all the brethren with whom he might be brought in contact.

Bro. Price, Grand Treasurer, replied; he felt it a great advantage to be coupled with his worthy colleague, Bro. Greenwood, in this toast. They had acted together now for a great number of years, he was almost afraid to say how many, and during that period they had always worked in love and harmony together; they had never differed, and that was an advantage which others would do well to seek. If officers acted together the Provincial Grand Master would have very little trouble, and it would prove a benefit to Provincial Grand Lodge. For himself he begged to return thanks for the many kind things which the Provincial Grand Master had said of him. He had been Provincial Treasurer for many years. Last year he was in Spain when Grand Lodge met; and he was not able to attend; but he had very rarely been absent, and as long as they felt disposed to entrust him with the responsible position which he occupied, he would do his best to fill it to their satisfaction. He knew he was getting old, but while he was capable of performing their work he felt sure they would appoint no other to his place. He would, however, say that when he felt he could not perform his work satisfactorily, he would place his office in their hands.

Bro. C. Greenwood thought it very unkind that the Treasurer should have confined his speech entirely to himself, instead of responding for the Secretary as well. Bro. Price and himself were appointed on the same day, and it had given him great pleasure to work with him ever since. At Grand Lodge he had generally been present since then; very rarely had he been absent, indeed it was only two or three Provincial Grand meetings he had been absent from. It had given him great pleasure during that time to watch the progress of Freemasonry in the province of Surrey. When he was first appointed by Bro. Dobie, there were but few Masons in the province, and fewer lodges. Now, however, there was a great accession in lodges and a much more considerable accession of Masons. Most of them, he was happy to say, he knew, and he was proud to say that in the province of Surrey, they had carried out those sentiments which had been given expression to by the Grand Treasurer. Great changes had taken place. For many years he had the honour of serving under Bro. Dobie, whom he found to be an excellent Grand Master, and he was pleased to find his successor was in no respect inferior to him.

The Provincial Grand Master said the next toast was a special one. They had had a most agreeable evening; the banquet had been excellent, the hospitality of the Frederick Lodge of Unity unbounded, and the tent in which they had been greeted had been cool and airy, and everything had been done by the lodge to make them comfortable. For all this they had to thank the Frederick Lodge of Unity, and he would appeal to the brethren present for support in his assertion, that this visitation of Grand Lodge had been received with the most liberal exercise of the rights of hospitality, and good fellowship. He then proposed "W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Frederick Lodge of Unity."

Bro. Elsam returned thanks for "The Masters and Wardens of the other Lodges in the Province," and for his own appointment as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, an honour which he was sure the Dobie Lodge would value.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, returned thanks for "The Masonic

Charities." In doing so he expressed a hope that at the next festival of this Institution a brother would represent the province of Surrey, indeed he was sure there was a brother present who would do so. He also reviewed the progress made by the three Charities.

The company then separated, after having enjoyed a delightful evening. Of the banquet it is but fair to say that Bro. Potter, of the Station Hotel, supplied it with excellent discretion. It was a masterpiece of skill and taste, both as to the quality and quantity of the provisions, and the wines were a proof of sound judgment in their selection.

Bro. Speight, the Provincial Grand Tyler, was an efficient Toast-Master, and was very assiduous in the performance of his duties.

Some charming singing was performed during the evening, when Bros. Baxter, G. T. Carter, Montem Smith, and Theodore Distin displayed their superior vocal powers, and Bro. E. H. Sugg, Provincial Grand Organist, and Organist, 452, his ability as an instrumentalist.

THE RELIGIOUS QUESTION AND FREEMASONRY IN BRAZIL.

From the *Anglo-Brazilian Times*, published at Rio de Janeiro, we extract the following account of an interesting debate upon the subject of the Roman Catholic hostility to Freemasonry, which took place in the Senate of that country:—

Visconde Do Rio Branco: I do not intend to enter largely into the matter of which the motion treats, or, rather, on which the speech of its mover turns, still less do I rise to contest the famous oration of the noble senator for Maranhão, Sr. Candido Mendes De Almeida, an oration circulated as a tract with a special title, not as a speech in the Senate, on the vote of thanks, but as though it were a pamphlet against the so-called religious policy of the cabinet.

What I have to do now is to inform the Senate, in the name of the government, that the matter shall have a decision on the appeal which one of the brotherhoods of the city of Recife has taken to the Crown, against the interdiction imposed on it by the prelate of that diocese. This affair has been committed to that enlightened section of the Council of State which consults upon affairs of the Empire, and probably the opinion of the full Council of State will also be taken, whereon the government will pronounce the decision which its powers admit of and the case requires.

