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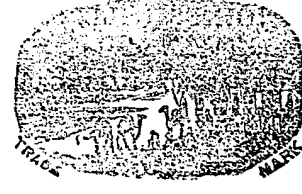
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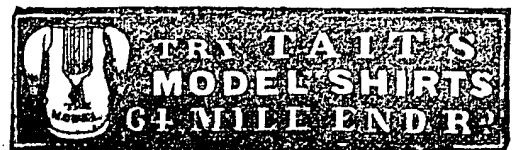


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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DARLINGTON.—*Restoration Lodge* (No. 111). On Friday the 29th inst., the members of this Lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John, when the W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was installed. The brethren present were, Thos. Brunton, W.M.; G. J. Wilson, P.M.; John Bailey, P.M., P.J.G.W.; C. Jackson, P.M.; W. Lear, P.M.; John Morrell, P.M., P.P., G.S.D.; B. Chadwick, S.W.; J. Foster, J.W.; W. Hobson, Treas., J. Willis, J.D.; J. H. Blacklock, I.G.; J. Graham, Steward; Jas. Hoggett, P.G.O.; H. Maddison, G. Cooper, W. Mitford, J. W. Armitage, C. Cain, W. Bell, E. T. Pease, J. Hodgson, J. C. Martin, Rob. Brunskill. Visiting brethren, G. Hoggett, Org. St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool, No. 531; J. Harker, W. Hall, W. A. Bourne, W. Colman, R. Musgrave, T. Wilkinson, of Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, Thirsk; W. Parkin, Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough; R. Fraser, St. John's, Glasgow; and J. S. Jeans, of Commercial Lodge, No. 360. The routine business of the lodge having been transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. B. Chadwick, was presented to the Installing Master Bro. W. Best, P.M., P.P., J.G.W., who performed the impressive ceremony in his usual able manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—T. Brunton, I.P.M.; J. Foster, S.W.; J. C. Martin, J.W.; Rev. E. Hutchinson, Chaplain; J. Hoggett, Organist; J. W. Armitage, Sec.; W. Hobson, Treasurer; J. Willis, S.D.; Jas. Graham, J.D.; H. Maddison, I.G.; Cowper Cain, D.C.; G. Cooper, and J. Hodgson, Stewards, and T. Garge Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet at Bro. Jos. Robinson's, King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The health of the I.P.M. was proposed by Bro. P. M. Jackson, who presented to him on behalf of the brethren of the lodge a handsome and valuable 18-carat gold P.M. jewel, bearing the following inscription "Presented to Bro. Thomas Brunton, P.M., by the brethren of Restoration, No. 111, as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable services while Master of the lodge, St. John's Day, A.D. 1873." Bro. Brunton returned thanks in a very appropriate speech. During the evening some good selections of music were sung by the brethren, the musical arrangements being made by Bro. James Hoggett, P.G.O. and Organist of the lodge.

NORTH SHIELDS.—*St. George's Lodge* (No. 431).—The brethren of this lodge held an emergency meeting in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, December 22nd, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Ward. The lodge having been opened, Bro. T. T. Clarke installed the W.M. in the chair. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers:—H. Remfry, I.P.M.; J. Gillespie, S.W.; A. P. Anderson, J.W.; J. D. A. H. Nicholson, S.D.; C. A. Hellberg, J.D.; T. T. Clarke, D.C.; J. Wilson, I.G.; T. Haswell, Org.; J. Robertson, Tyler. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Field's, Albion Hotel, to celebrate the annual festival, when forty brethren sat down to a most bounteous

spread of every delicacy of the season. The following brethren were present, G. R. Strachan, 685; Thomson, W.M. 240; Buckland, 240; Denham, 240; Claughton, J.W. 240; Cooke, 624; Symington, 659; Dale, 786; Tulloch, Furzell, Hansen, Poppelwell, P.M's., and others. The usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and duly honoured.

