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**LAST APPLICATION.**  
**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**  
ALBERT EDWARD ROWLSTON.  
Bro. Magnus Ohren begs to remind his friends who are supporting this case, that he will be glad to receive their proxies. Address, Lower Sydenham, S.E.

**ELECTION—13th OCTOBER, 1873.**  
**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**  
The Votes and Interests of Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of  
DAVID DOVE,  
AGED NINE AND A HALF YEARS.  
His Father, Bro. Edward Dove, formerly a Builder, at Scarborough, was initiated in the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, No. 200, in May, 1857, and continued a Subscribing Member for nearly ten years.  
Through failure in business he left Scarborough, and subsequently was appointed Inspector of Buildings on the North Eastern Railway. After a short illness died (of inflammation of the lungs brought on by exposure to cold in the discharge of his duties) on the 10th November 1870, leaving a Widow and three Children; since which time the mother has deserted them, and they are by the kind assistance of friends now being supported. This case is deserving of the utmost sympathy and support of the Craft generally.  
The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren, and by several lodges in the Province of North and East Yorkshire:—  
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**THIRD APPLICATION.**  
**ELECTION—OCTOBER, 1873.**  
**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**  
The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of  
ETHEL IDA MARGARET SEATON,  
AGED NINE YEARS.  
Her Father, Bro. George Seaton, formerly Master Mariner and Ship Chandler at Hull, was for 10 years a Subscribing Member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull (also a Companion of the Humber Chapter), and after a very short illness, died on the 19th February, 1868, leaving his Widow with five Children, three of whom are entirely dependent on her for support, and with very small and inadequate means to educate and maintain them.  
The case is strongly recommended by the Provincial Grand Board of Benevolence of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and the following Brethren:—  
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**LAST APPLICATION.**  
**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**  
CHARLOTTE A. JAY.  
Support for this case at forthcoming election earnestly desired. Address, Mrs. Jay, Hungerford-road, Holloway.

**LAST APPLICATION.**  
**OCTOBER ELECTION, 1873.**  
**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**  
The generous support and influence of the Governors and Subscribers to the above Institution is earnestly and respectfully solicited at the ensuing election in October, on behalf of  
RICHARD EDWARD BARNES,  
AGED NINE YEARS AND NINE MONTHS.  
Son of Bro. Richard Edward Barnes, of 48, Hoxton-square.  
The said Bro. R. E. Barnes was initiated in the Kent Lodge, No. 15, on the 17th day of November, 1835, and has subscribed thereto 38 years; he has also acted as Honorary Secretary to the same for 35 years; served the office of W.M.; and is now the Father of the Lodge.  
He joined the United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30, on the 4th day of November, 1845; subscribed thereto 28 years; and is also the Father of that Lodge.  
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Craft Masonry.

BRADFORD.—*Shakespeare Lodge* (No. 1018).—The regular monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 14th May last, in the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-st., under the presidency of Bro. G. Althorp, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. Longley, S.W.; G. W. Monckman, J.W.; W. Morgan, S.D.; H. Harrison, I.G.; W. H. Haley, Sec.; and Harrison, Treasurer. There were present also—Bros. J. Ward, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.; T. Laycock, P.M.; C. Bannister, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E.; W. Wren, P.M.; A. Nicholson, P.M.; J. B. Hammond, H; R. C. Latimer, Ferrand, Swithenbank, W. Whaley, Milnes, S. Priestly, J. M. Parkinson, and others. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and in pursuance of previous notice, Bro. J. M. Parkinson was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, according to ancient usage. The lodge was lowered to the first degree, and after some discussion on the finances of the lodge, was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The special toast of the evening however, was that of "Bro. J. Laycock, P.M., on his return from a voyage to the Cape, in South Africa." This toast was proposed by the W.M., who referred to the circumstance of Bro. Laycock having been two years Master of the lodge, and to his having been a member, and taking an active part in its affairs from its foundation. Bro. Laycock, as the brethren all knew had been travelling abroad with an invalid brother, and in the name and on behalf of the members of the lodge he begged to render him a hearty welcome on his safe return. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Laycock thanked the brethren for the very cordial reception given to the toast and himself on his return from Cape Town. After referring in touching terms to his having left England months ago in company with his brother, who had been recommended to travel for the benefit of his health, and who had died very suddenly and unexpectedly on his return voyage from Cape Town, he gave a very interesting account of his visit to various lodges in the Colony, and his reception by the brethren there. Amongst other places Bro. Laycock went to Cape Town, Beaufort West, Bloemfontein Potchefstroom, and Natal, all in South Africa. At Cape Town he visited the British and the Joppa Lodges, and at Bloemfontein the Rising Sun, Lodge, and a Dutch Lodge, called Unia. Bro. Laycock dwelt in very warm terms on the great kindness shown to him by the brethren of all these lodges.

LANCASTER.—*The Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353)—The brethren of this lodge held their regular meeting on the 17th inst. in the Lodge Room, Athenæum. Present Bro. J. Bell, W.M.; Bro. W. Heald, S.W.; Bro. Jos. Barrow J.W.; Bro. John Acton, Hon. Sec.; Bro. J. Conlon S.D.; Bro. R. Wolfenden J.D.; Bro. I. H. Williams J.G.; and a goodly number of brethren, and visiting Bro. John Hatch, P.M., 281. There were two raisings, two passings, and one initiation. Bro. P.M. J. Hatch gave the two raisings, and one passing,

in his usual able and efficient manner. The brethren feeling so pleased, they passed a vote of thanks to Bro. P.M. Hatch, for his kindness and assistance. After further business had been transacted, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

CLAPTON LODGE. (No. 1365).—A very numerous body of the members and friends of this lodge assembled on the 17th inst. at the White Hart Tavern, Clapton. The Clapton Lodge has met with an immense amount of success since its consecration, two years ago, having been presided over by two brethren of marked Masonic ability, who have been most ably assisted throughout by one of the most able and energetic Secretaries we have ever had the pleasure of meeting. An emergency meeting was held a few evenings previously for the purpose of clearing off the business of the lodge, so that the ceremony of installation of the W.M. elect should be the main feature of the meeting, and be conducted throughout without hurry or confusion. On this occasion the lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Wm. Stephens, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Afterwards the ceremony of initiation was worked, the candidate being Mr. Thomas Thompson, who was duly inducted into Freemasonry, Bro. Stephens' working being excellent. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. C. Miles, was then presented by Bro. Taylor, the first W.M. of the lodge, and in due time placed in the chair of K. S. Bro. Stephens' working of the ceremony was much appreciated and applauded. During the ceremony the Warden's chairs were filled by Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Grand Pursuivant and J. L. Mather, P.M. 95 and 1,227. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. Lutwyche, S.W.; R. Wyatt, J.W. In making this appointment the W.M. stated that the rapid promotion of Bro. Wyatt from Junior Deacon to Junior Warden was owing to the generous self-abnegation of Bro. H. W. Cattlin, who was in reality entitled to the Junior Warden's chair, but that brother being already Junior Warden in the Royal Standard, his mother lodge, had no desire to hold both appointments at the same time, and had very gracefully allowed Bro. Wyatt to become a Warden, and consequently a member of Grand Lodge, twelve months sooner than under other circumstances would have been the case. Bro. Richard Buller, P.M. was loudly applauded as the W.M. placed the Secretary's collar for the third time round his neck, and a similar token of approbation greeted Bro. Cattlin on his resumption of his former office of Senior Deacon. Bro. Somers was appointed J.D.; Bro. Room, I.G.; Bro. J. McDavitt, Organist; Bro. Paul, D.C.; Badkin, W.S.; and Gilchrist, Tyler; all appointments evidently being popular with the bulk of the brethren. When the final charges and addresses had been delivered the lodge was regularly closed down, and the brethren repaired to the banquetting hall, where a repast had been prepared by Bro. Harwood, the proprietor of the establishment. Bro. Miles, the new W.M., presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received with enthusiasm. The health of the retiring Master, Bro. Stephens, was the toast of the evening, and the W.M., in proposing it, did full justice to the many amiable qualities and valued services of that brother, which he assured him were fully appreciated by his brethren of the Clapton Lodge, as he would soon have an opportunity of judging. He then placed on the breast of Bro. Stephens a very beautiful Past Master's jewel in gold, and handed him a jewel case containing a costly brooch and earrings; the case bore an inscription stating that the presentation was made in token of the respect and esteem in which, Mrs. Stephens was held by her friends in Freemasonry. A surprise awaited Bro. Stephens, when a beautiful testimonial on vellum was presented to him in addition to those other substantial marks of regard. The presentation of this testimonial was a secret known to very few in the lodge, and Bro. Stephens was certainly not one of them. His reply in return was manly, modest, and effective, and he assured the brethren what he had received that evening would be cherished as amongst his dearest

possessions. The toast of "The Grand Offices" was responded to by Bro. Cottebrune, and that of "The Masonic Charities" by Bro. R. W. Little, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, and Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. McDavitt and other brethren delighted the company with their musical exertions. Amongst others present besides those already named, were Bros. E. Coste, P.M., 9; J. C. Goldsmith, S. W., and E. B. Grabham, I.G., 19; W. Y. Laing, P.M., 45, and 160, S.C.; A. J. Ireton, 83; C. Fox, 538; Greenwood, 749; G. W. Watkinson, 813; H. Lloyd, W.M.; and W. Christian, 1278; W. T. Manger, S.W., 1314; J. Summers, S.W., 1348; W. Baldwin, J.W., 1,423, &c.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The regular communication of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., when there were present, the W.M., Bro. Thomas Dodgson, P.M. 995, supported by Bros. Mills, S.W.; Meredith J.W.; Crook, S.D.; Myers Meakin, J.D.; Whiteside, W.M. 1398, I.G.; and other officers and brethren, amongst whom was visiting Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington, W.M., Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, Garston.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the usual business disposed of, when the ballot was taken for Bro. John Hartely, as a joining member, and for Mr. George Mills, a candidate for admission, which in both cases proved favourable. The latter being in attendance was duly initiated into the order in a very impressive manner by Bro. J. V. Worthington, W.M. 220, Bro. Casson, P. Org. 995, acting in a most efficient manner as Organist. Several propositions for joining and admission were afterwards received and hearty good wishes were expressed by brethren representing Lodges 220, 280, 993, and others. The general business being disposed, the lodge was duly closed in the usual form.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The first meeting of this new lodge took place at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., and was well attended by brethren interested in every fresh undertaking in connection with the Order. The lodge was opened soon after 7 o'clock by Bro. Chas. Smith, the Worshipful Master, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Geo. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cantle, J.W.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; Edward Thurkle, Treas.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; Louis Cornelissen, J.D.; William Ashwell, I.G.; and Geo. Fox, P.M., Tyler. Bro. John Noke, 87, acted as Past Master. The minutes taken at the consecrating and installing meeting, in July last, having been read, were confirmed by the brethren. The balloting for the admission of Messrs. T. Cox, T. F. Knight, Smyth, and Chas. Nott, resulted in favour of the candidates, who were soon after separately introduced into the Order, the ceremony being impressively worked. Bro. Robert Forster, 548, was also admitted as a joining member of the lodge. There being no further business to be transacted, the lodge was closed, according to prescribed rule, the brethren remaining for a short time, at the invitation of the W.M., to hear the excellent pianoforte playing of Bro. Smyth, one of the initiates, and the vocalisation of Bro. J. J. Cantle, J.W. of the lodge.

