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No. on List	Names	Votes
9	Duke, Jessie	1351
8	Oates, Louisa C	1202
10	Emery Katharine	1135
28	Hinson, Ethel	1095
5	Day, Mary Ann	1081
13	Scurr, Catherine J	945
12	Jay, Charlotte A	943
1	Chapman, Ada G	913
19	Briggs, Katherine B	898
3	Brindon, Beatrice A	897
4	Morris Mary	884
11	Seaton, Ethel I.M	882
30	White, Charlotte	878
20	Wheeler, Octavia H	827
6	Reeds, Lilius E	794
18	Coleman, Charlotte	789
15	Nash, Agnes A	757
23	Taylor, Louisa M	705
7	Faithfull, Florence C	678
17	Roberts, Elizabeth	622

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took place for SIXTEEN BOYS, from a list of 49  
Candidates. The following were successful:—

No. on Poll List.	No.	Names	Votes
1	42	Sargent, Sidney Herbert	1227
2	22	Rowlstone, Albert Edward	1214
3	8	Sessions, John Griffiths	1181
4	28	Tyler, William Bott	1141
5	31	Barns, Richard Edw	1091
6	41	Pullman, Henry Percy	1071
7	10	Moon, James Hardwick	1005
8	25	Dancy, Harry Esmond	1002
9	27	Atundale, John Houghton	986
10	30	Wiseman, James Hyde	976
11	17	Cole, Wm. Elmer	942
12	16	Evans, Walter Blood O'Brien	937
13	29	Wood, Henry Walles	927
14	47	Dove, David	912
15	14	Saunders, Ernest John	906
16	21	Meggison, Thomas Turner	874

Phillipps, Edwin Charles, No. 32 on the list,  
was withdrawn.

Lists of the successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the office. Votes for the unsuccessful candidates will be carried to their credit at the next Election. The second number is in each case that of the candidate on the lists.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Trott, W.M., occupied the chair, the other officers present were:—Bros. George Abbott, S.W.; George Newman, J.W.; W. Goodyer, P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Secretary; C. Arkell, S.D.; E. Jones, I.G.; and George Parker, Dir. of Cers. The remaining Past Masters present were:—Bros. George Mager, J. J. Harris, E. King, E. Roberts, and Geo. Kenning. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge having been duly opened, the following brethren were raised to the third degree, Bros. Regan, Fauvet, Graindorge, Perkins, Alfatt, and Hunter. The following were passed to the second degree; Bros. Geo. Hall, and John G. Dunn. The lodge having been resumed, William T. Rickwood, Esq., (having been ballotted for at the last meeting) was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Sidney Spencer, (City Terminus Hotel), was unanimously elected a joining member. The notice of motion by Bro. Alfatt, S.W., having been disposed (viz., increasing the initiation fee to ten guineas and the joining fee to five guineas, also another motion limiting the number of members,) the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The whole of the brethren present appeared in Masonic mourning in accordance with the command of the M.W. the Grand Master. The brethren, numbering about sixty, adjourned to dinner, served in the pillar-room at which the W.M. presided. After the cloth had been removed, the usual Masonic toasts were given including the visitors many being present), which were most heartily responded to. The meeting having been a comfortable and happy re-union, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. Amongst the members the following were present—Bros. W. Ramsey, G. Taylor, J. G. Chillingworth, jun., F. R. Jarvis, F. Fellowes, W. Figes, W. Waring, Jno. H. Fuller, H. Legg, T. Gardner, T. Fisher, S. Edwards, Jno. Curle, R. E. Bright, S. Haynes, T. Perrin, John Mayo, C. M. Selby, J. B. Clements, Chas. Cann, Henry Child, Henry Davis, F. Jackson, R. G. Putnam, J. Cook, and A. G. Marks. Visitors, Geo. Bartholomew, 871; H. Bethell, S.W. 1257; W. Jaques, P.M. and Sec. 28; B. Hill, 212; T. Massa, P.M. 59; J. T. Dimsdale, 715; Chas. F. Motheram, 901; Mark Hornsey, 73; and Charles Tighe, P.M. 28.

OLDHAM.—Friendship Lodge (No. 277).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham. The officers present were Bros. J. Z. Hollingworth, P.M.; Joseph Braddock, W.M.; T. Midgeley, S.W.; H. Thomas, J.W.; C. Schofield, J.D.; J. C. Lees, I.G.; Lees, Org.; John Wood, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. at 6.30. p.m. The minutes of the previous regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Robert Jackson, who had been previously ini-

tiated into this lodge, presented himself as a candidate for the degree of M.M., and being approved of, the ceremony was performed in the most impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Braddock. The lodge was honoured on this occasion by the presence of several visiting brethren, some of whom had received their degrees on the other side of the Atlantic. To these the right hand of fellowship was most cordially extended, and after the remaining business had been transacted, the lodge was closed and adjourned till Wednesday, the 29th of October. The refreshments which followed labour were of the most substantial character, and reflected credit on the manager of the Freemasons' Hall, which building, we may remark, was erected and opened for Masonic purposes in 1871, and consists of a spacious lodge room, ante-room, banquetting room, billiard and reading rooms, and is altogether a credit to the Masonic body of the town.

LYMINGTON.—New Forest Lodge (No. 319).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Lymington. The lodge was opened at 3.0. a.m., by Bro. Doman, P.M. and Treasurer, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. S. S. Pearse, W.M., soon afterwards arrived and took the chair. He was supported by Bros. J. Houshome, S.W.; Le Roy, J.W.; W. C. Austin, acting S.D.; Wilkins, acting J.D.; Sims, I.G.; Bush, P.M. and Sec., and others. The work performed was conferring the third degree on Bros. J. W. Imber, and D. Duncan, the second degree on Bros. Westley and Turner, and the initiation of Bros. Warren Peness, McSpanow, and Hills. The whole of the ceremonies were carried out in a very efficient and able manner by the W.M., assisted by the Immediate P.M., Bro. Doman, and called forth marks of congratulation from several of the brethren. An explanation for the first degree was given by Bro. W. C. Austen, J.D., in a very able manner. The W.M. also reported to the lodge the business of the Charity Council, recently elected under a new scheme adopted in this province, and to which the W.M. was, at a previous meeting of the lodge elected to represent. It was then moved by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Houshome, S.W.; and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Austen, J.D., for the efficient manner in which he gave the explanation of the tracing board, much to the gratification of the brethren present, the business of the lodge usually being so great, that until the present occasion, it has not been given before. A copy of a musical ritual was presented to every brother present by the W.M. for their serious consideration with a view of its being adopted in this lodge. Several propositions and suggestions were offered, of minor importance relative to the well being of the lodge, by various brethren. One gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation. The lodge was closed in due form at 6.30. A most sumptuous banquet was then served in the lodge-room, under the superintendence of the Stewards. After the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were given and drank with cordiality and enthusiasm, although somewhat hurried on account of several of the brethren having to leave by train.

VALETTA (MALTA).—Zetland Lodge (No. 515).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th September, to present a testimonial to W. Bro. Robert Mowatt, I.P.M. The lodge having been opened, the Worshipful Master presented to him the regalia of a J.D.G. Warden of Malta, with an inscription, as a very small token of the affectionate regard of the lodge, and the great value attached to his constant zeal during the whole period of his residence, to which the lodge owed much of its prosperity. W. Bro. Mowatt, having replied in very feeling terms, the proceedings were concluded by the W.M. wishing him a very warm farewell from his brethren, who deeply regretted his departure from the field of his well won honours. The lodge was then closed.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—On Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, where there was an

unusually large gathering of the brethren. The W.M., Bro. E. Kyle, opened the lodge in due form, supported by Bros. J. T. Callow, I.P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; H. Nelson, P.M.; M. Corless, S.W.; J. K. Digges, J.W.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; S. Johnson, P.M., Sec.; T. Roberts, S.D.; J. Mealor, J.D.; T. Garratt, I.G.; Alvarez, S.; D. Jackson, S.; and W. Crawford, Tyler. Amongst the members present were:—Bros. W. A. Hamilton, E. C. Cooper, J. Seddon, J. Farmer, E. Browne, R. Hulme, W. Roberts, J. H. Jones, R. Holt, C. H. Jones, J. Heggie, J. Buckley, W. Quayle, G. Nixon, W. Brackenbury, C. Haigh, R. Price, A. Milledge, H. Burrow, J. Dawson, J. Capell, J. Parry, S. T. Cockerill, J. Smith, W. Williams. and others. The visitors present were:—Bros. J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; R. Ing, P.M. 594; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. A. Edgington, S.W. 1182; J. Williams, J.D. 1112; E. C. Jones, 1356; T. A. Jackson, 1264; W. F. Dawson, 1264; W. H. Hignett, 1356; J. Bathgate, 1182; J. D. Sutherland, 220; and others. After the lodge had been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and one candidate was initiated with the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M. The after lodge proceedings were of a highly interesting character, inasmuch as occasion was taken to present Bro. J. T. Callow, I.P.M., with a very handsome time-piece and vases to match, as tokens of the esteem in which he is held by the members of St. John's Lodge. It may be stated that Bro. Callow's services as W.M. were recognised in July last, when he vacated the chair, by the presentation of a valuable Past Master's jewel, and this further testimonial to his many excellent qualities was given because he is about to enter the "United States" of matrimony. The time-piece bore the following inscription, "This time-piece and vases were presented to Bro. James T. Callow, I.P.M., by the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, of Free and Accepted Masons, as a token of respect, and in recognition of past services, July 2, 1873." In making the presentation, Bro. Kyle, W.M., said the brethren were aware that it was the original intention to present an illuminated address to the I.P.M., but the subscription took such a form as to warrant them presenting even something more valuable. As Bro. Callow was about to step out of the bachelor into the married state, a clock was thought a very appropriate gift. He hoped that their I.P.M. would long be spared, and that he would continue to render the same valuable assistance to their Order in the future as he had done in the past. Bro. Callow, in acknowledging the testimonial, said he not only admired the articles, but especially the spirit in which they had been given. Any past services he might have rendered were given with the greatest pleasure, and he could assure the brethren of St. John's Lodge that this presentation, and the remembrance of their kindness would only lead him to increase his activity and earnestness. During the evening, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to, that of "The Rulers of the Craft, Supreme and Subordinate," being acknowledged by Bro. J. Thornton, P.M. Bro. Callow proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in eulogistic terms, and in reply Bro. Kyle assured the brethren that he would use his best endeavours to uphold the dignity of the position in which he had been placed. The toast of "The Past Masters of the St. John's Lodge" was acknowledged by Bro. S. Johnson, P.M., Sec., in eloquent terms; "The Visitors," by Bro. J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; "The Officers," by Bros. Garratt, Hulme, Alvarez, Mealor, Price, Johnson, and Pearson, P.M., Treas. During the evening a subscription was raised on behalf of the Seamen's Orphanage, when a substantial sum was spontaneously raised.