TIVERTON.—*St. Peter's Lodge* (No. 1125).—An unusual number of brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Fore-street, on the 27th instant, (St. John Evangelist's Day) being the day appointed for the installation of the W.M. elect, (Bro. Patterson) and also for presenting to a brother, whose aid in founding and working the lodge has been most valuable, a testimonial from its members. After the transaction of some formal business Bro. Davey, W.M., rose and expressed the pleasure he felt, that during his year of office it should fall to him to present, on behalf of the brethren, the testimonial for which they had subscribed. After some further remarks he requested his Wardens to unveil a life-size three-quarter length portrait of P.M. Bro. Reed, clothed in the paraphernalia of a First Principal of a R.A. Chapter, and painted by Mr. George Fare. This was accordingly done and a faithful likeness and an excellent work of art was exhibited amidst enthusiastic marks of approbation from those present. P.M. Bro. Mills, the Secretary was then called upon to read the following address, tastefully illuminated on vellum by the same artist and signed by the subscribers. "To Bro. W. H. Reed, P.M., P.Z., P.E.C., P.M.W.S.R.C., P.P.J.G.D., St. Peter's Lodge, Tiverton, 27th Dec. 1873. Dear Sir and Brother, We desire your acceptance of the portrait for which, in accordance with our request you have kindly sat, and that you will regard it as an offering of fraternal respect and affection. Many of us have long wished in some way to mark our appreciation of your zeal and assiduity in our Masonic circle, and to present in some appropriate and enduring form a testimonial to you the first Master of our lodge. We trust that this object has been realized, and that the faithful portraiture of one who has imparted and familiarised the teachings of our Craft with such success, may be instrumental in keeping in memory your endeavours to induce by precept and example the remembrance and practice of the obligations and lessons of Freemasonry, and of preserving in the lodge that correctness and order which are in a great measure due to your instructions. On this vellum, which we tender you with the painting, we record our testimony to your efficient practical labours, our sincere feelings of attachment, hearty good wishes for your welfare, and that your beneficial influence may long be felt amongst us." P.M. Bro. Reed, in very feeling and appropriate terms acknowledged the presentation, and stated that it was his desire the portrait should hang in the lodge, an announcement received with great satisfaction. The Installation ceremony was then proceeded with by Bro. Mills, P.M. At the conclusion of which the W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. H. Davey, I.P.M.; Rev. R. Duckwood, Chaplain; H. S. Gill, S.W.; F. A. Payne, J.W.; E. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; T. F. Mead, Secretary; H. Melhuish, S.D.; W. H. Reed, Jun., J.D.; G. W. Cockram, I.G. Stewards: Wm. Bartlett, and E. Coleby; W. H. Reed, P.M., M.C.; A. Andrews, Organist; J. Patey, Tyler. The annual banquet took place at Bro. Martin's, Palmerston Hotel, at 5 o'clock, and was numerously attended. The catering was all that could be desired, and the usual toasts were given and received with much cordiality and heartily, and were ably responded to.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, December 16th, in the lodge room, Prescott. Bros. Thomas Dodgson, the W.M., P.M. 995; and P.G.S.S. Cumberland and Westmoreland; J. Mills, S.W., and P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Jas. Meredith, J.W.; Jas. Postlethwaite, Sec., S.W. 1308, and J.W. 995; J. Hartley, I.G. 995, and other brethren. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and duly confirmed. Bro. Howes was in attendance to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, which ceremony was performed by Bro.

T. Dodgson, the W.M., in a most excellent manner, for which he is particularly noted, the J.W. explaining the tools. Several communications were received and had attention, after which the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer at 9.30 p.m.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, December 13th, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Punctually at the time named in the lodge summonses, viz., three o'clock, the lodge was opened by the W.M. Brother J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D., Middlesex, P.M., 169, P.M., 1326; he was supported by Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G., Steward; Middlesex, S.W.; J.W. Baldwin, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; J. S. Sweasey, J.D.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.M., Chaplain, J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; and many of the members. The visitors were Bros. W. Smeed, P.P.J.W., Middlesex, P.M. 946, &c.; W. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, and others. The minutes of the meeting held in October were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, for the five gentlemen whose name appeared on the summons for initiation at the next regular meeting in February (for in this province the R.W.P.G.M. has wisely determined and ruled that no candidate for initiation shall be balloted for and initiated at one and the same meeting), and in each case it was declared to be unanimous in favour of admission. There being a heavy agenda paper and the W.M. feeling fatigued (he having travelled nearly three thousand miles during the week), Bro. Wm. Smeed, P.P.J.W. Middlesex, P.M., was desired to take the chair, which he did and commenced proceedings by raising Bro. Benjamin Wright to the third degree. Apologies were received from the other candidates for raising, and the several candidates for passing, excusing and deeply regretting their inability to attend, which was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., resumed the chair, and initiated Dr. John Beresford, Ryley (a "Lewis"), followed by W. H. Wieland, who was succeeded by W. A. Simmons, and finally by D. Sullivan, as each candidate was introduced separately, agreeable to the instructions issued by the R.W.P.G.M., who will not have more than one person initiated at one time. The Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., by command of the W.M., read out aloud the bye-laws of the lodge. The ballots taken were declared to be unanimous in favour of Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W., being the W.M. for the ensuing year, and T. J. Sabine, P.M., and Treasurer, re-elected Treasurer. On motion duly made and seconded Bro. J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Middlesex, Tyler, was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The auditors were appointed. The audit was agreed to be held at the offices of the W.M. elect, H. A. Dubois, Accountant, of 1, Gresham Buildings, Basinghall-street, City. The splendid harmonium, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, was much admired, and pleased all who saw and heard it play. The work was well and ably done, as might be expected from the two worthy brothers who presided, a letter of apology from Bro. Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M., Middlesex, regretting his absence, was read, several propositions for joining, and new members were received. The lodge was then closed. There was not any banquet or refreshments.