WALTHAM (HERTS).—*King Harold Lodge*.—This prosperous lodge met at the Britannia Hotel, New Town Waltham, Herts, on the 16th inst. There was a full muster of members, and the business of the evening was to raise four brethren, which ceremony was efficiently rendered by the W.M., Bro. Edward Parker, Prov. G.P. Herts; the names of the brethren being, Soul, Imrie, Miller, and Malcolm; also to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. James Kerr Young, was elected W.M.; Bro. James Barwick, Treasurer, was re-elected; and Bro. Steedman, to fill the office of Tyler, owing to the resignation, through failing health, of Bro. W. Allison, for whom the King Harold Lodge entertained the highest respect. The W.M. elect thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the chair. Bro. Young has always been most energetic in his exertions for the benefit of this lodge and was one of its founders. Bro. Barwick has been Treasurer of the King Harold since its consecration in September, 1870,

and has always been most highly esteemed. On the completion of business the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and heartily responded to, and the evening was enlivened with some excellent harmony. The brethren, after spending a very pleasant evening, retired at an early hour. The brethren were:—Bros. E. Parker, the W.M., Prov. G.P. Herts.; E. West, P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts.; Lacy, P.M., S.W. (W.M. No. 1421); J. W. H. Evans, J. W.; W. Gilbert, S.D.; Barwick, Treasurer; Reilly, Secretary; Copeland, I.G.; Allison, Tyler; and Bros. Auber, Barnett, Bowyer, Burge, Calvert, Carter, A. Clements, G. Clements, Cole, Cox, Creed, Eversfield, Fisher, Goodale, Hodges, Holmes, Imrie, Kent, Meadows, Mooney, Noyes, Portlock, Parkis, Sheldon, Silver, Skinner, Tucker, Tydeman, S.W. 1437; Wyatt, Lumsden, Soul, Miller, and Malcolm. Visitors:—Bros. Platt, Howlett, and Middlehurst.

## Scotland.

### EDINBURGH.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly communication of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held on the 17th ult. Present:—S. Somerville, of Ampherlaw, M.D., Deput. Grand Principal, acting Grand Z.; John Laurie, (Sec. G. L. of Scotland), P.Z. 72, acting Grand H.; W.S. Carmichael, M.D., Z. 83, acting Grand J.; Lindsay Mackersy W.S., Grand Scribe E.; William Mann S.S.C., Grand Scribe N.; S. Georgiades, P.Z., 107; J. Melville, P.Z. 118, and W. Grant P.Z. 120, acting Grand Sojourners and a large attendance of M.E. companions.

The minutes of the last quarterly communications and of committee meetings were read and confirmed.

Grand Scribe E. laid on the table presents from the Grand Chapters of South Carolina and Delaware, U.S., consisting of published proceedings of their grand bodies, for which the thanks of Supreme Chapter were voted.

The resignation of Lieut.-Col. A. W. Penn as Prov. Grand Z. Bombay, in consequence of his having left the Province was accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to Lieut.-Col. Penn for his past services.

Comp. Capt. Henry Morland, Prov. Grand Master, under Grand Lodge of Scotland for Western India, was appointed Prov. Grand Z., in room of M. E. Comp, Lieut.-Col. Penn resigned.

Comp. John Laurie, Sec. Gr. L. of Scotland, was recommended for appointment as representative from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Bye-Laws of Cathedral Chapter, Glasgow, 67, and of Malwa Chapter, Alhow 139, were confirmed.

Motion, by Comp. Alex. Hay, Grand Recorder, tabled at last quarterly communication, was withdrawn.

Supreme Chapter was thereafter duly closed.

#### SUPREME COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council of Scotland of the 33rd and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, held on 3rd Sept., 1873, present J. Whyte-Melville, of Bennochy, Most Potentant Sov. G. Com.; Ill. Bros. L. Mackersy, G. G. Sec., H. E.; S. Somerville, M.D., G. G. Treas., H.E.; Thos. E. MacRitchie, G. C. G., — Kerr, and G. St. B., Ill. Bro. W. Mann, S.S.C., was installed as a Sov. G. I. Gen., 33°, in room of Prince Rodocamakis, appointed Sov. Gr. Com. of the Supreme Council of Greece.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council of Scotland of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, held on Thursday, 18th, Sept., 1873, present S. Somerville, of Ampherlaw, 33°, Ill. Gr. Treas. H.E.; L. Mackersy, 33°, Ill. G. Sec., H.E.; Thos. E. MacRitchie, of Craigton, 33°, Ill. G. C. G.; W. Mann, 33°, Ill. G. Archiveste; W. Hay, 31°, Adolph Robinow, German Consul, 31°, and Alex. Mitchell, 31°. Ill. Comp. Benjamin Lester Peters, Barrister,

St. John's, New Brunswick, was admitted to the 31° and 32°.

At a meeting of the Edinburgh Consistory of the 30th Degree, held on Friday, 19th Sept., 1873, present S. Somerville, of Ampherlaw, 33°, Grand Commander; — Kerr, 33°; Thos. Cairns, M.D., 30°, G. Orator; W. Mann, 33°, G. S. W.; L. Mackersy, 33°, G. Sec.; W. Hay, 31°, G. M. C.; John Laurie, 30°, and B. Lester Peters, 32°. Bros. A. S. Granfelt, Aberdeen, and William Merricks Roslin were admitted to the 18° and 30°.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment.*—As the installation ceremonies had occupied all the time of the regular meeting, an emergency meeting of the Knights of St. Mungo Encampment was held on Friday, the 19th inst., Sir Knt. R. Bell, the E.C., presiding, assisted by Sir Knts. G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; J. Tweed, D.C.; S. Scott, M.; J. McLeish, W.; and J. McDade, Sentinel. Comps. D. Cadwallader, J. Louttit, and W. Watson were duly admitted into the religious and military order of the Temple in the ancient form and with the accustomed ceremonies.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73).—This chapter held a special meeting on Friday, the 19th inst., at five o'clock, to receive a brother who was about to sail. Comps. G. G. Macdonald, Z.; G. W. Wheeler; H.; J. Tweed, J.; J. Balfour, P.Z., Scribe E.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.E., acting as Sojourner, with Capt. Mackenzie, of Chapter 40, and D. Fleming, of Chapter 69. The Degree of Mark Master, and also that of Excellent Master were conferred on Bro. Sherwin. A Holy Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, and Comp. J. Crabb, Z. of Chapter 50, exalted the same gentleman to that degree. Comp. McKenzie, having been proposed as a joining member, was unanimously elected.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire took place at Coventry, on Tuesday, 16th inst.

The members of the lodge assembled about noon in good numbers, at the New Free Library, in order to transact the usual routine business, under the presidency of Lord Leigh.

This part of the proceedings, which included the election of officers for the year, having been accomplished by about half-past three o'clock, a procession of members was formed, and they at once proceeded to St. Michael's Church, where a special service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Baynes, and a sermon preached by the Hon. and Rev. J. W. Leigh, late vicar of Stoneleigh, both members of the fraternity.

Some time previous to the hour appointed for the procession, a large crowd of persons had assembled outside the building, in order to witness the departure, and it was evidently a ceremony of no ordinary interest to them. The varied regalia of the members had a very striking effect, and many of the decorations created almost a state of admiration among the spectators. A large number of persons followed the procession in church, and listened to the service, which was conducted in an impressive and appropriate manner. The singing of the choir was even better than usual, and the anthem was given with excellent effect. There were five or six ministers present in their regalia.

The Trinity Lodge, No. 254, was opened at half-past two o'clock, the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master and his Officers were then received, and the Prov. G. Lodge was opened at three o'clock.

The lodges and roll of Provincial Grand Officers were then called, and the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held at the Faithful Lodge, No. 474, Birmingham, on March 31st last, were read and confirmed.

The reports of the Audit Committee and the Benevolent and Annuity Fund Committee were received, and the applications for relief, recommended by the latter committee, were considered and decided upon.

The lodge next determined which of the candidates for the Masonic Charities should re-

ceive the support of the province at the next election. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master having fixed the place of meeting of the next Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge adjourned and attended Divine Service.

The service having been concluded, the rev. gentleman took his text from 1st Epistle of St. James, and the 27th verse, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The apostle in this chapter informed us how we may distinguish between a vain religion and one which was approved by God. There were many differences existing in the world on this subject—what religion was pure and undefiled. Whatever diversity of opinion there may be respecting the words and the doctrines the apostle here gave, there was one great distinguishing mark to go by, and one which the majority of men who had any profession of religious faith, would be ready to admit. The preacher then went on to point out that that religion was vain which was made up of mere pomp and show, and a man that followed a vain religion was sure to be the first to revile his neighbours. The pure and undefiled religion, then, was "to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted before the world." Brethren, he said, let us see then whether this fraternity, to which we belong, does not endeavour to carry out the precepts here laid down by the apostle. It teaches us to do everything in the presence of God, and to endeavour to regulate our action by his precepts. True religion pointed out our duty toward God, our neighbour, and ourselves; it teaches us to practice charity to the poor and distressed, to relieve the destitute, to soothe the afflicted, and to do to others what we should that they should do unto us. The fatherless and the widows were particularly mentioned, because they were the most apt to be neglected; but we are also to understand all proper objects of charity. Now, let us consider whether these precepts are to be in accordance with the principles and aims of the honourable Order to which we belong. Do they not inculcate these great duties? Do they not impress upon you the necessity of cultivating brotherly love? and not to backbite and slander our fellow men. Do they not urge you to exercise that most beautiful charity, to hold the hand of fellowship to a brother in distressed circumstances, and on all occasions to relieve the wants of the fatherless and widows? It may not be out of place to say a few words as to the best means of administering our charity. There are in this land many who are ready to give, and to give liberally from their substance; yet there are many who from ignorance or want of proper care misplace their charity. It was an important matter, not only to do good to our fellow-creatures, but that we should find out the best way of doing it. It is surprising to see how many men are deceived by the mere sentiments of humanity, to the belief that they are human. It may, perhaps, be better not to give at all than to give promiscuously, but it were far better to help some poor family struggling against the world for existence; to help the widow and the fatherless, old people incapable of labour, and orphans. After pointing out that men only knew of the misfortunes of others from what he heard, and not from what he himself saw, he said many men were charitable in order to enjoy the luxury and gratitude of their fellows. Speaking of the distribution of charity, he said there had been associations and charity organisation societies started, with the object of seeing relief more equitably distributed, but he doubted whether there was a grander or more noble association than this. Masonry did try to distribute the contributions of its members, on the most judicious principles. Look at those noble institutions, School for Boys and Girls, and the asylums for decayed men and women, were they not living examples of what they had been doing? And if anyone doubted it, let him visit those asylums and schools and see for himself with what care, and perseverance, and tenderness, and affection they are watched over. By so doing he would learn one great secret of Freemasonry: that of performing a charity in the best