TOTNES.—Pleiades Lodge (No. 710).—Thursday, the 2nd of October, being the day for installing the W. M. Elect into the chair, a large number of the members of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, at 1 p.m. The lodge was opened in the first degree and the minutes of the previous lodge read and confirmed. The Installing Master, Bro. Dr. Henry

Hopkins, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. for Warwickshire, &c., &c., having taken the chair, Bro. Henry Jardine Presswell, S.W., W.M. Elect, was presented in a suitable manner by Bro. William Cuming, P.M., for installation. The usual charges having been read by the Secretary, to all of which the W.M. Elect assented, the lodge was opened in the third degree. All brethren not having attained the rank of W.M. then retired. The Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form, and Bro. Henry Jardine Presswell, having been admitted, was duly installed W.M. of Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, for the ensuing year. The Past Masters present were Bros. Dr. Henry Hopkins, Rev. James Powning, John Heath, John Marks, Richard Harris Watson, William Cuming, Arthur Browse Niner, Rev. Robert Bowden, and Henry Couch Creagh; also Bro. William Henry Stafford, W.M. 710. The Board of Installed Masters was closed, the M.M.'s admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed and saluted. The F.C.'s were admitted and the W.M. again proclaimed and saluted. The E.A.'s were admitted and the W.M. again proclaimed and saluted for the third time. The W.M. appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, viz. Bro. William Henry Stafford, I.P.M.; Bro. James Westhead, S.W.; Bro. William Bennett Maye, J.W.; Bro. Rev. James Powning, P.M., P. Prov. G.C. for Devon, Chaplain; Bro. Peter George David, Secretary; Bro. Henry De Schmid, S.D.; Bro. William Cuming, P.M., J.D.; Bro. Edward Seale I.G.; Bro. Henry Ash Hawke, Stwd.; Bro. Augustus Richard R. Preston, Stewd.; Bro. William Henry Taylor, Organist. The W.M. also invested Bro. Arthur Browse Niner, Treasurer. Bro. John Crocker was unanimously re-elected Tyler, and on being invested by the W.M. received well merited praise for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his Office for the past year. The charges were each and severally delivered in a most able and impressive manner to the I.P.M., W.M., Wardens, and the Craft generally, by Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, who conducted the whole of the Installation Ceremonies. The remaining business of the day having been transacted, the brethren retired to the Seven Stars Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, supplied by Bro. John Heath, when various toasts were proposed and responded to, some capital songs were sung, thus concluding the day's proceedings in harmony and brotherly love.

LIVERPOOL.—*Croxteth United Service Lodge* (No. 786).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, at which there were present Bros. Capt. W. J. Newman, W.M.; G. Owen, P.M.; G. L. Blindell, P.M.; P. Coulter, P.M.; G. G. Stopford Taylor, J.W.; J. B. Wallace, Treas.; W. B. Caw, Sec.; E. C. Stevenson, S.D.; W. H. Holt, J.D.; W. H. Tyreman, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; Serg. R. Neville, Tyler; J. Bernham, J. Anderson, H. Tomkinson, W. Tomkinson, Jun., J. Dale, W. R. Thomas, W. Marwood, J. S. Harris. The visitors present were Bros. S. P. Brabner, P. Prov. S.G.W., West Lancashire; A. C. Mott, P. Prov. S.G.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland; T. Haynes, P.M. 823; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724; T. Chick, W.M. 1013; T. Roberts, 1013; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1003; C. Peet, S.D. 241; R. H. Evans, J.W. 1393; J. C. Robinson, 249; G. Woodward, and others. Two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., by Bro. P. M. Blindell, and the W.M. (Bro. Newman) afterwards initiated Mr. E. W. Parnell, into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, in a highly creditable and impressive manner. After business the brethren sat down to an à la recherche and sumptuous banquet, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with that enthusiasm which is so characteristic of the gallant members of the United Service Lodge.

ALDERSHOT CAMP LODGE (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, on the 2nd inst., the chair of K.S. being occupied by the W.M., Bro. Captain Richardson, R.E., who was supported by the following officers, viz., Bros. Hole, P.M. and Prov. G.P. Kent, W.M. 1424,

as P.M.; A. McKenzie, S.W.; R. White, J.W.; R. Bennett, S.D.; F. Anderson, J.D.; T. Walton Mayer, I.G.; E. Harper, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. James Irvin being present, was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. J. Pain, a candidate for the second degree, then gave proof of his proficiency in the former degree, was entrusted with a test of merit and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Pain duly passed as a F.C. The lodge of that degree was then closed, and the brethren, whose attendance was pretty numerous, proceeded to the annual election of the W.M., Treasurer and Tyler. Six brethren appeared upon the agenda paper as eligible for the chair of K.S., but upon the proposition of the W.M., the brethren unanimously chose Bro. A. McKenzie, S.W. as their W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. Richardson being re-elected as Treasurer, and the O.G. of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, as Tyler. The installation ceremony will be performed by the retiring W.M. Among the visitors on this occasion were Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, Surgeon Major, Royal Engineers, who has recently returned from Gibraltar, and Bro. Samuel Cole, P.M., &c., W.M. 1424, Quartermaster, Royal Engineers, both of whom the W.M. had the pleasure of proposing as joining members. After the transaction of some other lodge business, it was closed with solemn prayer, about a quarter to nine p.m.

ORMSKIRK.—*The West Lancashire Lodge* (No. 1403).—The first anniversary of the consecration of this lodge took place at the Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, on Wednesday, the 8th inst, when the festival of St. John was celebrated, and the installation of the W.M. elect took place. There was a large and highly influential gathering of brethren on the occasion, several from Liverpool being present. The West Lancashire has made excellent progress during its first year's existence, and special credit is due to the lodge for the generous spirit which they displayed on the occasion of the visit of Duke Teck and Princess Mary of Cambridge to Lathom House (the seat of Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale), when they entertained all the visiting brethren at a substantial banquet. The working of the lodge on Wednesday last was of a creditable character, and the spirit of unanimity and concord which marked the brethren was of the most admirable nature. The lodge was opened, according to ancient form by Bro. S. Wylde, W.M., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. T. Ashmore, P.M.; W. C. Edge, J.W.; J. B. Forshaw, Treas.; I. Simm, Sec.; P. B. Forshaw, S.D.; J. Goodman, J.D.; J. B. Lambert, P.M., D.C.; and J. Taylor, acting Tyler. The brethren present were Bros. R. Chamberlain, W. G. Watts, J. Ormisher, W. Tyrer, T. Bridge, Jun.; J. Winnard, P. Draper, J. Hornby, T. Yeatman, H. Brown, A. Wilkinson, W. H. Crabtree, G. Gould, J. Chisnall, E. Rimmer, J. Sutcliffe, and J. Hilton. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Pemberton, P.M., 1264; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; W. Boulton, W.M., 823; J. Wells, S.W. 580; H. Ashmore, J.W., 823; H. W. Nicholas, I.G., 249; A. Collins, 1178; H. Hughes, S.D. 1086; J. Burrows, 249; W. Gamble, 249; J. Glover, 580, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Ashmore, P.M., took the chair of W.M., and passed Brother G. Watts to the degree of F.C. After this portion of the work had been completed Bro. T. Ashmore proceeded to instal Bro. W. C. Edge as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by him in a most complete, impressive, and thoroughly effective manner. The newly-installed W.M. next invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. S. Wylde, I.P.M.; P. B. Forshaw, S.W.; J. Goodman, J.W.; J. P. Forshaw, Treas.; P. Draper, Sec.; G. Gould, S.D.; T. Bridge, J.D.; W. Tyrer, I.G.; W. G. Watts, Org.; J. B. Lambert, P.M., M.C.; and A. Wilkinson and J. Ormisher, Stewards. Bro. Nunnerly was unanimously elected Tyler. The ancient charge to the W.M. was given with great unction and spirit by Bro. Lambert, and the other charges by Bro. Ashmore. On the motion of Bro. Chamberlain, Wigan,

seconded by Bro. Winnard, it was unanimously agreed to elect Bro. I. Simm an honorary member, in recognition of his services as the first Secretary of the lodge, and as a tribute to his great exertions in its foundation and establishment. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served in capital style by Bro. H. Brown, landlord of the Commercial Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Edge, W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in eloquent terms, and cordially responded to by the brethren. Bro. Lambert next gave "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so, said that as a Mason of 34 years standing, he would advise the brethren to give him that hearty support and cordial co-operation which he so well deserved. He concluded by paying a high compliment to their newly elected W.M., and by their regular attendance contribute to the good working and prosperity of the lodge. The W.M. thanked Bro. Lambert for the very flattering terms in which he had spoken, and the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He assured them that it would be his constant endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair with credit and satisfaction to the members of the lodge, and with a deep sense of the high honour they had conferred upon him. The W.M., then gave "The Past Master and the Past Officers of the Lodge," and in doing so presented a very chaste and handsome P.M.'s jewel (supplied by Bro. G. Kenning) to Bro. Wylde, to whom he paid a high tribute of praise for the urbanity, courtesy, and zeal which had marked his conduct during his year of office. Bro. Wylde made a suitable reply, after which the toast of "The Installing Master" was given, which was felicitously acknowledged by Bro. T. Ashmore. A number of capital songs were given during the evening by Bros. Nicholas, Glover, Gould, Taylor, &c.

### Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—*St. John's (time immemorial) Lodge*.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton, on Wednesday, 8th October, when there were present Bros. W. Hamer, W.M.; James Newton, S.W.; E. C. Gilbert, as J.W.; Jones, M.O.; P. G. Brockbank, Past. G. Mark Warden, Treasurer; Martin Rutter, Secretary, Richardson Cendr.; Markland, S.D.; Greenhalgh, J.D.; Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master; Daniel Stansfield P. Prov. G. Mark Director of Ceremonies; Thomas Morris, Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer; and others. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the preceding meeting confirmed. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year the result being that Bro. James Newton, S.W., was unanimously elected to that office. Two candidates were proposed for advancement and the lodge was duly closed.

### ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

BOLTON.—*Mount Ararat Lodge*.—The M.W. Grand Mark Master, has recently granted a warrant for working the Ark Mariner Degree in Bolton, and the first meeting of the new lodge (which is denominated the "Mount Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners" attached to the Rose and Thistle Lodge, No. 158, of Mark Masters, was held on Saturday the 4th October. Amongst those present were Bros. Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master Lancashire; G. P.; Brockbank, Past. G. Mark Warden; C. F. Matier, Past. G. Mark Warden; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Mark Sec. Lancashire; James Newton, Martin Rutter, and others. The lodge was formally inaugurated and dedicated by Bro. Matier, and Bro. Brockbank was then enthroned as W. Commander, N., who afterwards appointed and invested his officers, viz.:—James Newton, J.; Thomas Wilson, S.; J. W. Taylor, Treasurer (elected); J. W. Brockbank, Scribe; Martin Rutter, S.D.; James Horrocks, J.D.; Robert Horwood, Director of Ceremonies; James Brown, Guardian. A number of joining members were elected and the lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A large number of members of this degree of Freemasonry assembled at the Phoenix Lodge, High-street, Portsmouth, on Friday afternoon, the 3rd inst., on which occasion the M.W. Grand Master of M.M. Masons (Earl Percy, M.P.), was present.

At the commencement of the proceedings the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., (the Grand Mark Master of the Province) presided, being supported by Bro. H. Emanuel, as S.G. Warden, and S. D. Forbes, as J. G. Warden, the following being amongst those present:—Bros. the Rev. G. Portal, M.A., Past Grand Mark Master, F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, J. R. Stebbing, Grand Treasurer, Col. Metham, P.G. Warden of England; Captain Tower, P.G. Warden Devon; Captain Hooper, P.G. Warden; W. Hickman, J. E. Le Feuvre, E. M. Wells, J.P., H. Cawte, Hillman, W. H. Ford, M. E. Frost, W.M., Portsmouth Lodge, No. 17; C. Wilkins, W.M., Phoenix Lodge, No. 2; W. C. Redward, S. S. Pearce, E. Sheppard, H. R. Trigg, Purnell, Faulkner, W.M., Medina Lodge, No. 240, Coles, W.M., Carnarvon Lodge No. 62, Loveland; H. G. Guy, A. Cudlipp, H. M. Green, F. Court, E. G. Holbrook, J. Clay, E. Bunting, F. N. Cunningham, A. E. King, Austin, &c., &c.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., having tendered his resignation as P.G. Mark Master, Earl Percy, who was cordially received on entering the lodge, presided as Grand Master, and expressed his regret and the regret of the Province at losing the services of Bro. Beach, adding that he was glad to find that he would still render assistance in connection with the general working of the Degree.

Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, then read the patent of appointment of Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., as Grand Mark Master of the Province, and Bro. Portal was admitted and installed by Earl Percy.

Bro. W. Hickman, Mayor of Southampton, who had been recommended as D. Prov. G. Mark Master, was then presented to Earl Percy by Bro. Portal, and having taken the usual obligation, was invested by his lordship, and addressed by Bro. Portal.

On the motion of Bro. M. E. Frost, seconded by Br. H. M. Emanuel, Bro. W. C. Redward, of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 2, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The following were appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested by the Prov. Grand Master:—

- Bro. S. D. Forbes,..... Prov. G. S.W.
- „ E. Sheppard,..... Prov. G. J.W.
- „ J. N. Hillman,..... Prov. G. M.O.
- „ Wilkins,..... Prov. G. S.O.
- „ Faulkner,..... Prov. G. J.O.
- „ Rev. Scott,..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- „ W. H. Forn,..... Prov. G. Reg.
- „ Le Feuvre,..... Prov. G. Sec.
- „ S. S. Pearce,..... Prov. G. S.D.
- „ H. M. Green,..... Prov. G. J.D.
- „ G. Rake,..... Prov. G. I.W.
- „ Cawte,..... Prov. G. D.C.
- „ I. Emanuel,..... Prov. G. A.D.C.
- „ Austin,..... Prov. G. S.B.
- „ E. Good,..... Prov. G. S.B.
- „ Bradbear,..... Prov. G. O.
- „ M. E. Frost,..... Prov. G. I.G.
- „ Cooper,..... Prov. G. Steward.
- „ Ellis,..... „ „ „
- „ Bath,..... „ „ „

Bro. Portal, P.G.M.M., proposed that the thanks of the P.G. Lodge be respectfully tendered to the M.W. Grand Master for his kindness in attending that day

Bro. Beach, M.P., in seconding the motion, assured the Grand Master that he would render him every assistance in his power, and he hoped Mark Masonry would soon reach the position it ought to occupy. The brethren in this Province were, he felt certain, glad to be honoured with the presence of the Grand Master.

Earl Percy, G.M., said it was at all times pleasant to receive a kindly welcome from those over whom he was called upon to preside. He thanked them for their kindness, and for the vote

of thanks they had passed. He said he could hardly hope to emulate the conduct of some of the former possessors of the chair, but at the same time he would do his utmost to promote the best interests of the Order generally.

Bro. J. R. Stebbing proposed, and Bro. H. M. Emanuel seconded, that a vote of sympathy with the family of the late Bro. C. E. Deacon (formerly Town Clerk of Southampton, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master), be entered on the minutes.—Carried.

The brethren subsequently partook of a *recherché* banquet, which was provided in capital style by Bro. G. Bond, of the Castle Hotel, Southsea.

CONSECRATION OF A MARK LODGE IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Nearly one hundred and fifty years ago Freemasonry was known in Cowes to take substantial footing by the formation of a lodge, and during that time the Medina Lodge has continued to work with more or less prosperity. Like all other societies or orders, it has had its difficulties to contend with, but proud are we to say never a blot against it has been recorded at Grand Lodge.

During the past few years more active steps have been taken for the welfare of the Medina Lodge, and exertions have been made to establish a Mark Lodge in connection with it. These exertions have met their reward, and a petition having been signed, praying the Grand Master to grant a Mark Lodge at Cowes, the petition was favourably received, and on Thursday last Bro. J. Binckes, Grand Secretary of the Mark Grand Lodge, was deputed to attend and consecrate the lodge.

The ceremony commenced at about 1 p.m., and certainly we have never been more delighted. The oration delivered by Bro. Binckes will have a lasting impression upon the minds of the brethren assembled.

As many as eight candidates were admitted and received the degree of Mark Master.

Bro. T. W. Faulkner was then duly installed in the the chair as the Worshipful Master for the year, and at the conclusion of the ceremony proceeded to invest his officers.

This being concluded, and there being no other business to transact, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, where Bro. Jones provided a cold collation that for choice viands and excellence of quality we have never seen surpassed in Cowes. About twenty of the brethren sat down, and a truly enjoyable afternoon was passed.

Amongst the company were several brethren who had come from various parts to assist in the ceremonies, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to him, as well as to Bro. Binckes for the masterly manner in which he discharged the by no means easy duties devolving upon him. At about seven o'clock the brethren separated, having passed a very happy day Bro. Binckes and others being engaged to attend the meeting of the Phoenix Mark Lodge at Portsmouth in the evening.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

We wish to draw the attention of our numerous readers to the advertisement of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book for 1874.

Among the many valuable additions made in the issue for the coming year, we may mention that the London meetings of every degree appear in the memorandum space of each day, the country lodges in towns, alphabetically arranged.

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EBURY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1348.

The first annual festival of the Ebury Lodge of Instruction, was held on Thursday week, at the Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-street, Millbank, and was attended by above 50 brethren. There was a good Masonic treat in store for them, as Bro. W. Watson, P.M., P.Z. &c., was to rehearse the ceremony of consecration, and Bro. Wm. Bourne, W.M. of the parent lodge, was to give the ceremony of installation. Both the brethren rehearsed the ceremonies with the skill of accomplished professors, and obtained great applause, when they had completed them.