BROWNRIFF LODGE OF UNITY (No. 1424).—On Saturday, December 27th, the brethren of this lodge met at three p.m., at their lodge room in Buckley Hall Soldiers' Institute, Chatham, to witness the ceremony of Installation of Bro. J. A. Bates, R.A., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Samuel Cole, P.P.G.P., most ably and efficiently performed the duty of Installing Master. Bros. W. H. Cole, P.M., was appointed Senior Warden, *pro tem*; F. Seabrook, P.M., as Junior Warden, *pro tem*; Capt. George Watson, P.M. and P.G.R., as Master of Ceremonies. It is a most gratifying fact that no lodge in this province has progressed with such rapidity as this in so short a time—only twelve months since its consecration by the R.W. Bro. Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. for Surrey. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend

at its anniversary, as he—with his son, Capt. Brownrigg—was, in Ireland; but letters were read, explaining their absence, and expressing regret in not being able to do honour to the assiduous and persevering brother, Quartermaster Samuel Cole, R.E., the first W.M.; and well he has done his duty. There were several provincial officers present. The officers of the lodge for the year ensuing were duly invested:—Bros. Samuel Cole, I.P.M.; Jervis, S.W.; Simmons, J.W.; Rev. Hill, Chaplain; Thompson, Treas.; Moorhouse, Sec.; McCoy, S.D.; Fowler, J.D.; Cottrell, I.G.; Wells and Brown, Stewards; Oram, Tyler. Before the business of the lodge was concluded, those brethren whose names are upon the warrant as founders were called to the pedestal by the W.M., and had each presented to them a very handsome jewel, to remind them of the interest they had taken in the lodge's foundation. The several brethren acknowledged their thanks in suitable terms. After the business was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the library, where a splendid banquet was ready, which was done ample justice to by them. The wines were excellent. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the "Health of Bro. Samuel Cole," was most enthusiastically received, and he very feelingly replied and thanked the brethren who had assisted him during his year of office. The health of the Past Masters was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Capt. George Watson, P.G.R. We must not forget to mention that the health of Bro. Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., was heartily drunk with real Kentish fire. After a most happy evening, during which some excellent songs were rendered by Sergt.-Major Bro. Cotterell, the meeting broke up at 9.30, p.m., all pleased with the proceedings of their St. John's Day.

INSTRUCTION.

UNION MASONIC CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—The above club was formed 12 months since to meet a want long felt in the neighbourhood, and we may say is now in good working order. The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th ult., at Bro. Lake's, the Windsor Castle, Victoria Station. The chair was occupied by Bro. Henry Smith, W.M. Lodge 1360, assisted by Bro. E. L. Cockerell, P.M., and several other brethren. After the usual Masonic business had been completed, it was proposed and seconded, and carried unanimously that the meeting night be altered to Friday, at 8 o'clock, so as to avoid clashing with the Ebury Lodge of Instruction, which meets on Thursday evening, in the neighbourhood. It was then resolved that the next meeting be held on Friday, the 2nd January, 1874. Brethren are invited to attend. It is worthy of notice that one of the rules of this Club is as follows:—That as soon as the funds reach the sum of £5 and £10 10s. alternately, it will be balloted for, and the member who gets the draw will become a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities.

Scotland.

