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Craft Masonry.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—*St. Hilda's Lodge* (No. 240).—On Monday, night the annual ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of St. Hilda's Lodge, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street. The lodge, which was crowded to excess by brethren of the lodge and visiting brethren from the neighbouring lodges, was opened in the usual manner by Bro. T. Potter, W.M. Some routine business was transacted, after which the chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. J. Roddam, P.M., who officiated as Installing Master. Bro. R. E. Thomson, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, and the impressive ceremony was ably performed. The W.M. then appointed his officers, as follows, T. Potter, P.M.; J. G. Wilson, S.W.; H. Cloughton, J.W.; H. Hewison, P.M., Treasurer; G. S. Shotton, Sec.; Rev. D. Evans, Chap.; T. G. Mabane, S.D.; T. Coulson, J.D.; J. Roddam, P.M., D.C.; J. Ashby, I.G.; G. D. Hall, Organist; T. Lumley, and J. H. Morton, Stewards; J. Doochar, Tyler. The auditors presented the Treasurer's balance sheet, as examined and found correct, shewing a favourable balance in favour of the lodge for the past year. The W.M. called upon Bro. Hewison, P.M., to make the presentation of a fancy P.M.'s jewel, apron (silver mounted), and collar with jewel attached, to Bro. Potter, P.M. The jewel was engraved as follows, "Presented to Bro. Potter, P.M. by the brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, as a testimony of their sincere regard and personal esteem, Dec. 8th 1873." The lodge was closed in due form.

SHEFFIELD.—*Royal Brunswick Lodge* (No. 296).—The annual installation in connection with this lodge was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, when Bro. H. W. Malcham, S.W., was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. F. Moss, Immediate Past Master, in due and ancient form. There was a large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England; Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Sec., West Yorkshire; E. Boteler Chalmer, Prov. Grand Chaplain, West Yorkshire; Hewitt, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., Derbyshire; Hazlehurst, P.M. Chesterfield, and several other Provincial Grand Officers. The officers of the lodge appointed by the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year are—Bros. H. W. Pawson, Senior Warden; H. Ecroyd, Junior Warden; Bartolome, Treasurer; Sucley, Secretary; Walter Nicholson, Senior Deacon; Schott, Junior Deacon; Marshall, Inner Guard; C. H. Bingham, Steward. The banquet which followed was of a most recherche kind, and the evening was spent in an enjoyable and harmonious manner.

PENRITH.—*Lodge of Unanimity* (No. 339).—On Thursday, 11th inst., the brethren of the Lodge of Unanimity, held their annual festival, when Bro. Greaves, P.D. Prov. Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. and P.G.J.D. Afterwards Bro. Greaves appointed the following officers.—Bros. C. R. Musgrave, S.W.; T. J. Scott, J.W.; Porteous, P. Prov. G.C., Chaplain; Thwaites, S.D.; Dixon, J.D.; Arnison, P.M., Treasurer; Kirkbride,

P.M., Secretary, Marshall, I.G.; Whitehead, T. The business of the lodge being concluded, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Wagstaff, Crown Hotel. A few distinguished visitors from different lodges in the province were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in ancient and due form, and a very agreeable and harmonious evening was spent.

CHESTERFIELD.—*Scarsdale Lodge* (No. 681).—The annual installation, in connection with this lodge, was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, when Bro. W. M. Hewitt, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed, in due and ancient form, by Bro. Foulds, P.M., P. Prov. G. J.W. of Derbyshire, in the presence of a large gathering of Masons, from various parts of the province, and from adjoining provinces. Amongst others were Bros. Rev. A. A. Bagshaw, P. Prov. G. Chaplain of Derbyshire; Rev. E. B. Chalmer, W.M. Britannia, 159, and P.G. Chaplain, West Yorkshire; J. F. Moss, P.M.; Perry, Birmingham; Rev. W. Maltby, and Booth, Farnsworth, Pym, Lugg, Clarke, Rowbotham, Witham, Wilson, Cupit, Webster, Taylor, Linacre, Dixon, &c. The officers appointed by the W.M. for the ensuing year are.—D. Douglas, S.W.; W. Edmunds, S.D.; G. Lee, D.C.; J. F. Hale, J.W.; H. Robinson, J.D.; C. J. White, I.G.; H. Slack, Organist; W. M. Hewitt, Treasurer; W. T. Jones, Secretary; S. Rollinson, and E. Nicholls, Stewards; H. W. Smith, Tyler. A banquet followed, enlivened by the strains of Mr. Mountney's band.

ABERYSTWITH.—*Aberystwith Lodge* (No. 1072).—The annual installation meeting was held at the lodge room on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 3.30, p.m.; when were present Bros. J. W. Szlumper, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., Acting as W.M.; Edward L. Cole, P.M., Prov. G.J.D., as I.P.M.; G. T. Smith, Prov. G.S.W., acting S.W.; Stanley J. Balcombe, Prov. G.S., J.W. also acting as Sec.; John Vaughan, P. Prov. G.S. Works, Treasurer; Edward Hamer, Prov. G.S. Works, S.D.; Jonathan Pell, P. Prov. G.D.C., J.D.; Henry Culliford, acting I.G.; J. G. Parry Hughes; W. H. Boundy, Hugh S. Richardes, Arthur J. Hughes, B. E. Morgan, F. R. Roberts, John Kitto, M. L. Vaughan Davies, E. R. Pughe, Henry Owen, George Careswell, John Davies, J. R. Richards, Griff Jones, William Jones, J. R. Jones, E. Vaughan Rees, Tyler. The lodge was honoured by the attendance of the following visiting brethren viz., Edward J. Morris, D. Prov. G.M. Eastern Division South Wales; W. J. Morgan, W.M. 476, Prov. G.J.W.; Dr. Hall, of Swansea, Prov. G.S.W. Eastern Division South Wales; Captain S. G. Homfray, D. Prov. G.M. Mon.; J. J. Griffiths, Liverpool. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Vaughan, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. V. Rees, Tyler. Notice was here given that Bro. Major J. Allen Lloyd Phillips, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was waiting, and he was received with the honours due to his position, and took his seat. Upon the first enquiry being made, two or three brethren complained of the non-delivery of Grand Lodge certificates, the Secretary was directed to attend to the matter. A suggestion was also made that longer notice of the date of meeting should be given. Bro. E. R. Pugh, having been duly examined, was instructed and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Pugh was re-admitted and raised to the F.C. degree. The chair having been taken by Bro. E. J. Morris, D. Prov. Grand Master, Eastern Division, he opened the lodge in the third degree, when Bro. George Tempany Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec., Prov. G.S.W., Western Division South Wales, was presented for installation by the W. the D: Prov. G.M., Western Division, Bro. Major J. Allen Lloyd Phillips, P.M. 224, in a few well-chosen words referring to Bro. Smith's past exertions for the benefit of the Craft. Bro. Smith having in due form signified his assent to the ancient charges, and having been obligated, all below the chair retired, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Smith was regularly installed