way. They were not merely a band of brothers meeting together for personal gratification, or a mysterious or secret order organised for the purpose of revolutionising society, the government, or the Church. But it was a society which endeavoured to carry out the precepts of true religion by "visiting the fatherless and widows in affliction," "to fear God and to honour the King." He then spoke of the second part of his text—to keep themselves unspotted from the world. Did not Masonry teach them to exalt those talents with which God had blest them? Did it not urge them to place a bridle upon their actions; to use the faculties that God had given them to the exaltation of chastity and virtue? And to finally prepare themselves when called before the great tribunal, when they would be judged by their works? There were men, he regretted to say, who did not live up to the noble objects taught by their system, but that was not a fault of Masonry. What we required in this world was more light, and their system desired to make them lights of the world. The great characteristics of Masons were temperance; fortitude, prudence, and justice; the principles on which it was founded were brotherly love and truth; and the grand Christian as well as Masonic motto, faith, hope, and charity. So that when they had finished trials on earth they might at length pass to the Grand Lodge above, and take their place with the World's Great Architect.

A short interval ensued after the service, and then a banquet, supplied by Mr. John Hall, of the Castle Hotel, took place in St. Mary's Hall. It was served up in a superior style, under the superintendance of Mr. Iliff, of the Draper's Hall. The courses consisted of the most innumerable delicacies, and previous to the company being seated the tables presented a magnificent appearance. They and the room were beautifully decorated with some choice flowers from Stoneleigh Abbey. Covers were laid for 120, the plate, glass, and cutlery being supplied by Mr. Hedger of the Broadgate.

Lord Leigh presided, and he was supported by D. Prov. G.M. Col. Machen, on his right, and W.M. of the Trinity Lodge, Bro. Mulloney on the left.

His Lordship proposed "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, and the Royal Family," and "The Grand Lodge of England." The latter toast was responded to by Bro. Wheeler, Prov. G.O.

The Rev. Canon Baynes proposed the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire," which having been cordially drunk,

His Lordship suitably responded to the toast.

The Rev. F. M. Beaumont proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire," to which

Col. Machen made an excellent response.

Lord Leigh proposed "The W.M. of Trinity Lodge and Success to the Lodge."

Bro. Mulloney, W.M., responded in a short speech.

Bro. A. E. Fridlander, in a eulogistic speech, proposed "The Health of the Hon. and Rev. J. W. Leigh." He alluded to the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him, and more particularly those by whom in his own parish he was more immediately surrounded. He regretted his departure for America, and hoped he might return safely.

The Hon. and Rev. J. W. Leigh, in his response, said he took his departure much more unwillingly from the knowledge of the many friends he left behind him; however it would afford him much consolation to know that he was kindly remembered by the friends at home. He hoped he might be permitted to rejoin them again.

His Lordship proposed "The Visitors," and the toast was responded to by Bro. W. G. Griffiths, P. Prov. S.G.W.

"The Masonic Charities" was the subject of another toast proposed by Col. Machen, and responded to by Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School. He eulogised the Warwickshire Masons for the great amount they had subscribed to the Masonic Boys' School, and alluded in glowing terms to the usefulness of the Institution.

The Tyler's toast, by Lord Leigh, concluded the toast list.

Bros. Kennedy, Insall, and Croydon sang capital songs during the evening.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor for the use of the hall, and Mr. Gulson for the use of the Free Library Building.

#### MASONIC EPISODE IN REAL LIFE.

Previous to the late war, there lived in the North a Mason of the 32nd grade, known as Richard Balcom; a gentleman held in high esteem by his *confrères*, of sterling integrity, genial and prepossessing manners, in fact, a generous, whole-souled gentleman; but with these excellent qualities he had a fiery and imperious temper, prompt to resent insult, furious if a friend's honour or character were attacked.

On one occasion the W.M. of his lodge indulged in language of a disparaging nature in regard to an absent member, an intimate associate of Balcom, who, conceiving it to be his imperative duty, resented the course pursued by the W.M. toward his absent friend, in a violent manner, and in strong terms, condemning the W.M.'s actions. High words ensued, and if others had not interfered the result might have been serious. So great a breach of discipline could not pass unnoticed. Charges were preferred, and a commission appointed, resulting in the expulsion of Balcom.

About two months thereafter business matters demanded the attention of Balcom in Peru. His old Masonic friends, in large numbers, notwithstanding the Masonic interdiction, assembled at the wharf to bid him "God speed" on his journey. When he left New York he expected to return within six months, but business affairs proved so remunerative that he resolved to remain on the Pacific. Matters prospered with him, and in a few years he was one of the wealthiest merchants on that coast. He had thoroughly mastered the language of the country, and had great influence with the government, in consequence of valuable services rendered on various occasions. He married into one of the best families of Lima, and resolved to spend the remainder of his days among a people who honoured and appreciated him.

In the fall of 1865, four persons were arrested by the authorities of Lima, a short distance outside the city, and when they were brought up for examination, Balcom, who happened to be present, at once recognised them as his countrymen, and, judging from their appearance, men of character. He obtained an adjournment of the case in order to secure an interview with the accused, and the privilege was accorded.

Balcom had already ascertained that one of the number accused, Norval Prince, was a Mason. From him he learned all the facts of the case. Suffice it to say, the arrest was a mistake, and Balcom was enabled, by his knowledge, to obtain all the necessary evidence, and the prisoners were honourably discharged.

After their release, Balcom invited them to partake of his hospitality, which was gratefully accepted, and shortly after the three friends departed, leaving Bro. Prince at Balcom's house.

After their departure, Balcom held out to Bro. Prince inducements to remain and engage in business in Lima. He did so, and by the assistance of Balcom, succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations. Thus they remained for two years, few men being so fondly attached to each other's society. One day Bro. Prince said:

"My dear Balcom, why have you always shown such marked partiality to me, to the exclusion of all others?"

"You are a Mason."

"I am; how did you know that? You have never given me any indication that you were one."

"Do you recollect when first brought before the magistrate you made a movement—a mute appeal—which all Masons understand, and which none can disregard?"

"I do now recollect. Well?"

"That appeal was seen and noted by others as well as myself, and may account in a measure for kind receptions on several occasions by those who were strangers to you."

"My dear brother, you knew that I was a Mason, and yet never made yourself known. I cannot understand it. How many happy hours we might have passed in pleasant intercourse on Masonry."

"We have had our first and last conversation on that subject; from this time forth you must never again allude to Masonry in my presence—in fact, you cannot, which you will readily understand, when I inform you that I am an expelled Mason."

The surprise of Bro. Prince at this announcement was indescribable. He could not realise that such a gentleman could not be guilty of any fault that demanded such a penalty.

Balcom then related to him all the details of his quarrel, trial and expulsion, and again enjoined his friend against referring to matters relating to the Order. Bro. Prince protested in the most earnest manner against his decision, but Balcom was firm.

Bro. Prince then resolved to know more of the matter, and learning that an old friend was a member of the lodge to which Balcom had formerly belonged, he lost no time in writing to him, asking all particulars in regard to Balcom and his trial, and what course was necessary to have him restored. The response arrived while Bro. Prince was immersed in business, but seizing his hat, he rushed from his office in a state of agitation that induced the clerks to suppose that he had been seized by a sudden fit of madness.

With all speed, he reached the residence of Balcom, trembling with excitement, and some time elapsed before he could speak coherently; but, becoming as quiet as the circumstances permitted, he said,

"Bro. Balcom, (mark I use the term brother) six months ago you interdicted me from speaking on Masonic subjects. I hereby dissolve that injunction myself, and intend hereafter to talk of Masonry on all occasions when in your society."

"I sincerely regret that you have resolved to adopt that course; although it would deeply grieve me to sever the ties of friendship that have bound us together so pleasantly, yet my duty to you and my sense of honour demands this sacrifice, if you persist in your resolution."

"But, my dear brother, all I have in the world, my success in life, is wholly due to you. You, of all Masons have been the truest; we shall not part, nor refrain from talking on Masonic matters; on the contrary, you will this evening accompany me to our lodge rooms, where I predict you will have a grand reception."

Balcom was now thoroughly alarmed, being impressed with the idea that some undue excitement in business had produced temporary aberration of mind, but he said, soothingly:

"Come, Prince, you are labouring under some strong agitation; be quiet for a while. You must be aware what you say is not in accordance with your usual good sense."

"On the contrary, I am talking sound sense. Please peruse that document and then accuse me of talking nonsense."

Bro. Prince placed a paper in the hand of his friend, to which a seal was attached. He opened the paper in surprise, and with happiness beaming from his noble countenance, for a moment he was entirely wrapt in his own emotions. Suddenly extending his hand to Bro. Prince, while his moistened eyes exhibited his gratification, he said:

"My dear brother, to you, then, I am indebted for one of the happiest moments of my life."

It appears that after the departure of Bro. Balcom from his native city, sympathy for his position rose to the highest pitch in the lodge, and the W.M. asked for Bro. Balcom's restoration, which was unanimously acceded to within a month after his departure, and under an excitement seldom witnessed in a Masonic body. It was generally understood that Bro. Balcom would return in six months, and a surprise was organised to meet him on his return, and

give him an ovation, the W.M. to make the welcoming speech; but as they received no information from Bro. Balcolm or his whereabouts, they could not communicate with him, and he remained impressed for eight years that he was still under the ban of expulsion, and but for the happy interference of Bro. Prince, would probably have never been the wiser.

Bro. Balcolm, who was already a 32°, affiliated with the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the only one known in the country, while Bro. Prince, who was a K.T., affiliated with the symbolic lodge, and petitioned for advancement in the Ineffable Grades. He advanced as rapidly as could be expected, having in three years attained the 18° grade, and now, after a probation of three years, expects shortly to obtain the 32°.