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN EDINBURGH.

St. John's Day having this year fallen on Saturday, the great Masonic Festival was in most lodges postponed till Monday the 29th ult., when according to use and wont, the brethren met in their respective lodge-rooms for the annual election of office-bearers and the celebration of the festival. Most of the lodge rooms in the metropolitan district were tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and presented a gay and lively appearance. The annual election and installation of office-bearers being over, the brethren of the various lodges dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and responded to with that enthusiasm which is characteristic of the Craft, the remainder of the evening was for most part spent in "jocund mirth and festive glee."

The time-honoured custom of each lodge sending deputations to the sister lodges to congratulate their new office-bearers and convey expressions of good feeling, was carried out

with even more than usual cordiality, a fact which may be owing to the large number that have been initiated to the order during the past year, as also to the popularity among the brethren of most of the gentlemen who have been chosen to the Masters' chairs.

The following is a list of the principal office-bearers of most of the lodges in the metropolis for the ensuing year:—

THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S CHAPEL), No. 1.—Bailie Muirhead, R.W.M.; W. J. C. Abbott, P.M.; W. G. Roy, D.M.; George Dickson, M.D., S.B.; E. W. Nightingale, S.W.; R. F. Shaw Stewart, J.W.; J. R. Campbell, Treas.; James Webster, Sec.

LODGE CANONGATE AND LEITH, (No. 5).—John Laurie, R.W.M.; W. D. Johnson, P.M.; George Hudson, D.M.; James Dykes, S.M.; E. Drummond, S.W.; Alexander Ralston, J.W.; David Ewart, Treas.; David Laird, Sec.

LODGE JOURNEYMAN, (No. 8).—Peter Sinclair, R.W.M.; G. C. Douglas, S.W.; John Ronaldson, J.W.; Wm. Barton, Treas.; John Cameron, Sec.

LODGE ST. DAVID'S, No. 36, (the lodge in which Sir Walter Scott was initiated).—W. Weyms Kennedy, R.W.M.; C. G. C. Christie, P.M.; J. Harkon, D.M.; Henry Murray, S.M.; W. Edwards, S.W.; S. B. Steele, J.W.; W. Smith, Treas.; W. Steele, Sec.

LODGE ST. LUKE'S (No. 44).—H. Y. D. Copland, R.W.M.; Harvey, D.M.; Mansfield, S.M.; Gordon, S.W.; Dunlop, J.W.; Wilson, Treas.; Bostock, Sec.; Rev. Bro. Faithful and Dr. Gray, Chaplains; Anderson, S.D.; Lord Cardoss, J.D.

LODGE EDINBURGH ST. JAMES (No. 97).—Dr. J. R. Turnbull, R.W.M.; Robert Buist, P.M.; James C. Tod, D.M.; A. Sangster, jun., S.M.; Walter Fraser, S.W.; H. Macpherson, J.W.; Wm. Hannah, Treas.; Thos. Millar, Sec.

ST. JOHN'S MUSSELBURGH (No. 112).—M. Mackenzie, R.W.M.; Robert Dudgeon, D.M.; James Smart, S.M.; A. Mitchell, S.W.; J. Britton, J.W.; R. Archibald, Treasurer; W. Muirhead, Secretary.

LODGE ST. STEPHEN (No. 145).—R. S. Brown, R.W.M.; R. Wadler, D.M.; H. B. Stanislas, S.M.; James Walker, S.W.; W. W. Mooney, J.W.; J. A. Elliot, Treas.; William Greig, Sec.

LODGE EDINBURGH DEFENSIVE BAND (No. 151).—George Porland, R.W.M.; T. H. Douglas, P.M.; John Beveridge, D.M.; Daniel Grant, S.M.; Thomas Ritchie, S.W.; Moses Tanner, J.W.; William Reith, Treasurer; William Bisset, Secretary.

LODGE ROMAN EAGLE (No. 160).—G. Laing, R.W.M.; Dr. Cairns, W.P.M.; John Craig, W.D.M.; J. Mann, W.S.M.; J. Gowan, jun., W.S.W.; B. Miller, W.J.W.; W. Anderson, Treasurer; E. M. Wilkins, Secretary.

LODGE TRAFALGAR (No. 223).—Robert Scott, R.W.M.; Peter Bell, P.M.; David Stalker, D.M.; J. Fotheringham, S.M.; William Barry, S.W.; David Turner, J.W.; A. Hoy, Treasurer; F. Scott, Secretary.