as W.M. (for the fourth time). The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. was duly saluted and proclaimed in the three degrees the Installing Master explaining the working tools, and handing over the Charter, Book of Constitutions, and Bye-laws in proper rotation, and the W.M. duly closed his lodge in the third and second degrees, and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. W. Szlumper, I.P.M.; Stanley J. Balcombe, S.W.; Edward Hamer, J.W.; John Vaughan, (re-elected) Treasurer; Jonathan Pell, S.D.; Arthur J. Hughes, J.D.; Griffith Jones, I.G.; E. V. Rees, (re-elected) Tyler. The offices of Secretary, Chaplain, and Organist, were left open until a future occasion, owing to the unavoidable absence of the brethren nominated. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed, the W.M. seconded, and it was carried by acclamation—That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the W. the D. Prov. Grand Master of the East Division, Bro: E. T. Morris, for the able manner in which he has performed the ceremony of Installation, and for his kindness in travelling so great a distance for that purpose. Bro. Morris returned thanks in most impressive language, congratulating 1072 on its steady and successful progress, urging the brethren to go on steadily in the right direction, and promising his advice and assistance at all times. The lodge was then closed, according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet prepared in excellent taste, and comprising every delicacy in season, reflecting the greatest credit upon Bro. Pell. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the pleasures of the evening being enhanced by the excellent vocalization of the W.M., and Bro. Captain Homfray-Jones, Llyngroes-Hamer, and others, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on the 4th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, at six p.m., on which occasion the chair was occupied by Bro. A. McKenzie, the new W.M., who was ably supported by his officers, viz., Bro. Captain Richardson, I.P.M. and Treasurer; Bros. R. White, S.W.; R. Bennett, J.W.; U. Lucas, Secretary; F. Anderson, S.D.; J. Smith, I.G., as J.D.; W. Mirror, as I.G.; and Burns, O.G. the lodge having been opened in form in the first degree, ballots were separately taken for Bro. J. E. Williams, Surveyor R.E. Department, as a joining member, and Mr. Henry Robinson, as a candidate for initiation, which proved in each instance unanimous. Mr. George Hickens, a candidate who had previously been balloted for and elected, being present, both he and Mr. Robinson were skilfully initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the ancient Order, the charge being very impressively delivered by the S.W., Bro. White. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Fisher and Peterkin, who had been previously entrusted with a test of merit were passed as F.C's. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, when Bro. James Irving, who had proved his proficiency in the former degree, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and the lodge was resumed to the first degree. The correct working of the three degrees by Bro. McKenzie, W.M., at this, the first meeting after his installation, augurs well for the success of the lodge during his year of office, especially as his officers are well acquainted with the duties of their respective offices, and attend regularly the Lodges of Instruction. The members of the "Charitable Association" in connection with the lodge, then balloted for, as life subscribers in one of the Masonic Charities, and in this instance it proved favourable to Bro. P.M. John Coleman, 19th Hussars. After several sums had been voted for charitable purposes, and a brother proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, with solemn prayer, at or about ten o'clock.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Half Moon, Herne-hill, on Thursday 18th inst., when there were present Bros. W. G. Brighton, W.M.; Wm. Worrell and Hamilton,

P.M.'s.; Francis, Sec., C. H. Benham, acting S.W.; Klensch, J.W.; Bassnett, G.D.; Coc, W.S.; also Bros. Pillinger, Grist, Inksman, and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. Piper, of Upper Norwood, who had been previously balloted for and accepted was duly initiated in the mysteries of Masonry. Bro. Grist, after having answered the usual questions, was initiated and passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge being raised to the third degree, Bro. Harris having first proved his proficiency in the former degree, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the three ceremonies being most impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. Brighton. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, the same being declared unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. Klensch. After a few remarks from the W.M., Bro. Klensch thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had showed him in electing him as their W.M. The ballot was then taken for the Treasurer, when P.M. Bro. Hamilton was unanimously re-elected. An audit committee was also appointed. The ballot taken for Mr. Rodgman of Upper Norwood, for initiation, which proved in favour of the same, the lodge was then closed in due form by the W.M., and the brethren then sat down to a most sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly responded to and the Tyler's toast brought the pleasant evening's proceedings to a close. The brethren, so happy to meet, sorry to part and happy to meet again, dispersed before high twelve.

INSTRUCTION.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1305).—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th, the usual weekly meeting of the brethren was held at Bro. Fowler's, the British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood. After the lodge business, the brethren were entertained at a sumptuous banquet to celebrate the presentation of three portraits, of Bro. Adams, P.M., P.G.P., P.Z.; Bro. Stringer, W.M., of the Mother Lodge; and Bro. Foxall, P.M., and founder of the Mother Lodge; the two former given by Bro. Briggs, the celebrated photographer, of High street, St. John's Wood, and the latter subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. J. Smith presided as W.M., and Bro. E. White as S.W. After the usual toasts the chairman introduced the business of the evening, and called on Bro. Briggs, who after a few introductory remarks said:—Brethren, when the idea first entered my mind of presenting the portraits of Bro. Adams and Bro. Stringer to this lodge I never contemplated that the presentation would be celebrated by such a banquet as we have partaken of this evening. Having had the honour of knowing Bro. Stringer for many years, I did not know till I met him in this lodge of instruction that he was a Mason, and I felt I should like to show the great respect and high esteem in which I, in connection with the whole of the brethren, hold our Bro. Stringer by presenting his portrait to hang in this lodge, he being the W.M. of the Mother Lodge. With regard to the portrait of Bro. Adams, the idea of presenting his portrait occurred to me when, after the long and very serious illness from which it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to restore him, we again had the pleasure of seeing him amongst us I felt that I should like to see his portrait hanging in this lodge to show the high estimation in which we all hold our respected Bro. Adams. We owe a great deal to him, he has regularly attended this lodge of instruction to instruct us in our duties, he has made it the business of his life to afford instruction to all who are willing to receive it and without him it would have been impossible for this lodge to hold the position it does, and to rank among its members so many brethren who are now well up in Masonry. Brethren as there is another presentation to take place I will not delay the business by making any further remarks. Bro. Adams in presenting you with this portrait, to hang in this lodge, my great desire is to evince to you the great admiration that I and the whole of the brethren of this lodge feel towards you, and as

an humble recognition of the services you have so freely rendered to this lodge, and I sincerely hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will spare you for many years amongst us. Bro. Stringer, it affords me great pleasure to present you with this portrait to hang in the lodge. As W.M. of the Marylebone Lodge you have won for yourself the respect and esteem of the brethren, and have set us a noble example to follow, there is no brother amongst us who has been more assiduous in his duties than yourself, you have filled that honourable position with credit to yourself and satisfaction to the lodge, and I trust that when your year of office has expired, you may be spared for many years to be an ornament to the lodge. Bro. Adams in reply said that he felt very proud of the honour that had been shown him, in presenting his portrait to the lodge, he had been photographed to death, having set so many times for portraits, but these were the finest he had seen in his life. He thanked Bro. Brigg for his kindness in presenting him with this mark of respect, and hoped he might be spared by the Great Architect of the Universe, so as to be enabled to gaze on it for many evenings, he likewise thanked the brethren in his usual jovial manner for entertaining him at such a splendid banquet he should remember this as one of the happiest hours of his life. Bro. Stringer in reply said you must excuse me from making a speech this evening, as you are all aware of my usual bashfulness, but I must say I feel highly honoured by this presentation, it is impossible for me to express my thanks, it is very gratifying to me, if it is agreeable to you, and I esteem it highly, and when I have passed away, the brethren will remember the time when it was presented, and it will remain as a memento of the happy times we have spent in this room. The Chairman then presented the portrait of Bro. Foxall, and said that it afforded him great pleasure to do so on behalf of the brethren, who had subscribed towards it, as it was to him the lodge owed its existence, he being the founder of the lodge, and as Bro. Brigg, had so generously offered to present the pictures, to Bros. Adams and Stringer, the brethren felt they should like to present Bro. Foxall's picture as well. Bro. Foxall in reply said W.M. and brethren, I thank you sincerely from my heart for presenting my portrait. I feel it a great honour to be the founder of the St. Marylebone Lodge, and of this Lodge of Instruction, and I hope to be founder of the Royal Arch Chapter now forming, and for which we already have the charter, and I am also very proud of the distinction you have conferred on me, and I hope we shall live to enjoy each other's society for many years. Bro. Adams then said as he had a long distance to go, and as it was getting late, he should like before leaving to propose the health of the Committee, who had been appointed to carry out the business of the evening. Bro. B. Phillips then responded on behalf of the committee, and said he was sorry that it had fallen to his lot to respond, he being a junior member of the lodge, he wished some brother who had more experience in such matters would have performed the duties. However, he was glad to see so many assembled that evening, but still he wished that more of the members had met to do honour to the founder of this lodge. It gave him great pleasure to be one of the committee, and he thanked them for the very cordial manner in which they received the toast. The health of the Chairman having been proposed by Bro. Stringer, was responded to by Bro. Smith. Bro. Foxall then proposed the health of Bro. E. White, S.W., who said: Brethren, I thank you kindly for drinking my health. I hope, whenever I am called upon to act as Preceptor of this lodge, I shall do my best endeavours to carry out the duties to the best of my abilities, which I hope will give every satisfaction. Brethren, I thank you. The health of the host, Bro. G. Fowler, having been drunk, to which he responded in his usual jocular manner, the meeting broke up a little before one o'clock, a.m., the authorities having granted an extension to that hour. The meeting was enlivened by some harmony, in which Bros. Smith, Foxall, C. A. Smith, Andrews, Hutchinson, Phillips, Draper, and White took part. Bro. Briggs assisted at the piano. The portraits, which hung