The above was related to us by Bro. Prince, about eight months ago, and, in the present controversy now existing in reference to the status of unaffiliated Masons in the new statutes of the Grand Lodge, called the same to mind.

The brothers, Balcolm and Prince, still live, and are highly honoured members of the community in which they reside, devoted to our noble Order, and vying with each other in dispensing charity to the poor, distressed, and destitute.

Would that our Fraternity had more members like Bro. Balcolm. Masonry had dissolved its connection with him and absolved itself of all control so far as he was concerned; yet he, true to his obligation, never renounced his part of the contract. He acted toward Masons as if they were still his brothers, when aid and assistance was required, and believed in that old, but now almost obsolete, legend, "Once a Mason always a Mason."—*New York Dispatch*.

#### PRESENTATION to Bro. S. H. WAGSTAFF P.M. 1216,

On Tuesday evening 16th inst, a number of ladies and gentlemen connected with the well known firm of the celebrated Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine, whose chief office is 43, St. Paul's Church-yard, met together at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, to present an address beautifully illuminated on vellum, and handsomely framed, on the occasion of Bro. Wagstaff's leaving England; he having been chosen by the firm to represent them in further developing their business in the Indian Empire, for which place he started on Thursday, the 18th inst., in the P. and O. Company's splendid steamer Mizan, from Southampton. A most *recherché* banquet having been provided, at which the much respected general manager and representative of the firm in Great Britain, Bro. R. Hunting of the Harmony Lodge, U.S.A., presided. The cloth having been cleared the chairman rose and in a most feeling and complimentary manner, alluded to the long connection of Bro. Wagstaff with the firm, and of their high appreciation of his valuable services, as proof of which, they had retained him for the important and responsible mission which was fully expressed in the address which he had now the pleasure to present, it having been prepared by his co-assistants in the establishment, as a mark of the great respect, in which he was held by them. Bro. Wagstaff, who was much affected, stated that he thought he was better constituted to face a danger than to be the recipient of so much kindness, which, however, he highly appreciated, and thanked them for, and should prize more than anything they could have offered him, as he could hand that down to his posterity with pride and pleasure. After several complimentary toasts were drunk, chiefly referring to the wonderful resources and development of the sewing machine, the company separated, pleased with the evening's entertainment and reassured of the good feelings of the firm towards their assistants, and their readiness to recognise faithful service.

#### Original Correspondence.

##### THE CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

At the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge on the 4th of June last, the Grand Master is reported to have made a change, in or an addition to the existing system, under which brethren are entitled to the rights and privileges as to wearing the Charity Jewel or clasps.

I have no doubt that those cognisant of the existing system will "recognise the wisdom of the change," but, from my communication with Provincial brethren, I am inclined to believe that there are many, like myself entirely in the dark as to the existing system.

If therefore you can throw any light upon this subject it will be appreciated by your readers.

I am Sir, yours faithfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

##### THE LAST ROMAN CATHOLIC ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your recent leader on "The Last Roman Catholic Attack on Freemasonry," is certainly called for, and it is a matter much to be deplored that amongst ourselves in the Craft, there should be any bickering. We should be united, and not allow the disputes amongst the higher degrees to undermine the strength of our free and liberal institution.

The Roman Catholic Press may attempt to ridicule Masonry, but their ridicule comes with a bad grace, from those whose ceremonial is a tissue of deceptions mummerys. At any rate, we Freemasons do not call railway excursions with lots of provender, "Pilgrimages," and the Masonic titles of our officers are not a whit less dignified, than those of homeless ecclesiastics, who parade fantastical costumes, give themselves out as His Grace of So and So—and assume territorial jurisdiction, where our honest lieges laugh them to scorn, and where an aggrieved boot-black may summons "His Eminence of Anywhere" before a sitting magistrate for obstructing the way!

These poor mediavalists, may catch a stray legacy, or cajole an old lady without brains, and an uneasy conscience, but they know very well in their own hearts, that the heart of England is sound, and that Freemasonry is no insignificant means of keeping it so—hence their childish rage and jealousy.

Nothing is easier than to write reams of what are called, "funny articles," against Freemasonry. A little flippancy, and a very small stock of knowledge, is sufficient for the purpose, but for one absurdity in the ceremonial of Freemasonry we can point out a dozen instances of the most ridiculous description in the Roman Catholic Church, and as for the sneer of the Westminster paper, about the "diamond merchant," what is this to compare with the systematic pumping of the poor, for "Peter's pence?" But there happens to be no such individual as "the diamond merchant," whereas we know of many dupes, who give up their dinners, on pretence of a fast, in order that the money which would have bought them, may be less felt, on its transfer to Peter's pocket.

Yours fraternally,

S.

##### SPIRITUALISM.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If Brother Buchan has never seen nor heard of any "so called spiritualistic phenomena" but what might have been accomplished by living persons present, without the aid of any disembodied spirit, he is quite right in refusing to refer them to the agency of such spirits. But surely his ignorance of veritable spiritualistic phenomena is not necessarily to be taken as the measure of my convictions. He cannot reasonably be expected to believe in what he has neither seen nor heard of, but he can hardly take upon himself to aver that others, who have seen and heard much that he has not, are to deny the

evidence of their senses, because their experience has extended far beyond his. If he should ever happen to hold conversations of from two to three hours in length with some unseen intelligent power, which declares itself to be a spirit, which had inhabited a body, and which in that body bore a certain name, as my wife and I have done for six several evenings, no other person being present—conversations in which facts and directions were given which saved a family from ruin—he will say "yes" with as little hesitation as I now do.

Meanwhile, I am quite content to bear the reproach of the "credulous" and "deluded."

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

#### OUR JOURNEY.

Though rough be the path on our journey  
through life,

Yet, 'twill be bright if we look well before us;  
'Tis a leap in the dark, or neglect on the road,  
That bringeth such black shadows o'er us.

We are taught to be true to mankind and ourselves,

And apportion each day for prayer, rest and labour,

To assist on the road those who are weary and tired,

Also, extend hand of friendship to neighbour.

See, the man who is selfish and looks but to gain,  
Or the idle who will beg, steal, or borrow,  
The improvident man, who spends all to-day,  
And the thoughtless, who heeds not the morrow.

These are the lost on the road, and need help,  
Save! or their journey will be in darkness and woe;

Look well as you travel, and help when you can,  
For rich is the harvest you skilfully sow.

Treat all men as brothers, alike rich and poor;  
Be slow to anger, but quick to forgive;  
If rich, help the needy; if poor, envy not  
The wealth of thy neighbour, but struggle to live.

Should misfortune o'ertake you never despair,  
Look steadfast before you may distance her yet,  
Onward! then onward! faithful, earnest and true,  
Remember that life is with trouble beset.

F. F.

#### A FREEMASON'S SONG.

I'm a merry hearted Mason,  
Oh, yes, indeed I am;  
Always pleased to meet a brother,  
And do the best I can.

Chorus.

Then here's a health to all true Masons,  
Wherever they may be;  
May fortune smile upon them;  
On the land, and on the sea.

I promote the welfare of the Craft,  
By acting on the square;  
And treat with kindness every man,  
No matter when or where.

In every clime the Craft is known,  
In every place we find a brother;  
And with advice and purse untied,  
We love and cherish one another.

Then here's a health to all true Masons,  
Wherever they may be;  
May fortune smile upon them,  
On the land and on the sea.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON SCOTCH  
LODGES.—No I  
BY D MURRAY LYON.

GLASGOW KILWINNING, No. 4.

It has hitherto been very much the custom to ascribe to Mother Kilwinning the paternity of all the Lodges which were found in last century to have adopted its name. To have "Kilwinning" incorporated in the designation of a lodge was regarded as a mark of antiquity, just as "Royal Arch" was meant to imply the possession of degrees higher than those of Craft Masonry. In the establishment of the few Scotch Lodges that were in existence apart from bodies of operative masons in the third decade of the 18th century, as a rule, the sanction of no authority higher than themselves was sought. Some, indeed, had asked and obtained from Kilwinning confirmation of their position, but the majority were self-constituted and independent. GLASGOW KILWINNING belonged to this class. It was erected at a communication under the presidency of John Anderson, master of the "Lodge of Kilwinning held at Edinburgh" (Scots Arms,) at the sign of the Globe, in the Gallowgate of Glasgow, 1st April, 1735. The sederunt bears the names of three master masons and five apprentices. The brethren of the lower grade having been passed fellow crafts and raised masters, and a new member admitted, "the lodge was constitute." Honoured with the privilege of nominating the master of the new lodge for the current year, the presiding brother named John Clerk, merchant, and afterwards "installed and congratulated" him. The wardens—Robert Mollison, supervisor of excise, and J. Mentonerie, merchant—were chosen and installed by the master. The minute from which this information is derived is notable as containing the earliest record of the Third Degree being worked in the west country. And it is only one day later than the first occasion of the degree being conferred in Scotland, of which there is documentary evidence, viz., in Canongate Kilwinning, March 31, 1735. The earliest mention of a master's reception in Ayrshire is contained in the Kilwinning minute of 12th July, 1735, where it is reported by the master that "at a lodge held at Irvine the fifth of April last Cuninghame of Collenian and Forbes of Watertoun were received and admitted fellows of craft and masters." One of the brethren who were raised at the first communication of the Glasgow Kilwinning, was present in Canongate Kilwinning as a "gentleman visitor" in December of the same year, and "sufficiently acquitted himself in a trial of his qualifications as a master mason." Another visitor, somewhat boastful of his being a master mason, was after examination declared to be a "verry weak entered prentice."

Shortly after his election to the wardenship of Glasgow Kilwinning, Mr. Mollison removed to Ayrshire. He joined the Lodge of Kilwinning, and became one of its leading members. As a collector of excise, he was frequently in the district of Carrick, and on one of his journeys thither, in 1735, we find him, in terms of a commission from Mother Kilwinning, inquiring into the affairs of certain Masons in Maybole and Girvan, charged with admitting members to the lodge without accounting for or making payment of their entry-money. He was master of the lodge in 1741, and was succeeded by William, Earl of Kilmarnock, who on the day of his installation and proclamation, 20th January, 1742, admitted, pas'd and rais'd Alexander, Earl of Eglington. Mr. Mollison was deputy Master of Mother Kilwinning, when, in 1747, he was appointed to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Glasgow province, and for several years discharged the duties of both offices.