Bro. Matthew Cooke, P.M. in No. 23, then delivered an "Oration on Masonry," which was listened to with great attention, and thanks having been voted to him for the address, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Palmer, of the Morpeth Arms, who also acted as Secretary of the dinner committee. Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., P.M., presided.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk.

Bro. Coutts proposed "The Grand Master, the Past Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master," and passed the customary compliments on their Masonic abilities and worth.

Bro. W. Bourne proposed "The W.M., Bro. John Coutts," a worthy and esteemed brother, who had always rendered every assistance that lay in his power to do the lodge good.

The toast having been heartily received,

The W.M. returned thanks, and said he thought he had been awarded more praise than was his due. Still, if he was not altogether worthy of their praise he would endeavour to become so. It was a pleasure to him at all times to be among the brethren of the Ebury Lodge, to promote their welfare, and to impart what instruction he could. It was a peculiar pleasure to him because he was one of the promoters of the lodge, and it was also a great pride to him to see not only the parent lodge, but the lodge of instruction flourish as they did. His services would always be at their disposal.

Bro. Matthew Cooke, in responding to a toast which was proposed specially for himself and Bro. Wm. Watson, said it was a pleasant duty to respond for Bro. Watson, because as an instructor he deserved all the eulogiums they could bestow on him. Those who were his pupils knew his work. In his character of masonic instructor he had passed a quarter of a century of his life, and when any one went back to that time and reflected on what Masonry was at that time and what it was now, a philosophic thought suggested itself whether it was now what it should be. Taking it altogether he supposed it was as good as could be expected. Working both for regular lodges and lodges of instruction, Bro. Watson had taken an immense amount of interest in both, and had coached up a large number of young members to a par with their seniors. Speaking as a Mason who had seen a great deal of Masonry, he (Bro. Cooke) must say that there were more letter perfect Masons in the present day than when he was initiated. In that time a Mason had to find out Masonry as best he could, a bit here and a bit there; whereas now hardly a lodge was started without having its own particular lodge of instruction attached to it. Yet he believed that old things were not to be despised, and to walk worthily in the track of old Masons was a thing in Freemasonry much to be desired. The brethren of the Ebury Lodge had done so. They had trodden in the track of one of the greatest and oldest who yet remained among them, who knew anything of the working that came down from the Lodge of Reconciliation. Bro. Watson received his knowledge of Freemasonry from the late Peter Gilks, who was one of the original brethren who were on the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1817, when the working of the two antagonistic sections became one, and their differences, became merged in one ritual and into a United Grand Lodge of England. Under these circumstances he did not like to hear all manner of petty things said about how this brother and that brother improved upon the working. He had a hankering perhaps after grey

locks, and a belief in the oldest being the best. The Ebury Lodge had gone to the fountain head for instruction, and it had done well in so doing. It had taken up with no novelty, but had gone a straightforward way to get instruction. The brethren had learned of Bro. Watson, what he was ready to impart and he (Bro. Cooke) was sorry Bro. Watson was obliged through indisposition to leave them that evening, before he had seen how highly they appreciated him. It would of course be a lamentable thing if Bro. Watson were ill; but he (Bro. Cooke) had often said "God send that Billy Watson was laid up for a year, and then the brethren would be compelled to do their own work." If however he was, the brethren of the Ebury Lodge would not suffer, because there were plenty of brethren in it who could do Masonic work well. He hoped they would continue to keep others in the right path. Bro. Watson was dear to them all. He had been a tutor, an adviser, a friend; and there were many brethren in his (Bro. Cooke's) own lodge who venerated Bro. Watson as their best friend to fly to in cases of difficulty and doubt. He was a popular man, but he had never taken a part that had stamped him a position in anything. Consequently he had always swam with the stream and was likely to do so to his last home. Himself and Bro. Watson had worked together for years, in lodges, chapters, lodges of instruction, and all places where Masons "most do congregate." Though they had received his name warmly and kindly, they had not done him fair justice. Bro. Watson was not present to thank them himself. He (Bro. Cooke,) would on his behalf return thanks for him as warmly as it was in his power to do it.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. W. Bourne," who had worked the ceremony of installation that evening, and in doing so said that the excellence of that brother's work augured well for the way in which he would instal his successor in the chair of the Ebury Lodge, when the time came round.

Bro. W. Bourne, in reply, said that he was pleased his efforts had given satisfaction to the brethren, but he assured them that he undertook his duties with much gratification, and had done the best he could. If he had given satisfaction he could not wish to do more.

The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Officers," announced that the Ebury Lodge, was well officered, whether by the Senior and Junior Wardens or by the Deacons or Secretary.

Bros. Elliot, Summer, and Roberts, having replied, the business of the evening was shortly afterwards brought to a termination by the Tyler's toast.

### Original Correspondence.

#### SPIRITUALISM AND SPECTRAL ILLUSIONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When the history of this nineteenth century comes to be written it will present some curious pages, as well as some most striking contrasts, and amongst these contrasts few will be more prominent than the great advances made in scientific knowledge on the one hand, coincident with the rise and progress of Spiritualism. Science seems to appeal in vain to Spiritualism for either a satisfactory or rational explanation of anything. When Science does take the matter in hand these phenomena, said to be the work of disembodied spirits, are found to be a curious compound of trickery, credulity, animal magnetism, nervous disorder and spectral illusion. The spiritualistic trickster comes to the seance fully prepared. To night at the mere wish of one of the company a "spirit" will there and then pluck a bunch of grapes from a Portuguese vineyard and lay them upon a British table in a minute, to morrow a dove will be brought in without either breaking a window or turning a feather, and the next day a tortoise will be carried in right through the keyhole and still appear on the table as large as life and all alive and a kicking. All of course the work of disembodied spirits. The credulity which believes these phenomena will believe anything. As to the phenomena experienced by Bro. Carpenter, these

if not assisted by trickery, are the effect of the nervous action of the parties present. Bro. Carpenter may imagine that he has held a conversation for three or four hours with a disembodied spirit, but that does not really prove that he did so. In my opinion it only shows that there is something wrong with his nerves, and if sufficiently prior to the time at which he held this supposed conversation, he had got a dose of the proper medicine, the conversation referred to would never have been held.

In my opinion there is considerable relationship between dreaming and spiritualism in certain of its phases, as the poet says.—

"Dreams are but interludes which fancy makes,  
When monarch reason sleeps, this mimic wakes,  
Compounds a medley of disjointed things,  
A court of cobblers, and a mob of kings;  
Light fumes are merry, grosser fumes are sad,  
Both are the reasonable soul run mad;  
And many monstrous forms in sleep we see,  
That neither were, nor are, nor e'er can be.  
Sometimes forgotten things, long cast behind,  
Rush forward in the brain, and come to mind,  
The nurse's legends are for truth received,  
And the man dreams but what the boy believed;  
Sometimes we but rehearse a former play;  
The night restores our actions done by day,  
As hounds in sleep will open for their prey;  
In short the farce of dreams is of a piece.  
In chimeras all, and more absurd or less."

So with spiritualism, reason is sent to sleep and fancy allowed full play. Things are not what they are, but what they seem. The imaginary spirit may be nothing more than the scratching of a mouse, the shadow on the wall, or a mote in the eye, but with such a rational or materialistic explanation, spiritualism will of course have nothing to do.

I am yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

#### MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and brother,—

By the book of Constitutions, pages 18, 68, and 118, no Jewel shall be worn in any lodge &c., unless such as are connected with those degrees recognised by the Grand Lodge as part of ancient Freemasonry.

By the articles of 1813 it is declared that it only recognises the degrees of E.A., F.C., and M.M., together with the R.A., but this article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the constitutions of those Orders.

Now at that period the Knights Templar and the Knights of the Red Cross and K.H.S. were the only organized chivalric orders existing in England, and consequently it would appear that the above permissive clause applies solely to their members.

I would therefore ask your numerous readers whether a member of the K.T. or Red Cross &c., can, as a matter of right, insist on wearing the jewel of these latter orders in a Craft Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

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#### THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OF THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

It is painfully obvious that Bro. Holmes has no knowledge whatever of the subject on which he assumes to write, and as he now thinks it well to supplement unsupported assertion, and bold misrepresentations, by the element of insult, I decline any further participation in a controversy involving weapons to which I am, happily, a stranger.

I must however crave space for a distinct and emphatic denial that this discussion was originated by me, as stated by Bro. Holmes. He full well knows that it was commenced by himself, on the 16th of November last, and continued by him at the meeting of Grand Conclave on the 15th of December; and that notwithstanding an explanation by me, in your columns, of the valid Constitution of the English Order, and a remonstrance against the course pursued by Bro. Holmes, he wilfully pursued the same action on the 4th of January last, and thus in-

voked the humiliating consequences to which your readers saw him exposed; consequences unhappily extending far beyond the personal defeat he so well merited.

Bro. Holmes adds one last grievous blunder to the long catalogue of his mistakes. He thinks the Order of St. John is dedicated to the Almoner, a dedication which has been abandoned for the not very short period of about 750 years. The Order has been, during that time, as still is, dedicated to the Baptist.

In common with many others, I deeply lament the indiscretion which has provoked this controversy, and whilst I deplore its unfortunate results, I am glad that the responsibility rests not on my hands.

Fraternally yours,

LUPUS.

[We have inserted the above communication at the earnest request of our esteemed correspondent. But we now must positively state that no further correspondence upon this subject will be published in *The Freemason*.]