in lodge, and were very much admired by the whole of the brethren assembled, were enlarged photographs, beautifully coloured, 33 inches by 27 inches, in handsome gold frames.

Royal Arch.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Chapter* (No. 1293).—The first meeting of this chapter, since its consecration, was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 13th inst. Comp. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G. Supt. and M.E.Z., presided, supported by Comps. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., H.; Frederick Davison, J.; H. J. Buss, P.Z., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., S.E.; S. Rosenthal, P.Z.; J. Boyd, P.Z.; T. W. White, and others. After the usual ballot, Comps. Frederick Keiley and C. Hamerton were elected joining members, and a large number of candidates for exaltation were also approved. Bros. Henry Phythian, W.M. elect 1293; David Pearse, P.M. 657, D.C. 1293; J. H. Tyler, P.M. 975; John Hancock, W.M. 1089; Isaac Coalbank, I.G. 1293; R. Kotzenberg, 1292, and J. W. Sanders, 1293, being in attendance, were then regularly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. In consequence of the large number of candidates awaiting admission, the M.E.Z. announced his intention of holding a chapter of emergency on Saturday, the 17th January. Comp. Phythian was elected P.S., and some formal business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions sat down to an excellent repast, after which the usual toasts were given and duly honoured. Comp. Green, 975, being the only visitor present, expressed his gratification at having witnessed so successful a meeting, and thanked the companions for their hospitality. It is intended to limit the number of members of this chapter to 45, the same as in the parent lodge.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73).—Tuesday Dec. 16th, the first meeting under the presidency of the new Master, Bro. G. Weston, was distinguished by an amount of work that does not often occur at one meeting, the whole of which was performed in a manner highly creditable to the R.W.M., and his officers, all of whom were in new positions. The lodge having been opened in the 1st degree, Mr. Louis Bloom was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. G. McDonald, I.P.M. Bro. Solomon Joel was also initiated. The latter was to have attended on Saturday at an emergency meeting, along with six other gentlemen of the ancient race of Israel, who were there enrolled into our equally ancient Order. The Lodge was then raised to the second degree, and at the request of the R.W.M., Bro. W. B. Pattison, conferred that degree on two brethren. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the new R.W.M. proceeded to raise seven brethren to that sublime degree in a manner that augurs well for the future working of the lodge, five of these gentlemen were Israelites, and Bro. S. Joel said he had no doubt that from the care taken by all the officers in the rendering of their several duties that more of God's ancient people would soon join this ancient lodge. After some private business relating to the affairs of the lodge, it was closed, and all being highly pleased with the ability shown by the new R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment*, K.T.—The usual monthly meeting was held on the 15th inst., in St. Mark's Hall. The E.C., Sir Kt. R. Bell, being compelled to leave on urgent business the chair was taken by H. Tulloch, and after some routine business, the encampment was closed by Sir Knt. G. W. Wheeler.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Ark Mariners* (No. 73).—This lodge met at, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Dec. 18th, Bro. J. Balfour, F.N.; Jas. Bannermann, as S.; J. Johnston, T.; G. W. Wheeler, Sec., as Pilot. Three distressed Mariners, Bros. T. Mitchel, H. Thompson, and Colon M'Kenzie, were then received on board the Ark, and instructed in the mysteries of the ancient rite, and after a committee to audit the accounts had been appointed, the ark was again moored in safety.

GLASGOW.—RED CROSS DEGREES.—A council of Knights of the Sword was opened by J. Balfour, P.G.W.W.S.G.; J. Bannerman, J.G.; R. Bell, 1st Capt. of the Guards; J. Johnstone, Conductor; when Comps. G. S. McManus, Thos. Mitchell, Hugh Thompson, and Colin McKenzie, were introduced and dubbed knights of the sword. A council of Knights of the East was then formed:—J. Balfour, D.; J. Bannan, S.G.; Joseph Johnstone, J.G.; T. Boyd, 1st C.; D. Campbell, 2nd C.; R. Bell, T.; G. W. Wheeler, Conductor; J. Ramsey, G.; and T. Kay, Sentinel; when the same four candidates received that degree, and afterwards that of Knights of the East and West. A slight refreshment followed, and in reply to the health of the "Newly-dubbed Knights," proposed by Sir Knt. Balfour, Sir Knt. Colin McKenzie said he had for some time been a Knight Templar, and though he loved that order much, yet, from what he had seen of the Knights of the Red Cross degree, he was only sorry that it was not better known in Glasgow, in order that its excellence might be more highly appreciated.

FICTITIOUS CHEQUES.

[The following appeared in the *Echo* of Monday. We know nothing whatever of the man Windsor.—*Ed. Freemason.*]

At the Hammersmith Police-court, this day, John Henry Windsor was finally examined on a charge of feloniously endorsing a certain order for the payment of money. There were several cases against the prisoner.

Mr. Albert David Potter, a newsagent of Piccadilly, said about a week previous to the 26th ult., the prisoner came to his shop and asked him to undertake the publication of a newspaper called *The Freemason*. He called three times. On the 26th he asked if he had a banking account. Witness said "Yes." The prisoner then showed him a cheque and asked him to cash it. The cheque was drawn by G. Wheatley and Co., on the Birkbeck Bank for £5 11s., in favour of Mr. Hudson. Witness said he had not sufficient. The prisoner then asked him to give him what he could spare, and he would have the balance in a few days. Witness advanced him £3. He asked him whose cheque it was. He said, "Wheatley, Regent-street." He did not see the prisoner again. Witness sent the cheque to his bankers, and it came back marked N.A. He had requested the prisoner to endorse it. He wrote "H. Hudson, Highwood, Hendon, N.W." He also gave witness a card bearing the name of Hudson, advertising collector. Witness wrote to the address, but his letter was returned through the Dead Letter Office.

Mr. Vincent Smith Fleet, clerk to George W. Wheatley and Co., Overland Agents, of Regent-street, said the prisoner had nothing to do with their firm. The signature on the cheque was not that of the firm.

Inspector Shore said he found five cheques, in a bag the prisoner carried, on the Birkbeck Bank, signed "G. Wheatley and Co."