CELTIC LODGE OF EDINBURGH AND LEITH (No. 291).—J. D. Wormald, R.W.M.; Kinnear, P.M.; Christopher Thomson, L.T., P.M.; Arthur Livingstone, S.M.; George G. Russell, Senior Warden; Bryan C. Waller, Junior Warden; Alexander Hay, Treasurer; James Walker, Secretary.

LODGE ST. CLAIR (No. 349).—Thomas Sim, R.W.M.; Alexander Henry, P.M.; Henry Harding, S.M.; J. P. Hutton, Senior Warden, John Dawson, Junior Warden; A. M. Bruce, Treasurer; John Taylor, Secretary.

THE RIFLE LODGE (No. 405).—Thomas Ford, R.W.M.; J. T. Douglas, P.M.; A. T. Apthorpe, D.M.; W. M. Bryce, S.M. and Treas.; James Reid, S.W.; James Thomson, J.W.; John C. Bryce, Sec.

Bro. J. T. Douglas was re-elected R.W.M. of Lodge St. Andrews, No. 48; Bro. J. Harrison, for Portobello Lodge, No. 226; and Bro. D. Swainson, to Lodge 392.

Bro. J. T. Douglas was re-elected R.W.M. of streets of the town. Captain Henry Moray, of Abercainry, was elected R.W.M. of the lodge.

CRIEFF.—The members of Crieff St. Michael's

Lodge, after transacting the usual business, had a torch-light procession through the principal

EDINBURGH.—Lodge St. Clair (No. 349).—St. John's day having fallen on a Saturday, the brethren of the above lodge held their annual election and festival on Monday the 29th Dec., when the following office-bearers were unanimously elected:—Bros. T. Sim, R.W.M.; A. Henry, (of Rifle fame) P.M.; H. Harding, S.M.; J. P. Hutton, S.W.; J. Dawson, J.W.; A. M. Bruce, P.M., Treas.; J. Taylor, Sec.; G. Watson, Chaplain; J. Greenaway, S.D.; M. Schnitzler, J.D.; J. Laverick, B.P.; J. Grey, first Steward; G. S. Mitchell, second Steward; R. Smart, first S.B.; J. Irvine, second S.B.; R. Hogg, I.G. Bro. Baikie, who has filled the important office of Tyler for upwards a quarter of a century was again re-elected to that office, and the following brethren were elected members of the Committee, Past Masters Butti, and Grant, Bruce, Brown, Cow, Veitch, and Dobie. The R.W.M. then appointed Bro. Baird, to the office of D.M. After the election the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where about forty sat down to an excellent and sumptuous repast, purveyed by brother Gray, who displayed his usual artistic skill. The R.W.M. was supported by four P.M.s of the lodge, and among the guests were Bros. Schop, R.W.M. Canon-gate, Kilwinning, Bro. Merser, P.S.R.C. and Bro. Manners of Lodge Caledonia. The evening was enlivened with song, toast, and recitation, Past Master Bro. Henry, and Bros. Hogg, Greenaway, Dobie, and Manners kindly contributing their best efforts. Circumstances having prevented the attendance of the director of music, Bro. C. Stewart, Bro. Manners kindly consented to preside at the pianoforte, he also delighted the brethren with several exquisitely rendered airs on the concertina. In the course of the evening the R.W.M. received and replied to congratulatory addresses from deputations representing thirteen lodges in the district, showing the popularity and high esteem in which he is held by the sister lodges. Altogether the meeting was a most successful and enjoyable one, and the admirable way in which the new office-bearers performed the duties of their respective offices, together with the enthusiasm of the brethren, bespeak a future fully as brilliant as the past.