### Masonic Tidings.

A warrant has been granted for a Council of Royal and Select Masters, to be called the Carnarvon Council, and to meet at Havant, Hants.

The consecration of St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 1447, will take place at the Volunteers' Hall, Barton-on-Humber, on Monday, 20th inst.

The W.M. designate is Bro. Robert Taylor. St. John's Gate, which, it was stated, had become the property of the Knights of St. John, whose meeting place it was to be, still remains as a tavern, with all its antiquarian and literary features unchanged. Mr. Gay has succeeded Mr. Wickens in the proprietorship.

A meeting of the members of the Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, and the Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, will be held at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at seven p.m., precisely, to confirm resolutions for their amalgamation under the title of the Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, and their removal to the Jamaica Coffee House; also to revise the scale of fees.

The annual banquet of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (No. 55) will be held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand Court, Holborn, on Tuesday the 28th inst., at 7 p.m. Bro. J. R. Stacey will preside.

The fifteen sections will be worked on Friday, the 7th proximo, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction; held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. J. L. Coulton, W.M. 382, will preside.

The fifteen Sections will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction (No. 1275) at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road, on Saturday, October 25th, by Bro. H. Sadler. Lodge will be opened at half-past six, punctually. We have reason to believe that Bro. Sadler will be assisted by several brethren from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

We are informed that Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Tenterden, Past S.G.W., has been appointed to succeed the Rt. Hon. Edmund Hammond, as Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (No. 1288,) commenced its meetings for the winter season, on Wednesday last.

The last moveable assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, 21st inst., at two o'clock.

Bide your time without anxiety. Changes of temperature prevalent in autumn frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health and most particular in their diet. Holloway's corrective purifying and gently aperient pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare "balsamic matter," and on that account are particularly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. The field of beneficial work done by Holloway's well known and widely appreciated pills, is too large for any attempt to catalogue all the diseases and distempers remediable by them.—ADVT.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT BIGSBY.

The obituary of *The Times*, of the 1st instant, records the death on the 27th ultimo, of Robert Bigsby, G.C.J.J., L.L.D. Dr. Bigsby died at at his residence at Peckham Rye, after a short and painful illness, retaining to the last the powers of a vigorous intellect. The Daily News states that he was the third oldest member of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England now living; the seniors being, we believe, Sir John Philippart, K.G.V., and Macpherson of Cluny.

Dr. Bigsby was a Knight of St. James of the Sword of Portugal; he was formerly a Fellow of the Royal Society, and of the Antiquaries; and at the period of his death was a Fellow, Associate and Member of a large number of distinguished literary and philanthropic associations at home and abroad. He was the author of numerous works, antiquarian and chivalric, and of many poems. His history of Repton is a valuable contribution to archaeological topography, and his dramatic composition "Ombo," has been characterised by Longfellow as one of the finest epic poems of the day. Shortly before his death, Dr. Bigsby had completed and published his latest work, "The Spirit of Chivalry," a fine disquisition upon past chivalric sentiment, as bearing on our modern philanthropy, and duties, dedicated by permission to the Earl of Shaftesbury. Dr. Bigsby had received a pension from the civil list in recognition of his literary merit, and had also received distinguished notice from the late Prince Consort.

Our late Bro. Bigsby had resided only a short time at Peckham Rye, but had previously attended Craft lodge meetings as frequently as his health permitted. Increasing weakness of constitution had however of late compelled him to refrain from joining the gatherings of his brethren. He had never attained any higher lodge rank than that of Master Mason, and was not a member of any of the other degrees.

BRO. CHARLES HENRY PALMER.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., Bro. Charles Henry Palmer, after a short illness, departed this life in the 71st year of his age. He was much respected, while holding a very humble station in life. His cheerful deportment, in the midst of the heavy trials he passed through, in connection with a correct Masonic spirit, gave him the esteem of all who knew him. He was initiated in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, at Romsey, on the 7th day of July, 1830, and was raised in the same lodge, on the following 20th of Oct. Little is known by the writer as to his early career, owing to the nature of his occupation, which was latterly that of an agent for the sale of standard works, issued by some of the London and Edinburgh publishing houses.

A serious illness, some few years ago, rendered our brother unable to grapple with the claims of his domestic arrangements, and it was a task that his brethren gladly accepted to make him comfortable during the close of his life. He had resided for some 30 or 40 years in Torquay, and it was in the same place where he passed away to that lodge where his peace will be perfect. Little is known as to his official position in the Craft; but with the brethren in Torquay, he was regarded as a worthy recipient of their favours. His end was peace. He was interred at the General Cemetery, Torquay, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., the funeral was attended by his widow and only son, with other friends. A number of the brethren were at the grave, to pay a tribute of respect to his memory, among those present we noticed, W. Bros. J. Chapman, W.M. 1402; David Watson, I.P.M. 328; J. Giles, S.W. 328; J. C. Parker, S.D. 328; J. Piggott, J.D. 328; C. Watts, Steward, 328; J. Morgan, J.D. 1402; J. Dodge, I.G. 1402; Tripe, J. Rositer, J. Paish, and J. Chenneour, and others.

The service was beautifully rendered by the Rev. C. H. Kelly, after which W. Bro. D. Watson consigned the body of our brother, to

the grave, and committed his spirit to God who gave it. Each of the brethren then threw a sprig of acacia into the grave, and Worshipful Bro. John Chapman, gave the following oration, which was listened to with deep emotion.

THE ORATION.

"We meet this day, to pay 'the last sad office of respect, to departed merit.'" Amidst the chastening influences of life's trials, our brother learned the useful lesson of resignation.

"The recollection we have of his cheerful smile, as he rested by the wayside, to enjoy the warm genial rays of the summer sun:—the fraternal greeting:—the pleasure he manifested, as he recounted the happy influences of Freemasonry, on his drooping spirit. These, we shall never forget.

"Forty-three years ago our brother was raised in the Lodge of 'Peace and Harmony' at Romsey. He was then directed 'to that bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.' He has by the guidance of its holy ray, been able 'to trample the King of Errors' beneath his feet; and he is now raised to the Grand Lodge above, where 'Peace and Harmony' are perfect. He rests from his labours. He has lived his threescore years and ten; his faltering foot has passed thro' the valley and shadow of death; he now shines, as the stars for ever and ever.

"This ceremony, has its solemn warning for us. Death, is the harbinger of life! the antechamber of immortality. The soul purified by the holy principles of our sublime Order, is led to those mansions of happiness, 'where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest.'

"The lease of life with some is short, while others run their allotted term. We gain by the delay, if we improve the moments as they pass. Our Masonic duties performed correctly, we retire, and our works do follow us. Life is not a dream, 'tis a serious trust, for which we must give account. Masonry, by the practice of its virtues, forms a holy life, and points to a happy future. The Volume of the Sacred Law is our chart, its teachings our standard, and its promises our only hope. By brotherly love; the head, heart, and hand is devoted to practice of that which S. John considered the acmé of all the virtues, charity! We signally fail, if this virtue does not rule our thoughts, words and actions.

"Then let the sad office of respect we pay to the memory of our departed brother encourage us (ere we waive an adieu to this world) to practice all the Masonic virtues, so that on our departure from this frail life, we may be welcomed with the joyful salvation, of 'well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

In consigning the mortal remains of our Bro. Palmer to the silent grave, may we not say:— 'And oh! when both broken our bowl and our token, In that Home, where dwell Honour, Virtue and Love; These stamp'd in each soul, be our pass to the goal, And we shall meet once more in the Grand Lodge above.'"

CRYSTAL PALACE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.—the half yearly meeting of the above Company was held on Tuesday, 23rd ultimo, at the London Tavern, Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., in the chair. The balance sheet for the half-year shows a profit £7361 1s. 1d. A dividend of 6 per cent. on the preference capital, 7 per cent. on the ordinary 7 per cent. capital, and 10 per cent. on the original capital, was declared, free of Income Tax. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the salary of the Secretary (Bro. Magnus Ohren A.I.C.E.) be increased by the amount of £50. The shareholders expressed their great approval and satisfaction with the report. Votes of thanks to the Directors, Auditors, Officers of the Company, and the Chairman, closed the proceedings.

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At length we see the Fabric clear  
Which loving hearts have raised;  
At length a Landmark far and near  
In majesty, God be praised!  
To the workmen without danger,  
Amid the thronging street,  
Rises to tell each stranger  
Where true Freemasons meet.

There the Grand Architect's skillful hand  
Has each classic Order traced;  
Here the tried Craftsmen's sturdy hand  
Have each solemn symbol chased;  
What'ere we scan—wher'ere we cast  
Our startled gaze around,  
We see how in proportions vast  
That Temple fills the ground.

Oh! mighty art of Mason's skill;  
Oh! goodly work and true,  
Which to adorn, enrapture still,  
Arrests each spell-bound view;  
Around thee group the ages old  
Of legends quaint and rare,  
Which oft to us have calmly told  
Our Craft is everywhere.

And you who come to join to-day  
In mystic words and rites,  
You whom, and others far away,  
One sacred bond unites,  
My all of happy greeting,  
And friendship's changeless vow,  
Attend your joyous meeting,  
Your goodly gathering now.

And may this great and stately Hall  
Whose opening now endears  
To loyal Masons, one and all,  
The memories of past years,  
Recall some smaller, humbler room  
Where you saw Masonic light,  
And found in dimness and in gloom  
Both Love, and Truth, and Right.

Yet some, alas! are no more here  
Who graced that ancient scene;  
Some loyal hearts, some faces dear,  
Are now mid what has been;  
And you who throng so gladly  
To obey your summons now  
May mourn perhaps all sadly  
Warm heart and loving brow.