There were two candidates for the Grand Mastership at the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, viz., William St. Clair, of Roslin, and the Earl of Home. Like Mary's Chapel, Glasgow Kilwinning instructed its representative to vote for Lord Home. No division took place, and St. Clair was chosen by the unanimous voice of the brethren. He visited the lodge in May, 1739. The Earl of Home was at the institution of the Grand Lodge Master of Kilwinning

ing Scots Arms. He held a cornet's commission in the 2d regiment of dragoon guards in 1735, and got a troop of Churchill's dragoons in 1740. He rose to the rank of lieutenant-general in the army. He was in Scotland in 1745, when the Rebellion broke out, joined Sir John Cope at Dunbar in September, and was at the battle of Prestonpans. He joined the Royal army at Stirling in December, at the head of the Glasgow regiment of 600 men. At his death, in 1761, he was governor of Gibraltar.

Although a self-constituted body, Glasgow Kilwinning professed to be a branch of the Kilwinning Fraternity. In the minute of a meeting which it held at Port Glasgow in August 1735, the master and six other brethren well met are represented as having made a surgeon and a custom-house clerk free and accepted masons of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, who forthwith paid to the poor box of the said lodge held at Glasgow five shillings ster. each. A fortnight afterwards a select lodge was held at the Old Coffeehouse in Glasgow, at which Harry Lord Grey was made, the Earl of Kilmarnock, then master of Kilmarnock Kilwinning, being present as a visitor. In December following the lodge went to the house of a musician, in the Salt Mercatt, and there initiated him—probably for the sake of the host's professional services, although he is credited with the sum of five shillings paid to the poor's box.

About this time and long after, Glasgow Kilwinning was accustomed to visit with the highest penalty members "refusing to give attendance either at monthly or quarterly meetings." Brethren making respectful application "to be dismissed the lodge, and no longer to be reputed members," had their request complied with, but were permitted to attend as visitors. In the absence of diplomas it was customary for brethren from a distance to be introduced on letters of recommendation. From a copy of one such document engrossed in the books of Glasgow Kilwinning under date 2nd November, 1736, information is obtained of perhaps the earliest regularly-organised Lodge in America: ". . . Our lodge was constituted at Boston in New England, by our Right Worshipful Master, Henry Prince, Provincial Grand Master, on the 31st day of August, A.M. 5733, and is held at the Royal Exchange Tavern, in King's Street, the second and fourth Wednesday of every month,—and is adorn'd with the most eminent gentlemen of this great town, and kept up to it's primitive beauty and purity... Henry Price, G.M.; James Gordon, D.P.G.M.; Robt. Tomlinson, M.; Hugh McDaniel, S.W.; Jno. Osborn, J.W.; F. Breterth, Secretary." The establishment of a lodge of free and accepted masons in the then colony of Massachusetts Bay followed upon Mr. Price's appointment to the Provincial Grand Mastership of new England, under the Grand Lodge at London. His commission was subsequently made to embrace "all North America." This however did not prevent the introduction of Scotch charters, the first of which there is any record being that issued by the Grand Lodge to St. Andrew, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1756; although Washington is understood to have been initiated in a Virginian lodge under a Scotch charter in 1752. The Tappahannock (Essex County, Virginia), chartered in 1758, was the first American Kilwinning Lodge.

In its earlier years the bulk of the lodge's members were merchants, with a sprinkling of writers, physicians, university students, and excisemen—master mariners and "merchant sailors." One of this class, the master and owner of the ship "Freemason," was in 1738 presented by the lodge with "a badge of Masonry to be placed on the stern of the said ship." The roll was swelled also by officers of the regiments that from time to time were quartered in Glasgow. There is a hiatus in these records from December, 1742, to January, 1753. We are thus left in ignorance of the effect of the rebellion of 1745 upon the lodge.

The "solemnities" of the St. John's Day communication embraced a dinner, toasts, songs, instrumental music, and a torchlight procession, the flambeaus being carried by boys from the poor's-hospital. While, as the minutes record, the brethren were on such occasions accustomed

to enjoy themselves with "music, wine, and mirth, in that innocence peculiar to the noble institution," they were not unmindful of the claims of charity. On St. John's Day, 1740, the lodge gave a concert to a "genteel company" in the Merchants' Hall for the benefit of the poor. Mason songs sung by the brethren, with organ accompaniments, were a leading feature of the entertainment.

A charity ball was given in 1742. The fascinations of music were in those days largely employed to attract attendance at lodge communications—the "mason songs being sung and played on musical instruments," at all stated meetings. In September, 1742, the brethren resolved to purchase an organ for the benefit of the lodge, at a cost not to exceed £30. This resolution was shortly afterwards given effect to—good brother Deans being paid, with a glass of thanks, twenty pounds eight shillings sterling, the price of that musical instrument which now adorns our lodge. "Ladies and stranger masons" had the privilege of hearing the organ, which could only be used apart from masonic meetings at the request of at least three contributing members of the lodge.

These records contain what is perhaps the earliest notice of a Scotch provincial grand visitation, viz., that made to Glasgow Kilwinning in March, 1739, by the Provincial Grand Master of Argyle, Clydesdale, Dumbarton, Renfrew, and Stirling. In the course of this and subsequent visits the brethren were catechised on "the propper questions of masonry"—a custom which has long since become obsolete; although the twin practice of "drinking the usual healths" has been retained in all its integrity. There are no mason marks, or any mention of a mark degree, in these old minute-books.

(To be continued.)

RESPONSE TO "A MASONIC PARTING."

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

True Friendship's indeed the elixir of life,  
For where it is found, there's an absence of  
strife;  
But beware of the friendship that tempts you to  
roam,  
And prize above all things the friendship of  
home.  
In the Craft are formed friendships on which you  
rely,  
For therein you're bound by that strange mys-  
tic tie;  
But, if after parting, you're tempted to roam,  
Remember you're anxiously looked for at  
home.  
At home there is one whose friendship, be sure;  
Though oftentimes tried, will ever endure;  
But be not exacting, nor given to roam,  
And cherish, 'bove all things, the friendship  
of home

AMERICAN IRON IN THE ENGLISH MARKET.  
—The *Liverpool Daily Post* states that 100 tons of American bar iron, guaranteed equal to Staffordshire, have been sold to a Liverpool firm at £11 10s. delivered in Liverpool, thus underselling the English iron market.

Professor Williamson, in opening the meeting of the British Association, at Bradford, entered into an elaborate review of chemical science, dealing especially with the present position of the atomic theory in relation to Dalton's law of definite and constant proportions. In closing his inaugural address, the president vindicated, for chemical study and science in general, the claim to a higher place in our national education.

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We have forwarded, addressed to the Secretaries of every Lodge, a form that requires to be filled in, to show any alterations and additions that may be needed for the Cosmopolitan Calendar, Diary and Pocket Book for 1874. As the Calendar will be published early next month, it is respectfully requested that the form may be filled in at once, and returned to the Publisher, George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.—We cannot afford the space for any further correspondence upon this subject.

The following stand over:—Communications from J. H. W.; Relation of Sts. John to Freemasonry, by Bro. Jacob Norton; Laying the Foundation-stone of St. Mark's Church, South Shields; Reports of Lodges 1326, 1225; Mark Lodge 139; Fraters Rosicrucianæ Societatis in Anglia.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## MARRIAGE.

GATEHOUSE.—STEVENS.—On the 20th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham, by the Rev. W. E. F. Green, William Ackfield Gatehouse, third son of Thomas Gatehouse, Esq., of Bosham, Chichester, to Harriet Elizabeth, eldest surviving daughter of Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and W.M. of the Great City Lodge, 1426, &c.

## LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &amp;c.

Week ending October 27.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Miss Bateman in "Medea."

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. "The Wandering Heir."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Seton Parry. Burnand's Burlesque, "Kiss Kiss!"

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frece. "Grand Duchess."

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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1873.

## MASONIC LITERATURE.

There never probably was a time in the annals of our Order, when the material prosperity of Freemasonry was so great as at the present hour. The roll of lodges under our English Grand Lodge is continually lengthening out, and our excellent Grand Secretary is continually welcoming the advent of another interesting "Little Stranger." Indeed, there seems at present no possible limit to be placed either to the expansiveness or development of our English Freemasonry.

Simultaneously with this steady increase of our lodges, and this great prosperity of our Order generally, there has also grown up a considerable taste for æsthetic adornment.

No longer confined to the public-house, or busy tavern, however respectable or well conducted, no longer exposed unavoidably, to those incongruities which the hotel system always subjects our lodge meetings to, as a general rule,—our brotherhood has sought for refuge in private lodge-rooms in the well arranged Masonic Temple, or the stately Masonic Hall. And the same feelings, and the same tastes seem just now to be distinguishing our Masonic brethren in America.

In Philadelphia, for instance, they have recently, at the cost of one million three hundred thousand dollars, raised what, so far, is the largest Masonic Hall in the world, and which in its architectural character, its outward appearance, and its inner arrangements, reflects, from the description of it, the greatest credit, as well, on those who planned, as on those who paid, for so magnificent a structure! Indeed, we in England may well feel somewhat startled, as we read in the *Times*, at home, of what our brethren are doing in the "Far West."

Now this is one peculiar phasis of modern Masonry, which we must not overlook, when we seek to realise what Freemasonry is "about," so to say, at the present hour amongst us.

A taste, as we before observed, for "æsthetics" has sprung up in the Order, and everywhere we see a tendency to more ornamented rituals, and more adorned accessories, in all our lodge-rooms, and lodge assemblies. And in this, no doubt, we are quite right, so far as we do not as is too often the case in changes and movements of the same kind, in the Craft and out of the Craft, fall into excess.

For it very often happens, that, in our ardent desire for improvement, we forget the golden rule of moderation, the "via media" of what is true, between the two extremes of carelessness on the one hand, or extravagance on the other.

Hence, though it is most advisable, and is most proper and becoming, to encourage the move-

ment for lodge ornamentation, to throw around our meetings all that good taste can suggest, or thoughtful ingenuity can supply, in order to make our halls and our ceremonies beautiful, impressive, and affecting, yet, we should always keep this, as all other tendencies of a similar kind, in due bounds, and within proper limits!

We quite agree with those who hold, that, new life is often thrown into our Masonic arrangements, that a spirit of awakened zeal and interest is infused into our routine Masonic existence, as well as a new light cast upon our Craft ceremonies, by the happy addition, and liberal aid of a well decorated and properly ornamented lodge-room.

Some of us, who remember the carelessness and the indifference which characterised our earlier experience of our lodge meetings, must rejoice to see, on every side of us, halls and buildings springing up, specially set apart for Masonic services, and on which the Architect has exerted his skill, and in which the "Ornamentor" if one may use such a word, has put forth his graceful strength, in order to render the erection, within and without, alike creditable to Freemasonry, and conducive in the highest degree, both to the comfort and delight of the brethren.

But while we commend sincerely this state of things, truly to be commended in itself, for the highest interests of our Order, we must repeat, as we said before, that we must not be content with the mere outward display or even the mere inward ornamentation of our lodges!