The prisoner, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

The Editor of the "Bauhütte" has founded at Florence an establishment for the sale of German and English books. We have much pleasure in introducing the same to the notice of our many readers who may visit the fair city, feeling assured that they will meet with every attention from those in charge. The address is—Messrs. Flor and Findel, German and Foreign Booksellers, 24, Lung Arno Acciajoli Florence, Italy. Prints, photographs, pictures, and English stationery, are also kept in stock.—*ADVT.*

THE VITAL SPRING CONTAMINATED sows misery, destruction and death. To ensure health it is absolutely necessary that fluids and solids of the human body should be kept free from those impurities, which are continually getting into the system through erroneous living, unwholesome atmospheres, or disordered stomach. The only safe and certain mode to expel impurities, is to take Holloway's pills, which have the power of cleansing the blood from all noxious matters and at the same time removing any irregularity which their presence has produced in any organ. Holloway's pills expel all humours which taint and impoverish the blood which they purify and invigorate and give general tone. They are applicable alike to both young and old, robust or delicate.—*ADVT.*

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. M. BRYCE GRAND TYLER, GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It is very pleasant to have to record a very graceful act on the part of the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, on his retiring from the throne of the Grand Lodge, which his Lordship has so much adorned for the last three years, in presenting W.M. Bryce, Grand Tyler, with a valuable and handsome testimonial, consisting of a silver salver and cake basket, both of very elegant design and beautifully chased, as a mark of his Lordship's estimation of the services rendered to Grand Lodge by Bro. Bryce.

We feel assured that this graceful act on the part of the Earl of Rosslyn will give universal satisfaction to the brethren of the Craft in Scotland, more particularly to the members of Grand Lodge, by all of whom Bro. Bryce is regarded and esteemed as a friend, and who have all, on many occasions, experienced his ready and valuable assistance; in fact, Bro. Bryce's willingness to oblige is only equalled by the close and assiduous attentions to the various and arduous duties he has to discharge in connection with Grand Lodge.

The testimonial bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother William M. Bryce, Grand Tyler, by Brother the Earl of Rosslyn, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, in recognition of many years of faithful services to Grand Lodge. St. Andrew's Day, 1873."

The following is a copy of the Earl of Rosslyn's letter which accompanied the gift, and Bro. Bryce's reply thereto:—

Skeffington Vale, Leicester,
15th Dec. 1873.

To Mr. W. Bryce, Grand Tyler.—

Dear Mr. Bryce,—Now that my reign is ended, I wish before retiring into a comparatively humble position in the Craft, to mark my sense of the assiduous manner in which you have performed your duties, and the eminent services you have rendered to Grand Lodge and the Craft in general during the period I have occupied the throne. I advisedly use the word "eminent" because whether by Grand Master or Grand Tyler, duty conscientiously and faithfully and regularly performed is an "eminent" service done to the individuals or the body on the body on whose behalf such diligence is exercised. During upwards of twenty years in which I have known you, you have been a conspicuous example of such performance of duty. I beg your acceptance of the accompanying mark of my goodwill and am,

Yours truly and fraternally,
ROSSLYN, Past Grand Master,
Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh,
18th Dec. 1873.

My Lord,—I have the honour to acknowledge by the hands of Bro. Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller, the very handsome piece of plate your lordship has so generously condescended to honour me with. It is quite impossible for me to convey to your lordship any adequate sense of the gratitude I feel in receiving this flattering mark of your lordship's approbation of my humble services. The acknowledgment that I have had the happiness to render satisfaction to your lordship in the discharge of my duties, is in itself ample reward for my efforts to that end; but I am perfectly overpowered by your lordship's generosity. I feel that this testimonial from so distinguished a nobleman will ever be judged by my family as a most precious heirloom, and I shall ever look with pride and gratitude upon it. With the repeated expression of my humblest thanks and duty to your lordship.

I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,
WM. M. BRYCE, Grand Tyler.

SEPADENT.—The only guaranteed cure for Toothache.—This extraordinary application, marvellous in its effects, gives immediate relief, without injuring the tooth, and forms a temporary stopping 1s. 1/4d.; post free 1s. 3d. The CORALITE TOOTH PASTE, for cleansing and improving the teeth, imparts a natural redness to the gums and gives brilliancy to the enamel. Price 1s. 6d. The ROYAL DENTIFRICE, prepared from a recipe as used by her Majesty gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, and imparts a delicious fragrance to the breath. Price 1s. 6d. Sold by all chemists and perfumers, and by the proprietors, MESSRS. GABRIEL, the old-established Dentists, 72 Ludgate-hill and 56, Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London.

MASKELYNE AND COOKE'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Amongst the various entertainments and amusements, whose name is simply "legion" at this festive season, we know none which will so thoroughly repay a visit as the extraordinary performance of Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke. These gentlemen not only evince a masterly dexterity in the ordinary feats of legerdemain, but have achieved a higher distinction from the marvellous manner in which they have demonstrated that all so-called "spirit manifestations," can be produced by natural agencies. It would be impossible to convey an adequate idea of the curious performances of these "Royal Illusionists" by mere description, and we cannot do better than recommend our readers, old and young, to pay them a visit at the Egyptian Hall, where they now appear daily, at three and at eight in the evening. We may, however, add, as a whet to curiosity, that the entertainment comprises "table-rapping," "floating in the air," "Chinese plate dancing," "decapitation extraordinary," and though last not least, a "Transformation Sketch," entitled "Will, the Witch and the Watch," in which the great box trick evokes mingled applause and amazement, interspersed with many fun-compelling passages, peculiarly appreciable by the young folk. The principal performers are well aided in their mysterious proceedings by Mrs. Maskelyne, Miss Ada Beaufort, and Mr. J. B. Hasarde.

"THE OLD YEAR."

Hush! what sound is that which breaks upon my ear;

Like to the chime of some far distant bell:
Hark! it comes again, but now more clear,
And with strange notes of warning it would tell

That with its echo, there hath passed away
The last of many,—yea, the year's last day.
Methinks I hear thee whisper, now I go, but
not alone
For on my eager wings, Earth's dearest ones
are flown

I've culled the richest flowers that did her
gardens fair adorn,
Some in full bloom, and others yet in youth's
first budding morn,
But in a nobler garden now, and in a nobler
sphere
These flowers are blooming beautiful that
only withered here.

And not in anger nor in wrath have all these
deeds been done
For it is better far that they should be trans-
planted there;
Then let not tears of anguish, friends, from
your fond hearts be wrung,
But seek for strength when Heaven requires
to trust them to its care,
Remember still that all the joys and blessings
that ye crave
Are His to give, and when He takes 'tis only
what he gave.

Look o'er the past and on its changes all,
Yea, ponder deeply, bring it all to mind,
And on each page thy memory shall recall
The stamp of Love and Mercy thou wilt
find;

Then in the future years that come, still put thy
trust in Him,
His arm it will not shorten, nor will His eye
grow dim.

But now I must away, for yonder comes
My Heir in all his pomp and grand array,
With all his hopes and joys he comes,
Like to a bridegroom dress'd so blythe and
gay;

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The Freemason,

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THE RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

Some little controversy having arisen lately on this subject, we think it will be well to point out what are the undoubted rights, as regards visiting other lodges, of all members of the Craft.

We apprehend it to be beyond a doubt, that, all subscribing members of lodges have a right to enter any lodge during the hours of "work," if they can satisfy the brethren of such lodge that they are *bonâ fide* registered members of some Grand Lodge, and are equally undoubted Masons. We are aware, that, in many London lodges a "voucher" from a member of the lodge is also required, but this, though a very convenient arrangement, is not tenable as an actual test of admission by the Book of Constitutions.

For instance, if a brother hears that a lodge—say, 1500, the Lodge of Friendship—is holding a meeting, and he presents himself with his Grand Lodge certificate, and offers to submit himself to due examination, we feel convinced that any W.M., either declining to admit him, or suggesting another mode of proof or voucher, would, on complaint to the Board of General Purposes, find himself, to use a familiar expression, "in queer street." As a general rule, so ready are our lodges to admit strangers, and so hospitable are our brethren, that such a question, happily, seldom arises.