But still to you this mighty show  
Speaks in full-voiced tone,  
And tells you, if in accents low,  
Of truths you call your own;  
The open hand and kindly face,  
Friendships which never cease,  
Soft sympathy's all gentle grace,  
And unity and peace.

Oh happy Brotherhood to-day  
Of Masons all sincere,  
Of loyal hearts and loving way,  
Of friendship ever dear;  
We greet you now in all good will  
With a Craftsman's heart and hand,  
And mid each earthly good or ill  
We hail thy gallant band!

Yes, across the Atlantic ocean,  
Athwart the billowy sea,  
In full and deep devotion  
We send a greeting kind to thee;  
From this great land of our's  
From many a Craftsman true,  
Who amid all pleasant hours  
Has doted the good old "blue!"

May then our ancient Order here  
March on its tolerant way,  
Without a doubt, without a fear,  
In its glorious array,  
May its banner as it floats above  
Still proclaim in grace and light,  
That Freemasonry is Universal Love,  
And Honour, Trust, and Right.

Sept. 29, 1873.

A. F. A. W.

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Letters from G. F. (Leicester), W. C., F. B. Y., W. J. H. NERBO.—No name or address sent.  
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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1873.

## MASONIC LITERATURE.

It seems, as if almost everywhere there was at this moment in our good Order, not only a dearth but a difficulty of Masonic Literature. In the little kingdom of Portugal, indeed, with its 81 lodges, under the Lusitanian Orient, we hear of two Masonic papers, and it is just possible, that, our excellent Portuguese brethren give to those journals a warm and united support.

In the United States Masonic papers are many, but some no sooner appear than they disappear, like fire-flies in some woodland glade, and even there, the complaints are many that the readers are few.

In France, as the able editor of the *Chaîne de l'Union* says, Masonry does not pay; it entails expenses, and from Germany we hear the cry that more readers are wanted to encourage and support their able Masonic Press.

In our own free and favoured land our great and flourishing Craft patronize,—we can hardly say support—two Masonic publications, the hebdomadal *Freemason*, and the Monthly Serial the *Masonic Magazine*, but if we should seem to convey that either or both these publications received due and befitting encouragement from the Order at large, we should be greatly misleading our readers. On the contrary, there is a large and needful margin due, on every ground of fraternal goodwill and literary encouragement, to be obtained from the Craft of liberal and regular support! Not that we wish to speak complainingly or repiningly.

We seek to do our duty to the Craft and by the Craft, and cheered and supported by the fraternal goodwill of many zealous and enlightened brethren, in our always arduous, often unremunerative efforts, we shall persevere in these our endeavours, believing that we are, in our humble measure, advancing the cause of Freemasonry amongst us, and paving the way for the eventual reward and recognition of such endeavours, in the diffusive spread of a cultured and enlightened study of our history, and teachings, and archæology.

But it might be a curious enquiry why there should be this want of appreciation of our Masonic Literature, why, here as elsewhere, though the Press is ready, the readers and subscribers are wanting, why in short, do what we will and labour as we may, the history of our Masonic literature is but the repetition of the old story of praiseworthy efforts, but little return, continued sacrifices, but no success.

Since 1793, when the first Masonic Magazine appeared, there is nothing to record but a succession of appearances and disappearances of our Masonic serials; all flourishing for a while, and then vanishing down the stream of time.

Even as we write, the ghosts of departed editors seem to remind us that our labours, like theirs, are only temporary, and that, in a little time, we shall probably say, as they did.—

"Yet all these things are only transient,  
And with this fleeting age expire  
Alike forget the precept sage,  
The historian's tale, the poets lyre."

Now it has been said that one of the reasons why our good brethren have little time, either for poetry or prose, for Weekly Journal or Monthly Magazine, is that they are too busy. No doubt a large proportion of our good Craft, are "bread-winners," in all of honest industry and legitimate toil, for their families and themselves. To some, no doubt, the opportunities of literary recreation are few, and to others far between.

But yet there is a large class of Freemasons, to whom the perusal of our Masonic literature could be a matter of no doubt or difficulty, and that is just the class which has not yet accorded a warm, a full, a sympathetic support to Masonic literature. For though the most expect to have some Masonic serial or journal provided for them, they often forget that, as Bro. Hubert says in *La Chaîne de l'Union*, and as Henri Quatre said before him, "il faut vivre," and that those who provide the literature deserve to be supported and encouraged.

We believe, as we said before, that the great

hindrance to the encouragement and support of Masonic Literature amongst us lies in the fact that our lodges make little—rather, no provision for literary studies or Masonic libraries.

If every lodge had attached to it a good reading-room, the library would soon be forthcoming by donations of books or money, and the taste for literature once encouraged, it would soon increase, and we should, by reading the Masonic literature of other countries besides our own, emerge from that insular contentedness of knowing little or nothing of intellectual Freemasonry, and which we, good Freemasons as we are in England in other respects, seem rather to esteem a credit to ourselves than otherwise.

Now we, on the contrary, hold that if we are thoroughly to realize the truths and teachings of our benevolent Order, we must endeavour, by an intellectual study of our records and our antiquities, to remove from us that unjust aspersion which the outer world are often so good as to cast upon us, that we read nothing but our own historians, and that we don't believe them.

We trust, however, that a movement is beginning amongst us to introduce and encourage reading-rooms and libraries in our lodges, whenever it is possible so to do. We feel sure that nothing will so tend to advance a scientific Freemasonry amongst us, or to increase our own appreciation and support of Masonic Literature,

We almost feel tempted, like our eloquent Bro. Hubert, to say to our many friends to day:—"Loges, Chapitres, Macons, reveillez! Sortez de votre indifférence à l'égard de la Presse." Lodges Companions, Masons, at last awake. Come out of your indifference as regards the Press.

Or as the Irishman said, when he saw his wife in a bad humour, "Come out of that!" Come out, we would say, like genial Paddy, to our good brethren, of that indifference to the interests and progress of Masonic Literature which has marked us far too long in England, and aid those who seek perseveringly and patiently to offer to to the Brotherhood the valuable and improving influences of a sound and wholesome Literature.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Masonic Girls' School was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a very large attendance of brethren. Bro. Major J. Creaton, V.P., took the chair.

The usual long list of minutes of previous committees was read by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the Secretary, and unanimously confirmed by the brethren, who then proceeded to elect Trustees of the General and Sustentation Funds.

Dr. Ramsay proposed, and Bro. John Symonds seconded, Bro. Major Creaton as the Trustee of the General Fund, to which of course there was no opposition, and Major Creaton was duly elected.

Major Creaton, in returning thanks, said he would not allow a moment to pass without offering his best acknowledgments for such a compliment. However light the duties might be which were imposed upon him by the brethren, he could not but feel highly flattered by such a mark of their confidence. It was almost unnecessary for him to tell them, as they knew him so well, that he should always be at his post, but he could add that whatever was required of him in his character as Trustee of the General Fund, he should do as well as it was in his power. He concluded by thanking them again for their confidence.

Bro. John Symonds proposed and Bro.

Joseph Smith seconded, the Marquess of Ripon, and the Earl of Carnarvon, as Trustees of the Sustentation Fund.

The brethren unanimously elected both these noblemen.

Dr. Wharton P. Hood, was elected Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, in place of Dr. Bridge, deceased.

The election of 19 girls out of a list of 31 approved candidates for admission to the School was then proceeded with, and at the declaration of the poll, the following were declared to be successful.

	Votes.
Duke, Jessie .....	1351
Oates, Lousia C.....	1202
Emery, Katharine.....	1135
Hinson, Ethel.....	1095
Day, Mary Ann.....	1081
Scurr, Catherine J.....	945
Jay, Charlotte A.....	943
Chapman, Ada G.....	913
Briggs, Katherine B.....	897
Brindon, Beatrice A.....	897
Morris, Mary.....	884
Seaton, Ethel I.M.....	882
White, Charlotte.....	878
Wheeler, Octavia H.....	827
Reeds, Lilius E.....	794
Coleman Charlotte.....	789
Nash, Agnes A.....	757
Taylor, Louisa M.....	705
Faithfull, Florence C.....	678
Roberts, Elizabeth.....	622

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 13th inst., in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There was a very scanty attendance of brethren. Bro. H. Browse, V.P., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. S. Rawson, John Symonds, Thomas W. White, A. H. Tattershall, Samuel May, H. Massey, J. L. Hime, S. Rosenthal, H. Muggidge, and a few other brethren.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary, read the various minutes of the committees which had met since last Quarterly Court, the most important item in which was the rendering vacant by the House Committee of the office of Head Master, at Christmas next, and the advertising for a successor at a salary of £400 a year, with an unfurnished house free of rates and taxes. Such of the minutes as were put for confirmation were confirmed, and the brethren then proceeded with the election of 16 boys out of an approved list of 49 candidates. At the declaration of the poll the following were found to be duly elected:—

	Votes.
Sargant, Sidney Herbert.....	1227
Rowstone, Albert Edward.....	1214
Sessions, John Griffiths.....	1181
Tyler, William Bott.....	1141
Barnes, Richard Edward.....	1091
Pullman, Henry Percy.....	1071
Moon, James Hardwick.....	1005
Dancy, Harry Esmond.....	1002
Arundale, John Haughton.....	986
Wiseman, James Hyde.....	976
Cole, William Elmer.....	942
Evans, Walter Blood O'Brien.....	937
Wood, Henry Wallis.....	927
Dove, David.....	912
Saunders, Ernest John.....	906
Meggison, Thomas Turner.....	875

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and Chairman concluded the proceedings.