We require something more than all this to prove to us, and to the minds of all reflecting brethren, that Freemasonry is in a thoroughly healthy state amongst us.

Two great "indiciæ" of such a condition always characterise Freemasonry, when thoroughly acting up to the teaching it unfolds, and the obligations it avows.

The first is the development of a charitable spirit in the Craft, the carrying out in practice of what we so often, and so solemnly, profess in theory.

Whatever else may be said about English Freemasonry no one can venture to deny that, of late years, it has been remarkably distinguished by a most open handed obedience to its own constraining principles. Independently of the sums raised for our Masonic charities, in the last few years, and the large amount given periodically month by month from our various funds of benevolence, the simple fact that, during this very year, our brotherhood has contributed £21,000 to the Masonic Charities, is a reality of active and energetic benevolence, which we cannot dwell upon too much, or in truth praise too highly.

And with the material prosperity of our brotherhood, there come of necessity, the corresponding claims for aid and relief.

The sun does not always shine upon us; "It is not always May," says the old proverb, and amid our numerous confraternity there are many year by year, who pass away, leaving their widows and orphans destitute, or who, from unforeseen calamity, which may affect us all in an unexpected moment, are reduced from affluence and



social elevation to the "lowest ebb of poverty and distress."

Hence there is ever, and must be ever, a call on our Masonic Charity, and compassion, and we have every reason to hope and believe, that remembering the past and judging from the present, the Freemasons of to day will not be behind hand ever, in obeying and carrying out in the fullest power, the abiding and sacred dictates of sympathy, relief and benevolence.

But there is another characteristic of healthy Freemasonry, namely, intellectual activity and study.

In this last department, we fear that our good English brethren are somewhat behind, nor do they manifest, as a general rule, a sufficient patronage of literary efforts, or an enlightened appreciation of archaeological studies. It is a very rare thing, for instance, to find attached to a lodge, (there are some, we know, but very few) a reading room or library, where the brethren can peruse our English Masonic journal, *The Freemason*, or the *Masonic Magazine*, or any of the French, or American, or German Masonic serials, which, assiduously read abroad, are hardly known by name in England, and are seen only by a few humble students.

Even our own Grand Lodge is a great culprit in this respect. There is a nominal reading room, and there is a nominal library, but the one is a reading room in which nothing is ever read, and the other is a library in which the books are never opened. Some years ago we made an inquiry of an excellent official as to the library. "Well," he said, "there are books; that is all I can tell you; but no one ever reads them."

Is it too much to hope, that, in this improving age, we may yet hail the day, when there is attached to our Grand Lodge, a library and a reading-room, which we can use with pleasure, and which we can show to the foreign student, without discredit?

There is an immense collection of books and MSS. yet to be made, as regards the history, archæology and ritualism of Freemasonry, the attacks upon her fair fame, the defence made by many an unknown brother, which though familiar to the casual inquirer, and the little band of English Masonic students, are entirely unknown to the great mass of our English Freemasons.

There is another branch, too, of intellectual study, which though begun from time to time, has never been continuously carried out, or systematically arranged in England. We mean "Lectures," and in which we are altogether beaten out of the field by our German and American brethren.

There is no reason whatever why each lodge should not have its regular system of lectures from able and careful brethren, which, touching upon the various points of our history or object, archæology or literature, our outward organisation, or our inner ritual, may develop a taste for Masonic literature among our younger brethren, and greatly enhance the value and the blessing of Freemasonry to us all alike.

There is, we know, a great deal of latent talent in our lodges, which only requires to be evoked, in order to be of much and lasting benefit to our Order in every way.

Is ours, then, an unreal or visionary anticipation, with which we close this article to day?

Is it really too much to hope, that the time is close at hand, when all our lodges will feel, that, having improved in this and amended that, they should now turn their efforts to literary and mental culture, and endeavour, by their lodge library or reading room, to develop a healthy desire for Masonic knowledge and study, amongst our younger brethren especially?

Then a better and brighter day will dawn on those who, amid many discouragements, seek to supply Freemasonry with a sound and wholesome literature. Then will our Order rise to the full consciousness of its historical, its practical, and its intellectual teaching, and no longer confined to a few zealous students, or painstaking adepts, a general taste for Masonic literature and study will gradually spread itself over the wide surface of our English Freemasonry.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

By command of the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., of the Province of Cheshire, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of that division was held at the Literary Institute, Altrincham, on Thursday, the 18th inst., for the purpose of transacting the annual business of the province. In obedience to his lordship's commands, and to show the sincerity of their respect for his able, generous and judicious rule the brethren came from all parts of the province in strong force, and the result was one of the largest and certainly the most influential and imposing gatherings seen in Cheshire for several years. This is all the more remarkable, because Altrincham is not so conveniently situated for the majority of the brethren as many other towns in the province.

A large section of brethren from Birkenhead, Rock Ferry, &c., travelled by special saloon from Lime-street Station of the L. and N.W.R.; while a strong contingent from the same places, Liverpool, &c., went from James's-street, and travelled by the new line, forming a district route from Liverpool to Manchester, in connection with the Midland, Great Northern, and Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railways, each of the passengers by the latter route being delighted with the arrangements of the manager, Mr. English, and the pleasant nature of the new journey.

The Masonic gathering caused the greatest excitement in the pretty town of Altrincham. There were about 320 of the brethren present on this occasion, amongst whom were an unusually large number of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and officers of the different lodges within the province, and probably the display of the purple on the platform with his lordship, was never more striking nor numerous.

#### THE LODGE BUSINESS

About half-past one o'clock, the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, and having entered and encircled the hall, while music was furnished by Bro. Kirk, P.G.O., the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., took his seat on the throne, placed on a raised platform, and proceeded at once to open the Provincial Grand Lodge. Amongst those with him on the platform were the following P. G. Officers, past and present:—Bros. Fawcett, R.W.P.G.M. of Durham; C. Dutton, P.G.S.W.; Captain C. J. Howard, P.G.J.W.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Lea, P. Prov. G.S.W.; E. Friend, P.G.J.D.; J. Tomlinson, P.G.S.B.; S. Gilbert P.G.P.; Rev. E. D. Garvin, P. Prov. G.C.; T. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.D.; W. Fair, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Birch, P. Prov. S.G.D.; T. Davies, P. Prov. J.G.D.; W. Wainwright, P. Prov. S.G.D.; B. Cooper, P. Prov. G.P.; H. Bulley, G.S.B. of Eng. and P. Prov. J.G.W. of Cheshire; J. H. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W.; T. Smith, P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. Hampson,

P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., W.L.; J. Beresford, P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. Bowers, P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P. Prov. G.C.; F. Jackson, jun., P.G.D.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; R. M. Smith, P.G. Treas. E.L.; C. H. Hitchen, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. H. Sproull, P.G. Sec., N.W. and Salop; Captain R. Cope, P.G.S.B. (acting D.P.G.M.); J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; G. W. Latham, P.G.D.; Rev. J. Lomax, P.G.C.; C. Goddard, P. Prov. G. S.D.; T. H. Kirk, P.G.O.; and the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.G.C. W.L., and Cheshire.

Amongst the prominent members of the Craft in the body of the hall were the following:—Bros. J. M. Radcliffe, W.M. 605; J. Griffiths, W.M. 477; Ellis Davies, S.W. 605; T. Leighton, P.M. 132, Sec. 605; E. J. Haddon, J.W. 605; W. Little, J.W. 477; T. Dixon, Sec. 477; D. Fraser, I.G. 477; W. M. Asher, D. of C. 477; Dr. Spratley, P.M. 537; R. Gracie, P.M. 477; E. Harbord, P.M. 477; H. Moore, W.M. 537; Dr. Wilson, S.W. 537; A. Lowe, J.W.; M. Stafford, P.M. 361; J. Twiss, P. Prov. G.O.; A. Kay, W.M.; W. Hardie, P.M. 428; H. J. Jackson, P.M. 300, &c.; W. Hague, P.M. 830; J. Salmon, P.M. 425; R. W. Worrall, P.M. 721; W. Goodacre, P.M. 104; T. Drinkwater, P.M. 1166; R. Newhouse, P.M. 1045; S. Gosling, W.M. 508; C. Pepper, W.M. 104; J. Knowles, W.M. 830; J. Shaw, W.M. 324; J. Roberts, P.M. 324; S. Coburn, S.W. 361; J. Ingham, P. Prov. G.S.; W. Davies, P.M. 1218; J. W. M. Gill, W.M. 368; W. C. Connell, P.M. 137; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1276; A. Pott, P. Prov. G.S.; R. Ferguson, J.W. 1045; J. Williams, S.W. 267; S. Beresford, J.D. 721; J. L. Owen, I.G. 1045; J. Blentler, P.M. 941; J. Taylor, Sec. 461; G. Brown, P.M. 721; W. H. Wakefield, S.W. 104; S. Blackshaw, S.W. 533; W. Blackstone, P.M. and Sec. 533; W. Chadwick, P.M. 1408; J. Hulme, P.M. 368; J. Tomlinson, J.W. and Sec. 368; W. H. Francis, Treas. 1276; G. Eadshead, Sec. 89; G. H. Wilson, S.W. 537; J. Nield, P.M. 287; J. G. Williams, P.M. 425; A. Travis, Org. 324; H. A. Irwin, S.W. 368; A. Ogden, S.W. 89; J. Hartley, J.W. 89; J. F. Lawton, S.W. 1218; J. Willan, W.M. 1054; Brown, W.M. 425; H. Briggs, S.W. 320; J. S. Mort, P.M. 1045; H. S. Adshead, S.D. 368; C. Cooke, S.D. 104; J. Radcliffe, P.M. 830; J. P. Bardsley, W.M. 322; J. Chetham, S.W. 322; G. H. Holden, S.W. 295; J. Buckley, J.W. 1126; R. Weston, P.M. 1045; and others.

The R.W.P.G.M. opened the lodge in due form, after which the Prov. G. Sec. called the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and Lodges, when it was found that every one of the 37 lodges in the province was represented, the Stamford, No. 1045 by 50 members. The P.G. Sec. also intimated that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from Bro. G. Cornwall Legh, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M.; Nicholas Le Gendre Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. for East Lancashire, and several other distinguished brethren.

Bro. Griffiths then read the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge, at Crewe, and of the committee of the Fund of Benevolence, which were confirmed unanimously.

In the absence of Bro. J. Bland, P.G. Treas., the P.G. Sec. also submitted a statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there was a balance to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence of £1278 19s. 4d., and to the Provincial Grand Lodge the sum of £291 14s.

After the accounts had been passed unanimously, Lord De Tabley moved the re-election of Bro. James Bland to the office of Treasurer, and in doing so referred to the satisfactory state of the funds and the admirable manner in which the P.G. Treas. had performed his duties. The re-appointment was seconded by Bro. C. Dutton, P.S.G.W., and carried by acclamation.