But a recent controversy in our pages shows that such a question may arise, and, therefore, it is most necessary, that the law should be distinctly understood, in order that the rights of all may be equally guarded and carefully upheld. If the statement of our Bro. F. Bigg, W.M. 1261, P.M. 66, be correct, and of its correctness we have not the slightest doubt, it is quite clear that, out worthy Bro., the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge, acted *ultra vires*.

If he was not satisfied that Bro. F. Bigg was a Mason, if he was of opinion, that, there were some doubts about his right to be present, he should have called upon him to withdraw, until the lodge had satisfied themselves in the usual way, that he had, as a Master Mason, a right to be present, and that he was, what he professed to be.

But if on the other hand, the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge knew Bro. Bigg to be actually a W.M. of a regularly warranted lodge under the English Constitution and despite this, insisted on his retiring until his "Voucher" or "Introducer" came, he clearly, in our opinion, infringed in so doing the inherent right of all actual W.M.'s, and above all, of all M.M.'s under the English Constitution, to attend any Lodge under the English Grand Lodge, in its hours of work. But it may be alleged by the W.M., that he did not know Bro. F. Bigg, and that as it happened none of the brethren present knew him, and that as he said, he therefore acted in accordance with "our rule," and he bade him retire until his "Introducer" arrived.

Even in this case, according to our view, the W.M. is clearly "out of court."

He ought to have asked "are you vouched for? Unless you are vouched for, I must call upon you to submit to the regular examination."

But, instead of a public voucher, so to say, the W.M. asks for a private voucher.

We say all this without prejudice to the answer of the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge, because as Masons we are bound always, "*audire alteram partem*," and though our Bro. F. Bigg's merits and position as a Mason are too well known for us to suppose, that, his statement is at all inaccurate in any of its details, yet there may be some qualifying circumstances which may be alleged by W. Bro. Salmon. For instance, he may allege the lodge bye-law. If any such bye-law exists in the Middlesex Lodge collection, the sooner it is modified—rather, removed—the better, as we are quite certain that, on the case as stated, and on the grounds as alleged, the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge had no right to ask our Bro. Bigg to retire from the lodge, and therefore, in his case, an injustice was committed, deeply to be regretted on every ground.

But there is a still more important question involved: the common right of subscribing members of other lodges, duly registered in the Grand Lodge, who, humbler persons than Bro. Bigg, and less known to the Craft, may not have the will or the opportunity of making their complaints known to their brethren in Freemasonry.

It might so happen, that, a visiting brother was known to no one in the lodge. What is he to do? If he is not "introduced," he cannot be admitted, according to the *obiter dictum* of our worthy brother, the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge! Hence, the sooner the question is settled, the better.

In our humble opinion such a custom is a great innovation, and a most hurtful "gloss" on the standing regulations of Freemasonry; and we feel also equally certain, that, such a regulation is opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry, and would be at once quashed on appeal to the Board of General Purposes.

CHARITY VOTING.

Our excellent Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., has written to us with reference to this matter, and we have carefully perused his letter.

We do not see, that our good Bro. advances very much in favour of the great changes he advocates, except a somewhat sensational little story, about an exchange which is apparently taken from that interesting publication called "Barter" we believe, or some such euphonious name.

But our Rev. Bro. says, that, it is not to the system that he objects, but to the details of arrangement, and coincides with us both as to the excellency of the charities themselves, and the high character of the managers. But he adheres to his main point that reforms are needed, and then lays down "a canon of administration," that "every vote" is a "trust" to be "exercised with a sense of responsibility," "not a mere chattel for indulging patronage," "making money, or open to exchange." We have never so far heard, of much patronage being indulged in by charity voting, much less of "making money," but we are all no doubt aware of such

votes being "open to exchange." And to the last remark of our good brother we feel specially bound to take exception, as, with all deference to him, involving both a fallacy and an absurdity.

Let us put the case in this way. A certain number of applicants are to be elected. A has a case in which he takes a particular interest, B has no case in which he takes a personal interest, except than as a well-wisher to the charity, and desirous of helping the indigent or orphan. A says to B I want to get in case 35; you have only a general interest, but may on distinct grounds prefer perhaps case 32 yourself, but you do not deny that case 35 is a good case; therefore help me this time, and if you have a case next time I will help you. Is there anything wrong in this?

B no doubt might have voted for 32 on general grounds of philanthropy, but at the request of A he supports a very good case per se, 35, and how can he be blamed?

Or, D says, E vote for me this time and I will vote for your case next time! In that way we shall certainly get them both in. Again, is there anything wrong in such an exchange?

On the contrary is it not by such arrangements, habitually, and constantly made, that numbers of benevolent people exert themselves to secure, and they do secure the election of cases, which but for them would perhaps have no chance at all.

There is a tendency amongst us all, just now, we don't know why, to lay down certain hard and fast lines on all subjects, charity not even excepted.

Now we profess to be somewhat old fashioned on this, as on all subjects, and modes of thought and action, and of this one fact we feel persuaded, that the less we interfere with those, who know what they are about, the better, as a general rule for us all, and the better for all classes in society,

That some abuses in the charities may exist we do not deny. And where do not abuses exist? Yet if any one is so foolish as our Bro. Simpson alleges, to offer to exchange six votes, for a certain asylum for a "lop eared rabbit, or a seal skin jacket," (we fear that the offender is a She,) surely, that is not a sufficient justification of the little reforms proposed, which would entirely alter the character of some of our charitable institutions, and take away undoubtedly a large amount of personal support, and of individual interest.

We still say, as we said before, that with some few changes, if needed, it is far wiser to leave well alone.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

The Queen and Court have left Windsor Castle for Osborne, where they arrived on Saturday. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales returned to Marlborough House on Saturday from their visit to Lord and Lady Rendlesham.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who presided at the Conversazione given to him by the Society of Arts on Thursday last, will it is said leave England on the 30th en route for Russia, and is expected to arrive at St. Petersburg on the 4th of January.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Louis of Hesse have returned to Darmstadt.

Her Majesty has raised to the high honour of

the Peerage, Mr. Monsell, late Postmaster-General, by the title of Baron Emly; Mr. Moncrief, Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland, by the title of Baron Moncrief; Admiral the Hon. Edward George Granville Howard, by the title of Baron Lamerton; and Sir John Duke Coleridge, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, by the title of Baron Coleridge.

The governing body of the well-known school at Rugby have removed Dr. Hayman from the head-mastership, a proceeding which, among other consequences, will certainly give rise to a long correspondence in the *Times*.

The news from the Gold Coast continues good, though a good deal of sickness is prevalent. Colonel Wood, V.C., and Major Home had pursued and attacked apparently Anamquartias retreating, and disorganised masses, and the Ashantees seem "on the trail" homewards.

The Castro trial is adjourned to the 30th, when Dr. Kenealy will be expected to finish in a week, though a good many people think, that, in his case certainly, the licence of counsel has been carried far enough and long enough in all conscience.

There is not much home news to record, the more so as most people are thinking of the Christmas celebration, and we wish a happy Christmas to all our readers.

In foreign news there is not much to notice. Marshal Bazaine is to go to the Isle of St. Marguerite, famous in older days for being the place of detention for some time of the Man in the Iron Mask.

The Dutch have had another successful encounter at Acheen, but have lost General Dixon by cholera.

The bombardment of Carthage continues, but an assault is talked of. In the meantime, "Jack," every ready to do a good turn to somebody, is happily and cheerfully employed in taking off the women and children: The Carlists are quiet, but General Moriones contemplates some active movements. The Virginius has been delivered up to the Americans, and compensation is promised. The American accounts of the butchery of the captain and the poor crew, all non-combatants, are simply sickening, and a disgrace to the humanity and civilization of the age.