WIRE-QUILTED SOLED BOOTS, which save 50 per cent. in wear, may be had from Burgess, 29A, Oxford-street, W; Speak, 13, Broadway, Ludgate-hill; Blundell, 66, Fore-street, City; Lewis, 209, Liverpool-road, N.; and elsewhere. N.B.—Your regular bootmaker can procure soles ready-quilted in every size from the Wire Quilting Company, Limited; or have his own leather quilted by forwarding same to the Company's works, Leicester.—ADVT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual assembly of the Freemasons of the Province of Staffordshire took place at Stafford on Wednesday. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Grand Jury Room, at the Shire Hall, about one o'clock in the afternoon, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Shrewsbury, in the presence of about 100 brethren from the various lodges in the county.

Amongst the brethren present were the following:—G. S. Tudor, 419, D. Prov. G.M.; C. W. Marsh, 460, Prov. S.G.W.; H. Howells, 347, Prov. Treas; W. Cartwright, 460, Prov. S. Sec.; F. S. Wright, 546, Prov. G.J.W.; Henry Woodhouse, 726, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Samuel Hill, 546, Prov. G.D.C.; F. R. Ryles, 98, Prov. G.P.; T. Bedsmore, 1039, P. Prov. G.O.; Edwin Yates, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Frank James, 539, P. Prov. S.G.W.; R. W. Little, Prov. G. Sec., Middlesex; H. Parker, 451, P. Prov. G.J.W.; C. Matthews, 526, P. Prov. G.J.W.; R. Dain, 98, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Dale Hewson, 726, P. Prov. J.D.; W. S. Pearson, 451, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. H. Hales, 418, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; F. N. Seyde, 419, P. Prov. A.D.C.; J. Baker, 966, P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. Webberley, 546, P. Prov. G.P.; the Rev. J. H. Iles, 526, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; W. Bayliss, 539 P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. F. Wileman, 556, P. Prov. J.G.D.; James Symons, 539, Prov. G.S. B.; J. Warner, 460, P. Prov. G.P.; E. Palmer, 546, P. Prov. A.D.C.; G. H. Hawley, 546; F. Allen Wilson, 482, and others.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read by Bro. Cartwright, the Prov. G. Secretary. The R.W. Prov. G.M. spoke of the Prov. D.G.M., Bro. Tudor, as one of the best Masons in the province, acknowledged his indebtedness to him, and explained that it had been decided to appoint Bro. Frank James to be the Provincial Deputy Grand Master. He also expressed his high regard for Bro. Howells, who had for some years held the important position of P.G. Treasurer. He regretted that they were about to lose the valuable services of Bro. Howells by reason of his removal to a distant part of the country. His lordship highly complimented other officers.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed:—

Frank James, 539.....	Prov. D.G.M.
T. Taylor, 418.....	Prov. G.S.W.
F. Derry, 482.....	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. H. Iles, 526.....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. Mundy 1060.....	Prov. G.A. Chap.
J. H. Meredith, 624.....	Prov. G. Treas.
J. Bodenham, 726.....	Prov. G. Reg.
W. Cartwright, 460.....	Prov. G. Sec.
H. Woodhouse, 726.....	Prov. G.S.D.
A. G. Prince, 546.....	Prov. G.J.D.
G. Higham, 526.....	Prov. G.S. of W.
Samuel Hill, 546.....	Prov. G.D. of C.
Thompson, 451.....	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
F. Arkinstall, 662.....	Prov. G.S.B.
T. S. Bedsmore, 1039.....	Prov. G. Organist.
R. Bindley, 1050.....	Prov. G. Purst.
J. W. Thomas, 637.....	Prov. G. St. B.
H. Bagguley, 460.....	Prov. G. Tyler.

Immediately after these appointments were made a procession was marshalled, and the brethren walked to St. Mary's Church, where a sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. H. Iles, from the words "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (1st Cor. xiii.). In an excellent discourse the preacher spoke of the religious character of Freemasonry, and showed how the aim of the Craft was to lead the members on to a knowledge of the unwritten Bible, the Bible of nature—the Bible written in every man's own conscience—without pretending to have power over the heart, but leaving that to God, whose name Freemasons invoked in all their proceedings, and whose words they took as the foundation of all their principles.

On the re-opening of the lodge after service it was stated that the collection in the church amounted to £14 7s., which was increased from the funds of the lodge to £15 15s., and was presented as follows:—£8 8s. to the North

Staffordshire Infirmary; £5 5s. to St. Peter's Collegiate Schools, Wolverhampton; and £2 2s. to St. Mary's, Stafford. It was also decided to present £26 5s. out of the lodge funds towards the Masonic School for Girls (London) funds.

The banquet was served in the Assembly-room, on the west side of which the principal chair was placed. The R.W.P.G.M., when seated, had the South Staffordshire brethren on his right and the North Staffordshire brethren on his left, and he was supported by the R.W.P.D.G.M., Bro. F. James; the P. Prov. D.G.M., Bro. G. S. Tudor; the P. G. Ch., the Rev. J. H. Iles; Bro. H. Meredith, P. G.R.; Bro. J. Bodenham, P.G. T.; Bro. W. Cartwright, P.G.S.; Bro. R. W. Little, P.G.S., Midelesex; Bro. F. Derry, P.J.G. W.; Bro. C. Matthews, P. Pro. J.G.W.; &c. Choice fruits and flowers from the R.W.G.M.'s gardens at Ingestre were tastefully arranged on the tables; a fine collection of plants was arranged on a table in the centre of the room; the walls of the room were decorated with Masonic emblems and flags; and a number of ladies so far graced the banquet with their presence as to occupy the galleries on three sides of the room. The room thus had a very pleasing effect, and Mr. Wood, of the North-Western Hotel, provided a sumptuous repast, which gave general satisfaction. The speeches after dinner were brief, and they were interspersed with music supplied by Bro. Barlow, P. Prov. G.O., who was assisted by the Burslem Vocal Union; and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

After the health of her Majesty had been drunk, the R.W.P.G.M. proposed "The M.W.P.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," remarking that his Royal Highness had Masonry thoroughly at heart. The toast was cordially honoured.

In proposing the next toast, "The M.W.G. M., the Marquess of Ripon, and the M.W.D.G. M., the Earl of Carnarvon," the R.W. Prov. G. M. mentioned that those exalted brethren had agreed that the P.G. Lodge of Staffordshire was worthy of a visit, and the Prince of Wales had promised to pay the lodge a visit—an announcement which was received with manifestations of satisfaction.

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. James, proposed the health of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, observing that he had had many years' experience of the working of Freemasonry in that hall, and he must say the zeal and interest of the noble lord by his side in the cause of Freemasonry was as great as any of his predecessors in the office he held as ruler of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The quarterly meetings inaugurated by the noble lord during the past year were calculated to promote the interests of the Masonic institutions of the province. His lordship was a jovial and heartily good mason; he possessed the true attributes of an Englishman, and he was sure they wished the noble lord would remain, at the head of the lodge for many years. The toast was drunk with much heartiness.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. acknowledged the toast, and said that during the past year he had been suffering very much from ill-health, which had prevented him attending to his masonic duties as he had desired to attend to them, if he should have known more of the various lodges in the country. He had remained in the county longer than he should have done in order to attend that day's gathering; the proceedings of the day had given him satisfaction; and he was sure that it needed only due attention on the officers to ensure the Province of Staffordshire being equal to any in the country. He hoped the appointments of officers that day had been satisfactory. They had been made with great care and consideration, but if any improvement could be made next year he should be happy to make it.

Bro. Marsh, P. Prov. S.G.W., who officiated in the absence Bro. Taylor, the newly-appointed P.S.W., proposed "The Health of the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Frank James," who had been a Mason 25 years, who had held a very distinguished position in the province, and who was eminently qualified to assist the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province. They might be sure that the interests of Freemasonry would

not suffer in his hands. His heart was in the work, and he was actuated by a desire to advance the interests of Freemasonry in Staffordshire.

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M., in responding, said he had never undertaken any office in Masonry which he had not endeavoured to carry out to the best of his ability. The duties were arduous, but they had been lessened; and if, as in days of yore, it had been necessary to visit every lodge in the province, he must have remitted that duty to a younger brother. But during the past year there had been inaugurated a system of holding periodical meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge in different parts of the province, where the assistance of the Provincial Grand Officers was given; and thus there would be an opportunity for the members of the several lodges becoming more acquainted with the several lodges in the district in which each quarterly meeting was held. He heartily thanked Lord Shrewsbury for the appointment of himself as Deputy, and he hoped he should not prove himself unworthy of the position.

Bro. Derry, Prov. J.G.W., proposed "The Health of the P. Prov. D.G.M., Bro. Tudor," who made a suitable acknowledgment.

Bro. C. Matthews, P. Prov. J.G.W., gave the toast of "The Provincial Grand Chaplains," which was followed by that of "The Provincial Grand Wardens and other Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. Seyde, P. Prov. A.D.C.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. spoke of the welcome always accorded to visiting brethren, and proposed the toast of "The Visitors and the Masonic charities."