I believe that, as the noble Senator for Para (Souza Franco) has said, there is appeal, and that our ecclesiastical law is happily not what the noble Senator for Maranhão has expounded, denying even the legitimacy of the placet and arguing that in conjunctures like this there is no remedy but to go to Rome.

While giving this information to the Senate, I cannot avoid adding some reflections, very brief ones, as I do not wish to prejudice the speech of the noble Senator for Bahia (Zacarias), besides the solemn promise I recently gave him. The reflections I allude to arise naturally from my special position in relation to Brazilian Masonry.

Senator F. Octaviano Rosa:—Hear.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—The noble Senator for Maranhão, who has taken upon himself the defence of the acts of the prelates, has made a really inquisitorial examination into all that has been published for or against Masonic societies throughout the world, and therefrom concludes that Brazilian Masonry is identified with that of Europe, not alone in the aims common to all, but even in the special interests of the society in which each lives. By this absolute and fatal logic the noble Senator has arrived at the deduction that the proximate and inevitable consequence of Masonry is the Commune of Paris. Propositions of this kind, Mr. President, can be enunciated only by one who is hallucinated by a principle or by the defence of a cause, and is ignorant of what Masonry is in Brazil.

Senator Mendes De Almeida:—Like your Excellency? Pray keep within bounds; I respect you.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—I think there is nothing offensive to the noble Senator in what

I have just said. (No, No.) To say that you are hallucinated by the principle or by the cause you defend, and that you do not know the Freemasonry of Brazil, is not throwing a slur on you. But to say that a society to which I have the honour to belong has similitude with the Commune of Paris is certainly an offensive proposition.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—Where is that in my speech?

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—Not only to him who is addressing the Senate, but even to a great number of Brazilians.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—I said no such thing; your Exc. is building a castle.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—The noble Senator said that the Commune of Paris, or the International, was a consequence of the principles professed by the Masonic societies; if this is not in his speech I think I heard it from him.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—I did not say so, Y. Ex. is mistaken.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—So be it.

Sr. Mendes De Almeida:—Things must be put to rights.

Visconde Do Rio Branco:—I am even glad of the rectification of the noble Senator, that is, that he did not malign Brazilian Masonry so much as I thought I had heard him do.

Mr. President, I entered Masonry many years ago, and I have never seen it meddle with religion or with state politics; my experience is that it has ever been a society intended for the succour of its members and for the promotion of man's moral and intellectual perfection. If it does little for this latter aim, if it has established few schools, its acts of beneficence are incontestable, and many families receive assistance from these societies which it is sought to stigmatise, and even to deny the rights of citizenship to.

While still a young man I was invited to join one of the Masonic lodges, and I affiliated therein. Afterwards, for many years, I ceased attendance, until in 1869 I was called to the charge now exercised by me, of chief of one of the Masonic circles. I was preceded in this position by men of such recognized good catholicity as were Jose Clemente Pereira, Marquis de Abrantes, Marcellino de Brito, Visconde do Uruguay.

Sr. Francisco Octaviano:—Cayrú.

Visconde do Rio Branco:—Baron de Cayrú, Visconde de Albuquerque, Jose Bonifacio, the patriarch of our independence, and D. Pedro I, founder of this Empire. When accepting the position, I knew that the person elected, at the same time, to the office of assistant chief was one of our most respectable men, now no longer in existence, Sr. Furtado, also considered a perfect Catholic. Wherefore, I was very far from foreseeing that what was allowed to Sr. Jose Clemente Pereira, Provedor of the Santa Casa da Misericórdia, during many years, and to Marquis de Abrantes, who succeeded him in the administration of the same institution, was a crime, a heresy, an offence to the State religion, when done by me.

I accepted the charge of the Masons of the Lavradio circle, and I do not repent doing so, let the noble Senators, in accordance with their theology and canon law, decree as many excommunications as they please; my conscience is at ease, my relations with God are those of a complete Christian.

I do not consider it expedient to defend the State religion in the manner Ultramontanes do, and I should wish that the illuminated minds who, like the noble Senator for Maranhão, possess so much ecclesiastical knowledge, would promote the interests of religion in Brazil in another way, by contributing to the better education of our clergy, to the regeneration of that of now (hear, hear), to the edifying of their flocks by the prelates, evangelizing those flocks, and diffusing light and faith amidst them with apostolic works, with the example of devotion to God and society, whose pastors they are. It is thus consciences should be appealed to, not by commencing with expelling from the Catholic church the members of a society which has existed so many years in Brazil, always as a peaceful and beneficent association. (Applause.)