Original Correspondence.

BRO. BIGG AND BRO. SALMON.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hope I am not exceptionally thinned, but I do confess to a little soreness at the tone of Bro. Bigg's letter, especially at his allusions.

1st. His avowed dislike to anonymous correspondents. Now Sir, I do not consider myself to deserve that character, and if you will allow me to be guilty of the ingratitude of grumbling just a little bit of one who is so good as to insert his lucubrations, I think an asterisk referring to a foot note which you, Sir, might have supplied to Bro. Bigg's letter, should in justice to me have informed him that my letter, after the signature P.M., contained the number of my lodge, which, Sir, you thought fit to omit, and also the place whence I dated my epistle, both which, taken together, would sufficiently have conveyed my identity to the majority of the metropolitan esoteric world, but this locality you also thought fit to omit, and if I may venture to say so, Sir, I think rightly, although I assert that I sent them for purposes of publication, because I did not wish to lay myself open to the charge, I think rather ungraciously, brought against me by Bro. Bigg, of being an anonymous correspondent.

But, Sir, I think that upon principle your omission was commendable, for I hold that where facts are, or probably will be, admitted, and mere suggestions as to the applications of law and principles to those facts are all that are offered where accurately speaking no personal matter at all is involved, it is wholly immaterial whether the thoughts so propounded, assuming that they carry intrinsic evidence of being offered *bona fide* are vouched by any signature at all, so long as your rule is complied with, (and the ap-

pearance in type is a guarantee of that condition precedent having been fulfilled) and you have access to the writer, if communication with him subsequently should become necessary.

2nd. The implied sneer about disturbing my fraternal impartiality is uncalled for, applied to a writer who only wished to assert the value of the golden rule, *audi alteram partem*; it is beside irrelevant, and, considering the tone of my letter unbecoming.

I still venture to think that the question at issue between Bros. Salmon and Bigg does involve a charge of boorishness and inhospitality on the one hand, and might (if we had had a reply from the Middlesex Lodge, which I had a right to assume, when I wrote, would be forthcoming) have involved a justification on the ground of caution and fidelity on the other. Nor can I see in such an issue anything inconsistent with the proposition made by Bro. Bigg of the controversy being one which goes to the very root of Masonry and its principles.

However, while protesting against the tone of Bro. Bigg's letter, and admitting that the other epistle from "An Old Past Grand Officer," glances wildly aside from the issue, I frankly admit that the existence of the rule or bye-law, (if the latter, what has our esteemed Grand Secretary to say to it) cited by Bro. Salmon to Bro. Bigg, and the line of conduct adopted towards the latter brother, have raised a *prima facie* case against the Middlesex Lodge, which, to my mind, most imperatively calls for an answer, and the reticence displayed, in my judgment, goes far to justify the imputations of exclusiveness and repudiation of the principle of Masonic equality, not obscurely conveyed by the two letters upon which I have commented.

May I add in conclusion that I fully subscribe to the exposition of the doctrines of Masonic theory and practice contained in those letters, however much I may take exception to the tone in which such exposition is promulgated, and I will not yield to either of the writers in strenuous advocacy of the maintenance of the landmark in its fullest spirit and completest integrity, which not merely confers as a privilege, but enjoins as a duty, the constant practice of Masons to visit and study the working of all lodges under our English constitution, whenever they find leisure and opportunity, and possess the desire in this manner to pursue the object, dear to every true Mason, of obtaining further proficiency in the knowledge of the noble science.

On the principles I have stated in a former part of my letter, I now deliberately refrain from indicating my personalty, the knowledge is, however, heartily at Bro. Bigg's or Bro. Salmon's service, should both or either of them refer to you for it. For the information of the Craft at large I content myself by simply subscribing my *non de plume* as,

Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

P.M.

LODGE BANQUETS v. MASONIC CHARITIES:

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must apologize for not answering our good Bro. Gotthel's communication before, but all my spare time has lately been required for purposes not of so pleasant a character as a friendly discussion in the pages of *The Freemason*.

My friend, Bro. Dr. Hodges, knowing well the true state of the funds of many country lodges, in his customary kind and effective manner, supported a few lines from me respecting our lodge banquets, and their payment out of the "Funds."

Bro. Gotthel, a zealous Mason in London, has in a most fraternal letter written to express his objection to the views advocated by us, and were the reasons offered for our brother's disapproval, as "just and true," as he believes them to be, evidently we are wrong, and Bro. Gotthel is right.

I venture, however, to differ entirely from the description offered by Bro. Gotthel of the general character of our lodge subscriptions in the country, and while I cheerfully admit that all the members of those Lodges wherein additional, or inclusive payments are made for banquets, have a right to enjoy the festivals and

suppers, without extra charges, I emphatically protest against their customs being made a shield for those brethren who belong to lodges whose subscriptions are only levied to meet the necessary expenses of management, and who yet nevertheless "gratify their tastes in eating and drinking out of the funds of the lodge." My opinion is that Bro. Gottheil was not aware of the latter fact, or he would have supported me in exposing such un-Masonic conduct, and having the pleasure of knowing how energetic he is in helping in a good cause, I quite believe he will be one of the foremost in seeking the removal of customs so derogatory to the principles of Freemasonry.

A great number of lodges in the country, probably nearly all, receive annual subscriptions from their members, varying generally from twelve to twenty shillings, which would usually be sufficient to meet the "incidental expenses," and allow of a sufficient margin to devise a portion to our masonic charities, without which I fail to see any just reason for their existence. It is not the custom to include banquets or suppers, for manifestly, if so, the foregoing subscriptions would be insufficient, as the most of the Lodges meet either fortnightly or monthly all the year round.

I know of several lodges where the brethren pay about a sovereign annually for their subscription, and yet the members have a supper, or refreshment of some kind or other provided for them nearly every time the lodge meets (lately such a "feast" was provided every month), for which no extra charge is made, and the members partake of the same for their "annual subscriptions." From a computation I have made the cost could not be less on an average than 2s. per member for each night, making a total of twenty-four shillings per annum or in other words, if a member attended every meeting and partook of a supper, and in such lodges there are always as many present at the latter as the former, the lodge would lose at least eight shillings annually, because of the dues to the Provincial and Grand Lodges having to be paid, as well as the balance to be met of four shillings, which the brethren had consumed "over and above" their subscription. Hence the lodge adopting or allowing such a use of its funds, can only manage to "pay its way" by drawing from the "initiation fees," and without new admissions frequently taking place the lodge is bound to get into debt, we can hardly wonder if unsuitable persons are initiated, rather than the members should lose the benefit of the "fees."

Now I am quite certain Bro. Gottheil does not support this shameful system, and though I am glad to say such a course of "feasting out of the funds of the lodge" is gradually dying out, am I not warranted in appealing to the Craft to give it a "death blow," and am I not justified in holding up the grand example of the "Great City Lodge" for others to go and do likewise.

The Great City Lodge, however, gave what was their own to one of our Masonic charities, whereas my letter was especially written to ask certain brethren to keep from taking what strictly speaking was not their own, but money, which should be applied exclusively for the hallowed purposes of Freemasonry.