GLASGOW.—Mother Kilwinning Lodge (No. 6).—The annual festival of this most ancient lodge is always looked forward to as one of the great events in Scotch Masonry, and the meeting on Monday, the 22nd ult., was no exception to the general rule. In the absence of the R.W.M. Col. Mure, who in virtue of that office is Prov. Grand Master of Ayrshire, the chair was taken by Bro. Warley, P.G.S., and the following candidates were proposed by Bro. J. Tweed, S.M., making in all 40 members that he has proposed in the lodge. The present list was Messrs. George Grant, R. Johnston, J. Mellor, and John Sutherland; and there being no objection, Bro. Wiley acted as Master, and Bro. Wenton duly conferred the degrees upon them. The lodge then proceeded to the election and installation of office-bearers. The following brethren were duly proposed and unanimously elected, viz.:—Col. Mure of Caldwell, R.W.M., and as such Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire; R. W. Cochrane Patrick, of Woodside, Deputy Master; W. Ralstoe Patrick, of Tearnac, Substitute Master; Roger Montgomerie, advocate, Edinburgh, Proxy Master; John Johnston, S.W.; J. Salter, J.W.; Rev. W. Lee Ker, Rev. John Sime, and Rev. A. Inglis, Chaplains; Robert Wylie, Secretary; John Whinton, Treasurer; Jas. Gibson, S.D.; J. Crawford, J.D.; James Sudden, S.S.; John Allan, J.S.; Charles Aitken, I.G.; and James Melvin, T. The brethren reassembled in the evening in the Eglinton Arms Hall to celebrate the festival of St. Thomas. The following is an extract from a letter received by the secretary from Col. Mure, dated Cannes, France, December 19, 1873:—"I regret extremely that I shall not have the pleasure of presiding at our annual meeting this year—circumstances over which I have no control prevent me from being in Scotland at this time. If this letter reaches you in

time on Monday pray offer to the brethren in lodge assembled my most hearty congratulations and best wishes of the season, and assure them that, though I cannot be present with them, I often think of all the fraternal feelings with which they have ever evinced to me; and while I feel proud of the loyalty they have always shown, cannot help but believe that our mutual exertions for the good of the Craft, have during the last five years, not been altogether unsuccessful." The Deputy Master, Bro. R. W. Cochrane Patrick, was then called upon to perform the duties in the Grand Orient, and conducted the usual festivities with great tact and ability. The members resident in Glasgow though not so numerous as on some former occasions, were yet efficiently represented by Bro. John Turner, S.W., R. J. Smith, G. Grant, R. Johnston, J. Malvin, and J. Sutherland. In the course of the evening large and respectable deputations were received, headed by the respective R.W.M.'s, from the following lodges in the Ayrshire province, viz.:—St. John Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, 22; St. Andrew's, Irvine, 149; St. John Kilwinning, Beith, 159; Thistle and Rose, Stevenson, 169; Blair, Dalry, 330; St. John Royal Arch, Saltcoates and Ardrossan, 320; Neptune Kilwinning, Ardrossan, 442; and Burns St. Mary, Hurlford, 505. Eloquent and suitable addresses were delivered in the course of the evening by Bros. Patrick, Mackay (Kilmarnock), W. D. M'Jannet (Irvine), J. M. M'Cosh (Dalry), Rev. W. Lee Ker, Scobie (Hurlford), &c. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music. A most pleasant and harmonious evening was spent, and L 12 being announced in the S the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

GLASGOW.—*Cathedral Chapter* (No. 67) met in their hall, 22, Struthers-street, on the 23rd ult. In the absence of the Principal, Comp. Wm. Tayler, P.Z., acted as Z.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, as H.; Comp. Distin, P.Z., as J. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when Bros. Robert Turnbull and Ernest Samuel were introduced and took that degree. A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened, Comp. Martin acting as J.W., and Comp. J. Duthie, conferred on the same two gentlemen that degree. The Chapter was then opened with the above officers and companion Pirday, who was a most efficient 1st S., Comps. Goldie and Bail being the 2nd and 3rd. The ceremony was very efficiently worked, and the chapter was closed in harmony.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—The Glasgow Early Grand Knight Templar Encampment and Preceptory of Red Cross Knights met in their preceptory, Glasgow, on Friday, the 19th ult. Deputations from the various Early Grand Encampments in Scotland were present, which added considerably to the imposing appearance of the assembly. Sir Knt. Martin, of the Early Grand Encampment, Ayr, presided, assisted by the following officers:—Sir Knts. Pollock, as P.C.; Spence, C.G.; Ferguson, M.; Mitchell, T.; Adamson, R.; Rev. J. White, Prelate; Fisher, S.B.; Hodge, S.B., and others. The encampment having been opened in ancient form, applications were read from the following candidates desirous of installation:—Comps. Holt, G. Walter, J. Walker, Leonard, and A. Webster, who, being in attendance, were subjected to the usual scrutiny, and, being approved of, were presented for advancement. The impressive ceremony was ably performed by Sir Knt. Martin, and the perfect manner in which the various officers discharged their duties was worthy of all praise. To produce that reverence and love upon the minds upon the candidates, so that the ceremonies may have a lasting impression upon the memory, the presiding officer should be possessed of freedom of speech, solemnity of manner, and spirited working. All this Sir Knight Martin possesses in an eminent degree, so much so that seldom if ever have we listened to beautiful Ritual being performed in such an admirable manner. By the way we might state that Sir Kt. Martin comes from a good old branch of Templars in Scotland, his father the late Sir Knight P. Martin being to a great extent the promoter of the Early Grand in Scotland, early this present century. Previous to that time the Early Grand encampments were held under the sway of Ireland, their