Bro. Lord De Tabley, P.G.M., then said that he would, as usual, now have the honour and pleasure of addressing a few words to the brethren of the province. It had been well remarked that that country was happy which had no history; and if that were true, then, Freemasonry in the province of Cheshire was particularly happy, as there had been no striking events during the past year, although the stream

of Masonry had continued to flow on. (Applause.) No one who looked at the large and influential assembly that day would doubt for a moment that the province of Cheshire was in a flourishing condition. (Applause.) He was proud indeed to preside over such a province, and he felt grateful to every brother—from the highest to the lowest—who gave him their support; and he felt particularly proud that day in being honoured with the presence of one of the oldest and most influential Grand Officers, Bro. Fawcett, P.G.M. of Durham. (Applause.) Masonic events generally during the year had been very few, but the sacred cause of charity had continued to be supported heartily both by lodges and individual members of the Craft. Although no new lodges had been consecrated in the province during the past year, a great many members had been added to the Order; but he felt constrained again to caution the W.M.'s of lodges to see that initiations were confined to "worthy men, and to worthy men only." (Hear, hear.) They should also see, when candidates presented themselves from distant towns, where there were lodges, that careful inquiry should be made as to their character. (Cheers.) He need scarcely, in that room, allude to the loss which Masonry had sustained in the death of their most beloved and most revered Past Grand Master—the Earl of Zetland—because they all knew the excellent service he had rendered to Masonry during the long number of years which he reigned over it. It had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take him from amongst them, full of honours and years, and they would never again have his kind presence, his genial advice, and excellent influence. They still wore mourning for their departed brother, and he was quite certain this was no outward show, but a sincere evidence of respect for his memory. His lordship then referred to the pleasure which it gave him to consent to lay the foundation stone of the college at Knutsford the following week; and intimated that it was his intention to hold his next annual Provincial Grand Lodge in the ancient city of Chester, the use of the Town Hall having been kindly given by the corporation, and the Dean of Chester at the same time giving them the liberty of using the Cathedral for the annual service. He took that opportunity of saying that he thought the Freemasons in that province should follow the example of Gloucester, Hereford, and Worcester, and enter into a private subscription towards the restoration of their venerable cathedral at Chester. He did not mean that their subscriptions should go into the general restoration fund, but it should be devoted towards the purchase and presentation of some specific thing, such as a font or a sedilia. (Loud applause.) He again thanked the brethren for their support, and assured them that his constant endeavours would ever be to forward the interests of Masonry. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. then invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. G. Cornwall Legh, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M.; C. Dutton, P.S.G.W.; Captain C. J. Howard, P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Lomax, P.G.C.; J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; E. H. Griffiths, P. G. Sec. (to whom his lordship paid a high compliment on re-investing him); Dr. Spratly, P.S.G.D.;—Simpson, P.J.G.D.; G. Whale, P.G.S. of W.; F. Jackson, jun., P.G.D. of C.; J.S. Mort, P.G.A.D. of C.;—Brown, P.G.S.B.; W. Goodacer, P.G.P.; T. H. Kirk, P.G.O.; J. Swindells, P. G. Tyler; and Bros. Atherton, Gibson, Davenport, T. D. Simcock, J. Cavanah, and E. Bradbury, P. G. Stewards.

Bro. Captain Cope was re-appointed Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence.

Bros. H. Bulley and Birch having served the office of Stewards at the Festivals in London, were presented by the P.G.M. with the charity jewels, amidst the applause of the brethren.

This being the whole of the business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

#### THE SERVICE AND SERMON.

A procession of the brethren was then formed, as is usual on such occasions, for the purpose of attending divine service. The brethren marched to St. Margaret's Church, at Dunham, clothed in the collars and jewels of their offices, where full Cathedral service was performed. Bro. Kirk, P.G.O., presided at the organ, the music being

rendered by the choir of St. Margaret's, assisted by Bros. Stafford, Dumville, and Ball. The anthem "Blessed be Thou" (Kent) was sung with the finest effect. The service was intoned by the Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., P.G.C., who took for his text St. John, xv., 12, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

The Preacher said— Once more, Brethren, after the lapse of another year, we are gathered together in God's own house, to thank Him for His mercy and grace during the last twelve months, and in the most solemn manner to entreat the Great Architect of the Universe to continue to preserve our Order, by beautifying and adorning us with every moral and social virtue. We have met together in our lodge room, and also here in God's temple, to carry out, according to our power, the command of our Great Master in Heaven, and by our prayers and real sympathy, as well as by our liberal alms, to show our love to all our sick and bereaved brethren. To day you are called upon to extend your charity beyond your Order, and I trust you will give a double donation to the Stewards, when they bring the boxes round to you. Our first duty, as Masons, is doubtless to our own sick, to our widows, and orphans, but we, I trust, have been well taught, that we shall not confine our charity at home, but show that, as men and Christian men, we are ready to extend the helping hand to all who need our charity. The unfortunates who enter the wards of our hospitals must always have a claim on our benevolence. We may differ in our opinions upon other societies upon other calls upon our purse, but here we are all one. The maimed, the halt, the sufferer of severe bodily disease, the subjects of accidents, these speak home to the hearts of all true men, and I know not how we can to day better obey the precepts of our Great Master in the text, than by giving liberally to the Altrincham hospitals and the Fund of Benevolence. The advantages of the latter I need not occupy your time in detailing to you; they are well known to you all; of the former I will only say that as one of the working committee, I can speak most strongly of the advantage it has been to this town and neighbourhood, and I am only sorry to say, that, for want of greater support, we cannot extend its privileges so widely as we should wish. I now leave the matter in your hands, trusting that you will do what you can, and proceed for a few minutes to the more general consideration of the text. No vice perhaps is so ingrained into our fallen nature as that of selfishness. Since the disobedience of our first parents, it has so spread as to become almost part of our very organism. You may detect it in the infant, almost before it can lisp; it is proverbial amongst the young; and who is blind to its presence in the middle-aged, to say nothing of the old. No man who for a minute looks into his own heart, can fail to detect how great an influence the thought of self has upon all his words and acts, the irrepressible "I" is ever appearing, and unconsciously a man considers how will this or that affect me, my character, my happiness, my well being, my position amongst my fellows, so subtly and so universally has this poison infected all our nature that for its eradication it needed that the Great Architect himself should come down from above and take our nature upon Him, that once more He might restore us to His own likeness, and image. Yes it was not enough that our Great Master should speak from Heaven, and say "this is my commandment that ye love one another, but he must be born of a woman, live as a child, as a youth, as a man, amongst us, and by His fair example as well as His precept, teach us to "Love one another, as I have loved you," and what a beautiful pattern He has set us. I speak not at this moment of the atonement, which by His holy life and precious death He has brought for us, but I ask you to contemplate the beauty, the loveliness of his character as a man. Where can you place your finger on one imperfection, one blot? Where can you detect in His conduct towards His parent, his disciples, the Pharisees and Sadducees, the multitude, the sinners, the friends or the enemies, the least approach to egotism, the thought of self? From

the manger cradle, to the last cry on the cross, did not Jesus show forth the beauty of unselfishness, the blessedness of self denial, the happiness of living for other's good! You know, my brethren, the power of personal influence, you know what imitative creatures we are; how closely we are affected by the atmosphere in which we live; you know too how common it is for every thinking person to have some pet hero, to set some model before his eyes. How comes it, then, that so few choose the grandest of examples, the noblest of heroes? How comes it that so few set before their eyes the man Christ Jesus as the pattern that they will endeavour to follow. In our lodges, I suppose, there are always some one or two of the brethren, those who are best instructed, who appear to be amongst the brightest lights of Masonry, that the newly initiated brother admires, and in his heart of hearts, says, "Now I would like to emulate these brethren, and to gain a fair renown like theirs." But here, in the Grand Master of the Universe, in Him, in whose name all our lodges are opened and closed, for He alone is the Great Architect of the Universe, in Him whose blessing is ever evoked upon all our undertakings, we have the purest, the holiest, the most loving example of all. Shall we not then as Masons, as Christians, endeavour each one to tread more closely on His steps, to follow more nearly the pattern of excellence, which in this life He has graciously put before us. Whatever our various callings or positions in life may be, whatever may be the widely different opinions or doctrines or dogmas, here we are all as one. For is not the one main object of our Fraternity, to band together for the good of the whole body, to learn the practice of love in its widest and intensest meaning. There is no one term by which you can illustrate this word love. Benevolence, philanthropy, humanity, charity, only each express as it were one side of it. By action alone can you thoroughly understand it, by obedience to His command, can you alone grasp the full intention of it. Live in the same atmosphere with it, imitate all His conduct, so far as you can; weigh well His words, and oh! how much these few words at the end of my text, simply "As I have loved you," for they cost Him His life, and that through the agony of the shameful cross, "Oh could we learn that sacrifice, what lights would all around us rise." Love, as He loved, and how beautiful would our Order become, what significance given to all our rites and ceremonies! Love is the fulfilling of the law, nay, when that principle is present, as St. Paul teaches, the law is unneeded. And I would call your attention, especially, to the necessity of obedience to this command at the present moment of the world's existence. We live in days of great doubt, and open scepticism. What is the remedy for this? Evidences of religion, history, prophecy, miracles, nay, some of these are denied, others now impossible, all out of the reach of many. There is, then, only one remedy, and that, thank God efficacious, Obedience, recognition of the law of love, the living the life of Christ; this will teach us of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or not. Do the work which Jesus did, sympathise with the sorrowful, rejoice with them that rejoice, smooth the pillow of the dying, dry the tears of the broken hearted widow, take by the hand the forlorn orphan, alleviate the wants of the poor, and sit by the bedside of the sick, and more than this, be courteous, amicable, kind, and helpful to all; let the bright smile of a kindly spirit, the pleasant countenance, the cheery word, the felt interest in the occupations and amusements of others, ever attend you in your own home, and amongst your own kith and kin, and in the larger society beyond your own roof-trees; and, then I promise you, nay, God forgive me, not I, but the Great Master promises you, that you shall be guided into all truth, your sins and their habits shall be conquered, the denying Peter shall be made bold in the faith, the fleeing disciples shall die, if need be, for the truth, the doubting Thomas shall become a firm believer, and the sin-polluted Magdalen a holy saint. I offer no apology for illustrating my subject by a very beautiful parable, known doubtless to many of you, and of service, I am sure, to all. There was a man in the land of Canaan, of mighty stature