Bro. "Nemo" has done well in so kindly supporting Bro. Gottheil from a London standpoint, and I should have much pleasure in doing the same had our friend confined his remarks to the metropolis of the Craft, but when he has stated in *The Freemason* that my advice was not only "gratuitous," but even (however unintentionally) "offensive," it is time to say why we object to brethren feasting at the lodge's expense. Wherever and whatever brethren have paid for their dinners or refreshments, either by additional subscriptions, or by charges made at the time, certainly no one in their senses would object to their enjoyment, but when I know that sometimes more money has been spent in lodge banquets in a year than the united subscriptions of the members would discharge, and when I know that right thinking members have refrained to attend these "free banquets" because the funds of the lodge were used to pay for them, and others disgusted with such gormandising and unmasonic exhibitions have retired from the Craft, I must again reiterate my former

statement, and advise all such to "gratify their tastes in eating and drinking out of their own pockets."

W. T. HUGHAN.

Truro, 20th Dec., 1873.

CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention having been called to your remarks of the 13th ult., on "Charity Voting," and to a wish that I should state, to which Masonic charity I alluded as doing its work by a select body or committee, I will do so in as few words as possible. I feel some regret to find I was not reported more fully, as you would have seen that I stated the Masonic charities were in some respects quite exceptional, and for one or two very good reasons, did not come within the scope of any general remarks, inasmuch as they partake of the nature of private charities, are exclusively supported by the members of a fraternity who alone are responsible for their good management, and have a right to say how affairs should be conducted or candidates elected. They are also well managed and free from most of the defects of those Institutions with which the "Charity Voting Reform Society," proposes to deal. I therefore had little to say about them, and with the exception of expressing a wish to see a "Committee of Selection" tried, simply because I know the great charity of the Masonic body is already administered by a "Committee," or Lodge of Benevolence, which meets monthly to distribute a large amount of very substantial relief to a number of most deserving candidates, in the true spirit of charity, that of "not letting the right hand know what the left doeth," and to the perfect satisfaction of the whole of the Craft. You will notice I purposely avoided any allusion to the Lodge of Benevolence in a mixed assembly, and who would not perhaps have understood me. I believe, however, you will admit that it does its work in a most unexceptionable and satisfactory manner, and I see no reason why we should object to leave the work of selecting the most deserving candidates for our schools to a committee chosen, as is the Board of Benevolence—annually—from the whole body of subscribers. Such a committee would, doubtless, do its duty faithfully, and with a full knowledge of the responsibility imposed upon it; while by such method the widow and friends of the candidates would be relieved from an outlay and amount of trouble which presses upon those who are ill able to bear it.

It will not be denied that the present system of canvassing for votes is an objectionable one, and one which we should like to get rid of; while few will be disposed to say that individual interest and regard for our schools will be diminished if some other and better method of election were adopted.

I am, yours fraternally,

JABEZ HOGG.

BRO. BIGG AND THE MIDDLESEX LODGE (alias THE EXCLUSIVES).

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think there remains very little to be said upon the question after the excellent letter from "An Old Past Grand Steward," wherein he reminds Masons of the duty they owe to the Craft in general, as explained in the beautiful ceremony at their initiation, which some of them seem to have forgotten.

Masters of lodges cannot be too particular in who they admit into the lodge, indeed, some are not particular enough. If it had been that Bro. Bigg could not prove himself to be a Mason to the satisfaction of the W.M., then the W.M. would have been justified in excluding him; but as that does not appear to be the reason, and the W.M. has not answered the accusation, either from shame or contempt, I think the Board of General Purposes ought to summon the W.M. before them to answer for his extraordinary conduct.

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M. & P.Z.

THE JOPPA LODGE.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Seeing an announcement of a presentation of a Past Secretary's jewel to a Bro. John Alexander, at the Lodge of Joppa, I beg to inform you that I have had the honour of being Secretary above ten years. There never has been a Secretary, or even a member of that name, belonging to the lodge.

Yours fraternally,

G. P. ALBERT, P.M.,

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NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A.

Those brethren who have been interested in reading the capital descriptions of the grand Masonic Temple of Pennsylvania, which have appeared from time to time in *The Freemason*, will be glad to learn that Bro. F. Gutekunst, of 712, Arch-street, Philadelphia, Penn. (U.S.A.), has succeeded in taking a series of twenty-two stereoscopic views of this truly magnificent structure. Bro. Gutekunst is one of the leading photographic artists of the United States, and in this instance has done good service, especially to the Craft, by producing such excellent and faithful pictures of the exterior and interior of the Temple. There are three magnificent photographs of the Grand Lodge Room, E., S., and W.; also two fine views of the Grand Chapter Room (East and West), the Oriental Room, the Norman Room, the Ionic Room, the Egyptian Room, &c. The Library interests me most; and certainly, judging from the photograph of this splendidly furnished room, and its well-filled cases of Masonic books, I shall not be satisfied until I have explored its contents personally before many years have passed. I know nothing of the cost of these stereoscopic slides, as they have been sent me by a very dear friend and brother from across the "big pond;" but I strongly advise our artistic friends to procure copies, being photos of the finest Masonic Temple in the world.—W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar. (By an old Editor of Masonic Calendars.)

The fourth year of publication of this most useful and handy volume has arrived, and we are glad to notice various changes have been made in the arrangement of the information which will considerably add to its value. As each successive edition has appeared, the Craft will have seen how numerous improvements have been introduced, and certainly the present copy has far excelled all previous issues. It is virtually the successor of the extinct British and Irish Masonic Calendar, published, we think, from 1859, first of all under the editorship of Bro. Donald Campbell—a well-known Mason—and latterly by the accomplished craftsman, Bro. J. Dixon Porteous, of Glasgow. We are glad to see that an accurate list of all the London and Provincial Lodges and Chapters, have been arranged and classified alphabetically according to their names, and towns they are held in; and a capital calendar is given, in which will be found all the London Lodges, Chapters, &c., as also the various Board and Benevolent Committee meetings. These, we know, have only been compiled after an expenditure of considerable time, labour, and patience. The information respecting the Mark Grand Lodge, the Grand Council of Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Masters, the Orders of the Temple, and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, is especially full and valuable; and their various Lodges, Councils, Preceptories, Conclaves, and Chapters, are carefully recorded, and nothing of importance seems to have been omitted with respect to these rites—information, by the way, which cannot be obtained in any other publication, and which alone is sufficient to make the Calendar a great success.

The "Cosmopolitan" is also thoroughly worthy of its name, for intelligence is afforded of the chief officers, and of the names, numbers, and localities, of nearly all the Grand Lodges in the world. Within the compass of 250 pages there is matter enough compressed, clearly and closely printed, to fill several ordinary sized volumes. We are pleased to observe many advertisements inserted at the end of the Calendar, without which aid, we are convinced, the volume will never pay at 2s.; and as its circulation is "world-wide," we cannot imagine a better medium for the advertisers. We conclude by expressing our earnest hope that the support afforded it by the brethren of the "mystic tie" will be commensurate with its usefulness, accuracy, and compactness.

Obituary.

R.W. BRO. THE LORD ATHLUMNEY.

The Right Hon. Sir William Meredyth Somerville, Baron Athlumney, of Somerville, in the Peerage of Ireland, and Baron Meredyth, of Dollardstown, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, P.C., died at Dover on the 7th inst. His lordship was born in 1802, the elder son of Sir Marcus Somerville, Bart., M.P. for the county of Meath, by his first wife, Mary Anne, only daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Georges Meredyth, Bart.; and succeeded his father, as fourth Baronet, July 11, 1831.

He first entered the diplomatic service, and was paid Attaché at Berlin, November, 1821, to December, 1832. From July, 1846, to July, 1847, he was Under-Secretary of the Home Department; and from the latter date till February, 1852, his lordship (then Sir William Somerville) held the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland.

He sat in Parliament for Drogheda from 1837 to 1852; and for Canterbury, from 1854 to 1865.

Lord Athlumney was raised to the Peerage of Ireland, Dec. 14, 1863; and to that of the United Kingdom, May 3, 1866.