Discussion with the noble Senator for Maranhão in these matters is difficult, because, besides his great learning, which I say without irony, he

has the defect of supposing that others know absolutely nothing of ecclesiastical history and law.

Sr. Mendes de Almeida:—Pardon me; it is a defect discovered by Y. Ex. alone.

Visconde do Rio Branco:—So that not even as to the very Masonry I am seeing and practising, does he allow that I know anything.

Permit me, however, to remind you that Masonry was very much favoured by the Popes in other times, when the Masons bore the name of Freemasons, and enjoyed privileges as mechanical and artistical corporations, to whose work the great monuments of Christianity in Europe are owed.

Sr. F. Letoniano:—The cathedrals of Southern Europe.

Visconde do Rio Branco:—Bonifacio IV., Nicholas III., and Benedict XII., protected the Freemasons, and conferred important privileges upon them. (Hear.)

Sr. Mendes de Almeida:—Y. Ex. is making a discovery greater than that of Christopher Columbus!

Visconde do Rio Branco:—Your Excellency knows Masonry only by the books of its detractors, persons interested in breaking down what they consider a widely spread and powerful element of social progress.

Later, at the beginning of the XVIII century, Masonry became converted into a philosophical society, and took in some countries an active part in the politics of the day, and a persecution of it began. That persecution, Mr. President, did not stop at excommunication, many Masons ascended the scaffold and became victims. What, however, did religion and politics gain with that? Truth triumphed, Masonry continued to exist and make further spread, and it is now respected everywhere. Merely in two or three states was it forbidden, up to modern times, I think in Austria, Russia, and Spain; and the Senate knows that it is restored in the last country, and that it flourishes throughout Germany.

(To be continued.)

A party of Irish Freemasons are expected to leave Belfast in August on a trip to the United States. They will be piloted by Bros. John Ireland, and R. B. Matthews—two of the leading Freemasons of the North of Ireland.

On Tuesday 23rd ult. Bro. John Braddick Monckton, "Citizen" and Coach and Coach Harness Maker," made the declaration of office as Town Clerk of the City of London, to which he was elected last week, and at once entered upon his duties in the court.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 8th, 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, August 2.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. (See Advertisement.)

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, August 5.

Lodge 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (114), 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. Gottheil, Preceptor.

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

James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom, 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. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, August 5:

Colonial Board at 3.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Metropolitan Victoria Station, Pimlico.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow-road.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
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, August 6.

Grand Chapter at 7.
Lodge 1412, De La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's-wood.
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.
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 7.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
" 1351, St. Clement Dances, 265, Strand.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Guild Hall Tavern, Gresham-street.
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.
Ebony Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.
Friday, August 8.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. 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.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 9, 1873.

Monday, August 4.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, August 5.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome (No. 77), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, August 6.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 6.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
" 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, August 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
Chapter 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, August 9, 1873.

Monday, August 4.

Lodge 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
" 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.
Chap. 119, Roslin, 25, Robertson-st.

Tuesday, August 5.

Lodge 31, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Wednesday, August 6.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 122, St. John, Shettleston.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, August 7.

Lodge 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
" 465, St. Andrews, Garngad Road.

Friday August 8.

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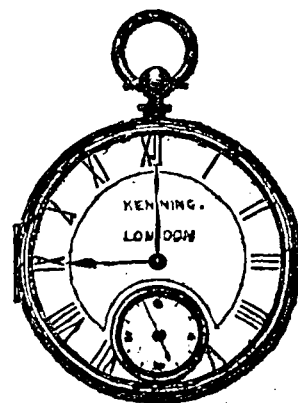
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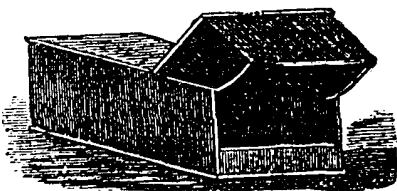
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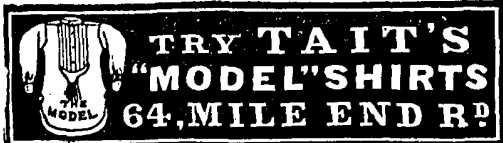
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