superiors being the Early Grand Encampment of Dublin, whose Grand Charter dates from 1180, and is signed by the Keeper of the Holy Sepulchre, it also contains the names of the various priories of the provinces of Ireland to whom the Charter is dedicated. The late Sir Kt. P. Martin obtained early this present century a Grand Charter for the use of Scotland, so that encampments could be erected without so much trouble in petitioning the E.G. of Ireland. The Scotch grand warrant is an exact *fac-simile* of the Irish one, and Sir Knt. Martin was appointed Commander of the Order in Scotland. Since then it has flourished down to the present time, apparently intending to act up to its old motto, "We were the first and we shall be the last." The five candidates having been received under an arch of steel and loyally and lawfully dubbed Knights of the Holy Order of the Temple, the encampment was closed. A Preceptory of Red Cross Knights was then opened, when the same candidates were created Knts. of that Order, Sir Knt. W. Martin, M.P.S., and the other officers being in their respective places. This order was also successfully performed by the M.P.S., in his usual faultless style. The preceptory was then closed in due form, when the Sir Knights retired to the banqueting hall, where a repast of a most *recherché* description was provided for them. Sir Knt. James Pollock, of Newmilns, presiding, Sir Knt. Wm. Ferguson, Croupier. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with satisfaction. The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland," in a neat and appropriate speech, referred to the progress of the Early Grand in Scotland and the many obstacles it had to surmount. Of late years it had been so successful that a number of new encampments had arisen, and before long he only trusted that the many brethren of the Order throughout the country would resuscitate themselves and once more show to the world that they were not dead, but merely resting from the labours of the past. It was a fact well-known to the Sir Knights of the Order that their authenticity, and consequently their legality, had been questioned by the representatives of the Knights Templar acting under the Chapter General, but, as they knew themselves, these charges were altogether without foundation, and, if desirable, could be proven at large, both from written and printed documents in possession of the Grand Encampment. Spurious rites and degrees can of themselves never exist for any length of time, but must sometime or another dwindle down till they disappear for evermore, not so the Early Grand; it has lived through ages untarnished and will still continue to exist in spite of all the combined force of their neighbours to reduce them in the scale of Knight Templarism. Sir Knt. Ferguson responded in an able and artistic speech, expressing the gratification and pleasure, the Sir Knights of the Glasgow Encampment had in welcoming their brethren from the provinces. It should always be his aim and endeavour to further the interests of the E.G. encampment in Glasgow, and throughout the country generally, there was nothing like unison in a scattered body, and where that was, they could accomplish anything. The vicissitudes of their fortune had already taught them the great lesson of unanimity and economy, and be assured where these are properly practised, nothing but success can follow. Sir Knt. Adamson, Edinburgh, proposed the Grand Officers, and in doing so paid a compliment to the Grand Officers present. Sir Knt. Spence responded appropriately. Sir Knt. Fisher proposed "The Health of Sir Knt. Hodge," and spoke in high terms of the services Sir Knt. Hodge had rendered the E.G. Encampment in Scotland. Sir Knt. Hodge replied feelingly and eloquently. Other toasts followed, and were responded to with pleasure, and with song and sentiment, the remainder of the evening was passed in a most pleasant manner. To the Sir Knts. of the E.G. Encampment in Scotland this is a day ever to be remembered, the harmonious meeting and social parting, happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again, being feelingly entered upon, the singing was excellent, some being in capital voice, diversified by the artistic accompanying on the organ by Sir Knt.

Head Holt. Altogether a more successful gathering of the E.G. Knt. Templars in Scotland has rarely if ever taken place. "Auld Lang Syne" being given, the Sir Knights separated at an early hour from a meeting to be remembered by those present for many years to come.