He married first, December 22, 1832, Lady Maria Harriet Conyngham, youngest daughter of the late Marquis Conyngham, K.P., by whom he had a son, who died an infant, and a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, wife of the present Earl of Charlemont, K.P. His lordship married secondly at Paris, Oct. 16, 1860, Maria Georgina Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Herbert George Jones, sergeant-at-law, by Maria Alicia, his wife, daughter of Sir George W. Leeds, Bart., and leaves by her five daughters, and an only son, James Herbert, Gustavus Meredyth, present Lord Athlumney, born March 23, 1865.

Orator and statesman, the nobleman whose decease we record held a high position among the leaders of the Whig party; and as a resident landlord he was esteemed and honoured beyond most men in Ireland.

Lord Athlumney was a steady and consistent supporter of the Masonic Order, and had successively filled several offices in the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He was elected, we believe, to succeed the Earl of Donoughmore, as Senior Grand Warden, and held that distinguished post at the time of his decease. There can be no doubt that his loss will be greatly felt by our Irish brethren, as his suave and dignified manners had endeared him to all.

BRO. JOHN TURNER.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Turner, an active member of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, and an old and respected member of the Liverpool Licensed Victuallers' Association, of which he was several years since the chairman, took place on Saturday last, the 29th ult., at Anfield Cemetery, near Liverpool. Our deceased brother formerly carried on business as a licensed victualler for several years; and as a recognition of his valuable services he was elected chairman of the above-named association in 1872. He afterwards removed to Barrow-in-Furness, where he began business as a wine and spirit merchant. A short time ago he was seized with an illness which terminated fatally, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. A large number

of brethren and others, who were led by representatives of the trade, were present at the grave to pay their last tribute of well-earned respect to the deceased. Amongst those present were Mr. Ellis, chairman; Bro. R. Ing, vice-chairman; Bro. Captain Berry, Sec.; Bros. Tozzard, Meakins, Morrison, and Taylerson, members of committee, as representatives of the Licensed Victuallers' Association; Bros. T. Blizard, Singleton, &c.

BRO. WILLIAM DAWSON,

On Saturday the 13th December, the mortal remains of Bro. William Dawson, aged 75 years, of Lark-street, Bolton, were interred in the Church of England ground at the cemetery, Bolton. Deceased was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 221, of Freemasons, on the 17th February, 1821, or upwards of 52 years ago, and was believed to be the oldest Freemason in the province of East Lancashire. He served the various subordinate offices in his lodge, and was installed as W.M. in 1826. In the year 1828 he served the office of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Bolton on the 2nd July, 1846, on the occasion of the installation of the Earl of Ellesmere as Prov. G.M., he was appointed Prov. G. Tyler. This office he continued to hold until his death, on the 9th instant, a period of over twenty-seven years, during which time he attended with one exception the whole of the meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The last meeting was held at Clitheroe, on the 6th ultimo, but Bro. Dawson was unable to attend it in consequence of suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, from which he died on the 6th inst. Bro. Dawson was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in 1826, in Chapter 221, and served the various offices in his chapter, being installed as First Principal in 1828. He was also a Knight Templar and Mark Master Mason, and for many years acted as Tyler to the various Craft and Mark Lodges in Bolton; also as Janitor to the Royal Arch Chapter; Equerry to the Knight Templar Encampment, St. James of Jerusalem; Prov. G. Janitor; Prov. G. Mark Tyler; Prov. G. Equerry to the Prov. G. Conclave of Lancashire, and as serving brother to the higher grades of Masonry, as practised in Bolton. Bro. Dawson was well known not only in Bolton, but throughout the whole of East Lancashire, his services being always cheerfully rendered for the benefit of Freemasonry, to which he was deeply attached. To testify their respect to his memory, the brethren of deceased's lodge, as well as of other lodges, assembled at the Baths' Assembly Rooms on Saturday afternoon, and met the funeral cortege on its way to the cemetery. They all walked in procession in front of the hearse. On arriving at the church, the brethren opened out to the right and the left, and allowed the hearse and mourners to pass. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Walter Chamberlain, M.A., vicar of St. John's, Little Bolton. The following members of deceased's lodge present were:—Bros. Wm. Hewitt, W.M.; W. H. J. Jones, S.W.; Robert Grime, J.W.; C. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. G. Deacon; John Tunnah, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Howarth, P.M.; James Fitznewton, P.M.; Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works; T. Morris, P.M.; T. Mitchell, P.M.; J. W. Taylor, P.M.; George Ferguson, P.M.; and Cartner, E. Fellows, Waite, Wm. Webster, Isherwood, and R. Blackburn. The brethren present from other lodges in Bolton were:—Bros. James Pilkington, W.M., 37; Jas. Walker, J.W., 37; R. W. Knowles, P.M., 37; James Newton, P.M., 37; W. H. Horrocks, S.D., 37; Charles Whowell, 37; Robert Glaister, W.M., 146; A. W. Crabtree, S.W., 146; John Wild, J.W., 146; Thomas Glaister, P.M., 146; Henry Ainsworth, P.M., 146; Robert Luthy, P.M., 146; Fred Wood, Thomas Draper, John Duxbury, George Mason, Job Rostron, and Hulton, all of No. 146; Robert Harwood, P.M., 348; S. Barrett, E. Mannell, and H. Stephenson, of No. 348. The brethren present from district lodges were:—Bros. Henry Maiden, Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; J. W. Kenyon, P.M., No. 42, Bury; James Heap,

Nos. 1045 and 1170, Altrincham and Manchester respectively; Robert Pickup, P.M., No. 1032, Whittle Springs; John Heaton and S. Marsden, No. 344, Radcliffe; and John Hamer, No. 128, Bury. The brethren were marshalled in procession by Brother Robert Whittaker, P.M., 678, Farnworth, Assistant Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. At the request of the deceased no Masonic clothing was worn, the brethren appearing in simple mourning attire. Tea was provided for friends from a distance by Mr. J. Bostron, of the Trinity-street Station Refreshment-rooms.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Kent, C.C., has been elected W.M. of the Domestic Lodge 177, for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation will take place at Anderton's Hotel on the 9th January.

A portrait of Bro. W. Foster White has been placed in the court-room of Christ's Hospital, by the governors, in appreciation of his long and distinguished services as treasurer. It is also proposed to establish "Foster White prizes," with the same object.

The Right Hon. Russell Gurney, Q.C., M.P., has been initiated as honorary member of Court William Rufus, of the Ancient Order of Foresters.—*City Press*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January, 2, 1874.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, December 27.

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. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, December 29.

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

Chap. 188 Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7. Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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. Gotheil, 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. Dille, 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.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, December 30.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, 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.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, December 31.

Lodge 898 Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

Chap. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, 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, Acting Preceptor.
 Thursday, January 1.
 Lodge 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227 Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231 St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 1445 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
 Rose Croix Chapter, St. George, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.
 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 (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Friday, January 2.
 Lodge 143 Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chapter 3 Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (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 (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144) Rose Tavern, Fulham-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, January 3, 1874.

Monday, December 29.
 Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 " 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 6.45.
 Tuesday, December 30.
 Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, December 31.
 Lodge 86, Loyalty, Royal Hotel, Prescott, at 5.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 Alpass Encampment of Knights Templar, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Thursday, January 1.
 Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 " 1384, Equity, Sim's Cross Hotel, Widnes, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 Friday, January 2.
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
 For the week ending Saturday, January 3, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, December 29.
 Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-street.
 Tuesday, December 31.
 Chapter 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
 Wednesday, December 31.
 Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 Thursday, January 1.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 Friday, January 2.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 166, St. John Airdree, Green-street, Airdree.
 " 242, Johnstone, Cross Keys Hall, Johnstone.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.
 Saturday, January 3.
 Lodge 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.
 " 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

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