and strength, proud of his power; he determined only to serve the greatest of kings. For sometime he was the servant of a powerful monarch who gloried in possessing him. One day when a minstrel sang before the king, the giant observed that his master crossed himself every time that the evil spirit's name was mentioned in the minstrel's song. On inquiry the king told him, "I make that sign, to preserve us from the power of Satan." Then said the giant "If thou fearest Satan, thou art not the most powerful Prince in the world; thou hast deceived me, I will go seek this Satan, and him will I serve, for he is mightier than thou art." So he entered into the service of the evil one. When one day they came to where four roads met, Satan was seized with fear at the sight of a cross erected there, and made a circuit to avoid it. "Why hast thou done so?" asked the Giant—and the Fiend replied, "On that cross died Jesus Christ, and when I behold it, I must tremble and fly, for I fear Him." Then said the man "This Jesus, whom thou fearest, must be more powerful than thou, I will go seek Him, and Him will I serve." So he travelled far and wide, until he came to the hut of a hermit, and desired him that he would show him Christ—the good man told him that Christ was Lord of heaven and earth, and that there were many hard duties to perform in this service. "Thou must fast often and pray." But the huge giant replied "I will not fast, for surely if I were to fast, my strength would leave me. I know nothing of prayer, and I will not be bound to such a service." Then the hermit pointed to a wide and deep river, and bade him go to it. "Since thou wilt neither fast nor pray, use thy strength to aid and to save those who struggle with the stream and are about to perish. It may be that this good work shall prove acceptable to Jesus Christ, whom thou desirest to serve, and that He may manifest Himself to thee." To which he replied joyfully, "This I can do, it is a service which pleaseth me well," and so with a palmtree for his staff; night and day he aided the passengers across the swollen stream, and carried the weak on his shoulders. So the thing that he did pleased our Lord, who looked down upon him out of heaven, and said within himself "Behold this strong man, who knoweth not yet the way to worship me, yet hath found the way to serve me." One dark and very stormy night a little child entreated him to carry him over, and the giant lifted the child on to his shoulders, and with his staff entered the stream, and the waters rose higher and higher, and the wind blew, and the waves roared, and the infant on his shoulders became heavier and still heavier, till it seemed to him that he must sink under the excessive weight, and he began to fear. At length the opposite side being reached, he laid the child on the bank, and asked "Who art thou, child, that hath placed me in such extreme peril? Had I carried the whole world on my shoulders, the burden could not have been heavier!" And the child replied, "Wonder not, Christopher, for thou hast not only borne the world, but Him who made the world on thy shoulders—*Me* wouldst thou serve in this *thy work of Charity*, and behold I have accepted thy service." Then Christopher fell on his face and confessed and worshipped Christ.

So brethren of the Craft, serve Christ—do all the good you can in the world for Him, deny yourselves for others' sake, live the life of obedience and love; in one word, live the life of Christ, and Jesus will certainly accept your service—will manifest Himself, sooner or later unto you, and guide you into all needful truth, and at last not for your merits, but for His own merits' sake, will make you members of the Great Universal Lodge above.

A collection, which amounted to £26, was afterwards made, and this will be divided equally between the Altrincham Infirmary and the Fund of Benevolence.

#### THE BANQUET

Was subsequently served in the British Schools, by Bro. Harvey, of the Unicorn Hotel, to between 300 and 400 brethren, Lord de Tabley, presiding during the evening. The musical performances were under the direction of Bro. Kirk, P.G.O., who presided at the piano. The

usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to, that of the R.W.P.G.M. (Lord de Tabley) causing especial enthusiasm.

#### Masonic Tidings.

**THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.**—It may be interesting to our readers to learn that the Pope gave an audience to the American Masonic party, 21 in number, on the 24th of last month. He was exceedingly gracious, spoke to each one of the party, and walked about as actively as ever. After he had spoken to all individually, he drew back two or three paces, so as to take a view of the whole party, and said, "Now I shall bless you all, your families, and all who belong to you. May you return safely to your native country." Then followed the apostolic benediction in Latin.

By the accession of Viscount Royston, P.G.M., Cambridgeshire, to the Peerage, as Earl of Harwick, a vacancy has occurred in the representation of Cambridgeshire.

Bro. Wm. Carpenter has received the thanks of the Princess of Wales for a copy of the song "Health to the Prince!"

An emergency meeting of the Great City Lodge (No. 1416) will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, on Friday next, at five o'clock. The first regular meeting will be held on the following day, at three o'clock.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. Crawley, in the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Gabb's, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Wednesday, Oct. 1st, commence at eight o'clock.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday, 29th inst, by Bro. Beckett, on which occasion the brethren generally are invited to attend.

The editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and foreign booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Arriagoli, Florence, Italy.

#### Obituary.

The funeral of Bro. John Thomas took place at Norwood Cemetery, on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 2 p.m. The remains of our universally respected and highly esteemed brother were followed to their resting-place by above 100 brethren carrying sprigs of acacia. Among those who had come to pay the last tokens of fraternal affection we noticed Bros. Reid, Benjamin, Binckes, Laing, Wolpert, Mortlock, Kenning, Dr. Bedolfe, Bradley, Stevens, Worthington, Levander, Larlham, Davison, and Thiellay. Our deceased brother was 64 years of age. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Bro. Church.

"Thou art gone to the grave; but 'twere wrong to deplore thee,  
When God was thy trust and thy guardian and guide;  
He gave thee, He took thee, and soon will restore thee  
In the lost Lodge above where the faithful abide."

"HELP UNDER AFFLICTION."—The aim and end of medicine, are to repress human diseases and redress bodily wrongs. This can only be effected by cleansing healthy fountain, whence flows pure blood in renovating streams. It cannot surely be necessary to remind any intelligent reader, that purity of the bowels, determines everybody's health and vigour. Holloway's medicine searches out the slightest taint in that vital fluid and neutralises or expels it, so that the circulation supports the system, in place of sowing the seeds of decay. When epidemics are advancing and diseases are steadily on the increase, it behoves everyone to have a restorative like these pills ready to set right any irregularity in stomach, liver, bowels and kidneys.—ADVT.

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##### OLD LODGE MINUTES.

I have lately found in a Minute Book of the old Lodge of Providence, No. 171, now in my possession, two entries, copies of which I enclose:—Copy of entry in minutes of lodge held 27th December, 1823.

Bro. Thomas Thornton, exhibited three Roman Coins with Masonic Emblems on each. The first was one of Nerva, the 13th Emperor, who began to reign A. C. 96; he reigned one year and four months. The reverse, hand in hand, encircled *concordia exercitum*. The second, Hadrian the 15th Emperor, who began to reign A.C. 117; he reigned about 21 years. The reverse moon and seven stars, encircled *Cos. III*. The third Antoninus Pius, the 16th Emperor, who began to reign A.C. 138; he reigned 22 years and 8 months. The reverse hand in hand, including two ears of corn and Mercury's rod, encircled *Cos. IIII*. The above were silver, three fourths of an inch diameter, and found in an urn containing near six hundred coins by the navigators when excavating the basin at the south end of South-street, Chichester, A.D. 1819. Exhibited at the Lodge of Union, 626, Portsea, 27th Dec. 1821, and then and there recorded in their books. The above coins was also exhibited at the Lodge of Providence, Feb. 7, 1822, but not recorded, which was the cause of their second exhibition."—Copy of entry minutes of lodge held 14th October, 1822.

Bro. Robert Shout Atchison, W.M., of St. George's Lodge of Unanimity and Fidelity, No. 731, Petersfield, made a present to the Lodge of Providence No. 717, Havant, of a Book entitled a 'Visit to Goodwood,' wherein is contained a record of a Lodge of Masons, having been held on St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, as early as Julius Cæsar, and in a publication\* of 1736 we still find 'No. 65' Lodge of St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, Sussex, once a year, viz., Tuesday in Easter week, constituted in the reign of Julius Cæsar, see page 92, 93."

PHILADELPHIA MASONIC HALL.—I shall be greatly obliged to any Philadelphian Brother who will kindly send me a full account of the opening of the New Grand Lodge and Masonic Hall, and a correct description of the buildings and the cost. A communication will reach me, addressed to 10, Upper Porchester-street, Hyde-park-square, London, W.—A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

\*Vide Smith's "Freemasons' Companion."

##### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 26, 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, September 27.

Lodge 1309, Acacia, Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar.  
Red Cross Conclave No. 3, Rose and Lily, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.

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

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

Monday, September 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
" 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship, Bancroft-place, Mile End.

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

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

Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

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

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

Tuesday, September 30.  
Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.  
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), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.  
Florsnce 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 Store 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, October 1.  
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
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.  
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, October 2.  
Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
" 1351, St. Clements Danes, 265, Strand.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.  
Mark Lodge No. 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leaden-street.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188 Preceptor.  
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.  
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, October 3.  
Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.  
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (No. 140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.  
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.  
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
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. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., 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.  
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.  
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.  
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.  
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 (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 4, 1873.

Monday, September 29.  
Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.  
Tuesday, September 30.  
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, October 1.  
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.  
Chap. 477 Fidelity, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead 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, October 2.  
Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
" 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.  
" 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.  
Friday, October 3.  
Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.  
" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 4, 1873.

Thursday, October 2.  
Lodge 96, St. James's, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court High-street.  
Friday, October 3.  
Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E, Register-street.  
Chap. 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, October 4, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.  
Monday, September 29.  
Chap. 122, Thetis, 25, James-street, Tradeston.  
St. Mungo Encampment Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.  
Tuesday, September 30.  
Chap. 73, Caledonian Unitv, 170, Buchanan-street.  
Wednesday, October 1.  
Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.  
" 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.  
" 128, St. John, Shettlestone.  
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.  
Thursday, October 2.  
Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.  
" 36c, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.  
" 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.  
Friday, October 3.  
Lodge 16, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.  
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.  
" 572, Thorntree, Thornliebank.  
Saturday, October 4.  
Lodge 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

#### Advertisements.

The Late Bro. John Thomas.  
A MEETING of the Masonic Friends and Pupils of Bro. John Thomas will take place at Freemasons' Hall, this day, (Saturday). Bro. Edward Worthington in the Chair, to determine upon some means of perpetuating his memory. The Chair will be taken at three o'clock.

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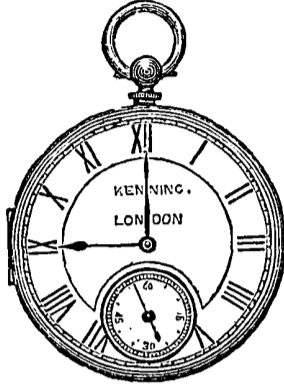
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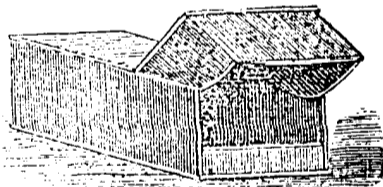
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