Bro. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, and Secretary to the Girls' School, responded. He said that after the admirable discourse of the Provincial Grand Chaplain that day it was unnecessary for him to expatiate upon the principles of Freemasonry, but with reference to one of those great principles—charity—it was his duty to say a few words, more especially illustrative of the practical results achieved by the Fraternity. There were three Masonic Charities, the Girls' and Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution for the Aged. Of these the Boys' School had for the last ten years received the largest measure of support from the brethren, inasmuch as the magnificent sum of nearly £100,000 had been contributed by the friends of that Institution, and it was only fair to add that the benefits afforded by the School had been proportionately extended by the admission of a largely increased number of pupils. During the past year alone donations amounting to upwards of £21,000 had been announced at the festivals of the three Masonic Charities, and he now claimed for the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution the same liberality and concentrated support which the other Institutions had so long enjoyed, and that claim was founded upon a similar foundation of strength, namely that as the Craft increased in numbers and influence, so the Charities must increase in usefulness, and in extending their benefits to the deserving objects of their bounty. He was happy to say that this was being done, (cheers) the committees were fully alive to their responsibilities, and by January twenty additional children would be received into the Girls' Schools, the building now being enlarged for their accommodation (applause). It was the fashion in some parts of the provinces to call their great national Masonic Institutions the "London Masonic Charities," as if they were restricted to the metropolis, but he maintained that the Charities were for the benefit of no particular section, but for the whole of the English Craft. (Applause). In conclusion, Bro. Little expressed his thanks to the Earl of Shrewsbury for having kindly consented to preside at the anniversary festival of the Masonic Institution for Girls in May next, and finally expressed his acknowledgements as a visitor, and as Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, for the hospitable greeting and reception given him by the Staffordshire brethren, particularising the noble Chairman, and Bro. Bodenham, Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G.M., in complimentary terms, proposed the toast of "The Prov. G. Treasurer and

the Prov. G. Secretary," which was drunk with applause, and which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Bodenham and Bro. Cartwright respectively. The other toasts were "The Ladies," whom Bro. Marson and Bro. Frank James asked the brethren to honour, and on whose behalf Bro. Yates and Bro. Seyde acknowledged the compliment; "The Provincial Grand Stewards," proposed by Bro. F. James, and responded to by Bro. Fairhead; and the Tyler's toast.

#### CONSECRATION OF TWO RED CROSS CONCLAVES.

It has been our privilege for some time past to chronicle the continued success of all sections of the Masonic Order in England, as evidenced by the repeated reports of the inauguration of new lodges, chapters, conclaves, and preceptories in the several degrees, and we have now great pleasure in recording the advent of two twin branches of the Red Cross Order, which were inaugurated on the same day, in Wales and on the border of the Principality. For a considerable period the Red Cross Order has held its own, not only in the mother country, but wherever it has been established, through good and through (mistaken) evil report, and the plainest proof of the vitality of its organisation is to be found in the fact that its jurisdiction now extends over Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, where its principles and rites are cherished and promulgated by some of the best and brightest Masons in existence. Without unduly exalting this Order above other developments of the original plan of Freemasonry, a course which is neither necessary nor desirable, it may safely be said that few Masonic degrees have exercised such a powerful influence, or exhibited such a marvellous fecundity of membership within so brief a period as has elapsed since the revival of the Knightly Order of the Red Cross of Constantine in Great Britain.

No less than one hundred and twelve conclaves have been founded since 1865, in all quarters of the globe, and by a consistent perseverance in the path of honour, the Grand Council has won for itself the respect, if not the recognition of the other governing bodies in Freemasonry.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., the St. John's Conclave No. 105, was inaugurated at the Bute Masonic Hall, Cardiff, by Sir Knight R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas., as M.P.S., assisted by Sir Knights J. G. Marsh, P. G. Architect, as V.; Thomas William White G. A. Treas., as H.P.; S. Rosenthal, G.S.B.; W. Williams, Int. Gen. Com.; Sladen, M.P.S., No. 23; and G. Alexander. The chamber was most beautifully decorated and presented a brilliant appearance, the appointments being very complete. After the solemn rite of dedication the following Masons were installed Knights of the Order. Bros. L. A. Homfray, W. Williams, J. Hughes, Sidney Hurford, T. W. Jacobs, W. H. Davies, J. Matthews, O. Hurford, P. Thomas, C. Edmonds, and J. Waters. Also Bro. Davies (2nd), as Sentinel. The grade of Viceroy was conferred on Sir Knights Homfray, Williams, Hughes, and Jacobs, and that of Sovereign upon the first three, it being understood that other conclaves will soon be founded in the locality.

The Commission of Sir Knight Homfray as an Intendant General was then read and presented to him, after which the rank of honorary members was awarded by acclamation to Sir Knights Little, Marsh, and White, for their services, and the conclave was closed.

The Knights then returned to Newport, and proceeded to the Masonic Hall, where the St. Mark's Conclave, No. 96, was to be opened, and in addition to those already named, a considerable number of visiting Knight Companions assisted at the inaugural ceremony, including Ill. Sir Knights W. R. Woodman, M.D., Grand Recorder, who attended specially from Exeter; Major-General Gore B. Munbee, Intendant General for Somersetshire; G. F. Tuckey, M.P.S. Elect No. 17; J. Rogers, V.E. No. 23; O. D. Thomas, P.S. No. 23; H. T. Davies, Hon. V.E. 23; W. West, Hon. V.E. 23; T. E. Guest, 23; and D. Davies, 23.

In this instance the whole of the magnificent ceremony of dedication was rendered with the most impressive effect, the hall being well adapted for scenic display, and hung round with the banners of the Knights, and garnished with the roses and lilies emblematic of the Order, it formed a *coup d'œil* of surpassing beauty.

Our space will not permit us to record in detail all the proceedings of the day, and we must content ourselves with stating that Bros. W. Pickford, H. Hellyer, R. B. Evans, C. Denton, T. Duckworth, Blandford, Jacobs, Roper, and Flood, were installed Knights, with H. Fletcher, as Sentinel.

The rank of Viceroy was conferred on Sir Knights Pickford, Hellyer, Evans, and Tuckey, M.P. elect, No. 17. The officers appointed for No. 96, were G. Alexander, V.E.; W. West, S.G.; H. J. Davis, I.G.; Roper, H.P.; Guest, Prefect; Hood, Orator; Pickford, Treas.; Evans, Recorder, Denton, S.B.; Duckworth, H. and Jacobs, Steward. For 105, J. Rogers, V.E.; J. W. Jacobs, S.G.; S. Hurford, I.G.; W. H. Davies, H.P.; O. Hurford, Prefect; Williams, Treas.; Matthews, S.B.; Thomas, Orator; and Edmonds, Steward. Sir Knights Little, White, Woodman, Marsh, Williams, Homfray, and Rosenthal were elected Honorary members. The Conclave was then closed, and the Mount Moriah Sanctuary K.H.S., opened, and Sir Knights Homfray, Tuckey, Hellyer, Pickford, Evans, T. W. Jacobs, Rogers, D. Davies, West, H. S. Davies, Williams and Thomas were created K.H.S., and greeted in the Holy Order of St. John the Evangelist.

The Sanctuary and Commandery were then closed, and the fratres adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a capital banquet was served, Sir Knight W. Williams, Intendant General, presided, supported by General Munbee, Dr. Woodman, Homfray, Little, White, Marsh, Rosenthal, and a large number of Knights. Lord Bective's health was proposed by General Munbee, in highly appreciative terms, and due honour was paid to the other members of the Grand Council, for whom the G. R. responded.

In fact great enthusiasm prevailed with reference to the entire success of the day's proceedings, and the Chairman expressed to Sir Knight Little the thanks of both conclaves for having reserved a portion of his holiday on purpose to pay them a visit and perform the important ceremonies of opening the two Conclaves. The name of Sir Knight Little was coupled with the Masonic Charities, and in reply he made a powerful appeal to the Knights to vindicate the high claims that the Order had to support by identifying it more thoroughly with the cause of Masonic charity. (Applause). Sir Knight Williams subsequently stated that both the conclaves would at once become subscribers to the Girls' School, which their honorary member so well represented as Secretary. The Red Cross Song was sung with great fervour, and after a most pleasant evening the "Sentinel's Toast" was given, and the company separated.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 24, 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, October 18.

Audit Committee, Boys' School.  
Lodge 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.  
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.  
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, October 20.

Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
" 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
" 720, Panemure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.  
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. 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, October 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.  
 Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.  
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Stepney, at 8. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement and Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, meeting to confirm resolution for amalgamation and removal, Jamacia Coffee House, at 7 p.m.  
 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.  
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishops-gate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.  
 St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, October 22.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
 Lodge 212, Euphrates, Mason's Hall, Mason's-avenue.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.  
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.  
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, The Knights of St John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.  
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.  
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.  
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.  
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.  
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.  
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, October 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishops-gate-street.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.

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, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 Friday, October 24.  
 House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.

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. Muggerridge, 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 Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.  
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.  
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.  
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 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 25, 1873.

Monday, October 20.  
 Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.  
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.  
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
 Tuesday, October 21.  
 Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.  
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.  
 Wednesday, October 22.  
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.  
 " 220, Harmonic, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.  
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.  
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
 Thursday, October 23.  
 Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1313, The Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.  
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.  
 Friday, October 24.  
 Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, at 5.

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For the Week ending Saturday, October 25, 1873.

Monday, October 20.  
 Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street at 8.  
 Tuesday, October 21.  
 Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.  
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.  
 Thursday, October 23.  
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemason's Hall, George-street, at 8.

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Monday, October 20.  
 Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 St. Mungo Encampment, K.T., 213, Buchanan-st.  
 Tuesday, October 21.  
 Lodge 3 1/2, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.  
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 427, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.  
 Wednesday, October 22.  
 Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.  
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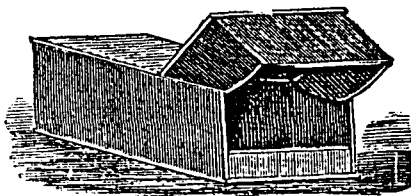
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