Red Cross of Constantine.

BRISTOL.—*William Irwin Conclave* (No. 17):—The first meeting of this conclave was held on Tuesday, Dec. 16th. Sir Knts. G. F. Tuckey, M.P. Sovereign; Sir Knt. W. Hodges, as Viceroy, E. There were also present Ill. Sir Knts. Capt. F. G. Irwin, Inspector-General of Bristol, and Sir Knt. W. A. Scott, M.P.S. of the Munbee Military Conclave. The minutes of the consecration and dedication of the two conclaves were read and confirmed. The following M.M.'s were then duly installed and proclaimed Sir Knts. of the Order, viz., E. E. Honey, H. W. Lane, W. Dubin, after which the M.P.S. installed the following Sir Knts. to the offices attached to their names; Sir Knts. J. T. Hallam, S.G.; W. Munro, J.G., J. M. Hunt, H.P.; A. G. Williams, Treas.; G. Tonkin, Recorder; E. E. Honey, Prefect; H. V. Amor, Herald; M. Ansaldo, Standard Bearer; H. W. Lane, Orator; John Coles, Sentinel. Sir Knt. Hallam proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Knt. G. F. Tuckey, for the very great interest and trouble he had taken in establishing this, the William Irwin Conclave, in the province of Bristol. The Sir Knt. Tuckey, in thanking the Sir Knts. for the compliment they had paid him, said, since he had first seen the light of Masonry, he had made it his study, and he felt it his duty to do all he could to further the Order and carry out its principles, as far as his abilities would allow, especially in this the province of Bristol. He was pleased to see two conclaves of the Red Cross established here, and that it was becoming so popular among the brethren of the various lodges. He could not sit down without especially thanking Ill. Sir Knt. Captain F. G. Irwin for the very valuable assistance he had rendered him. There was not a brother in the province more energetic or more zealous in all appertaining to Freemasonry, he was always ready and willing to render any assistance. He would also thank Sir Knt. W. A. Scott, of the Munbee Conclave, for his able support. He was pleased to be able to inform the conclave that they were in a position to ask for a Provincial Grand Conclave, and the Inspector-General had stated he should open one at the earliest opportunity.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Bro. Major J. Creaton, P.G.D., a Vice Patron and Trustee, presided, supported by Bro. B. Head, P.G.D.; T. W. White, G. Steward, W.M. 21; F. Adlard; S. Rosenthal, P.M. P.G.J.W. Middlesex; H. C. Levander, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Wilts; George Kenning, V. Patron, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., Middlesex; W. Watson, P.G. Steward, and other brethren.

The minutes of several Committees having been read by the Secretary, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the members proceeded to consider no less than fourteen fresh petitions, on behalf of candidates, two of which were deferred, and twelve recommended to the Quarterly General Court on the 10th January, as eligible for election in the following April. The Secretary then reported that out of the eleven unsuccessful candidates at the October election, two had become disqualified by having attained the age of eleven years, and one child had since been admitted by purchase, leaving eight, which with twenty-one new candidates, made the number of approved applicants twenty-nine, and there would be but five vacancies.

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved that ten additional children be received at the April election, making fifteen in all, and it was further decided that a former recommendation of the Committee for one case out of the

twenty-nine to be placed on the eligible list be withheld, inasmuch as canvassing by circular had been resorted to before the General Court had authorised the insertion of the child's name as an eligible candidate.

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Among the many Masonic Orders of high degree, that have flourished in England, and on the Continent, that of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, has been comparatively recently introduced into America, and on Wednesday, 17th Dec., there was constituted in this city, Roman Eagle Conclave, of this Order, the second in Massachusetts, and which initiates its work with every promise of obtaining high rank in Masonic circles. At five o'clock the Conclave was formally constituted, about twenty-five Masons having previously received the degrees of the Order; the Order is instituted under authority of the Grand Imperial Council of England and Wales, at the head of which is Earl Bective, and there were present to conduct the ceremonies as well as of those of installation of officers, the following representatives of the Supreme Council:—

Eminent and Ill. Sir Knight Samuel H. Herrick, Intendant General of Division of Massachusetts, and Representative of Grand Imperial Council of England; Ill. Sir Knts. William D. Stratton, Viceroy; Andrew S. Smith, Past Sov. of St. George's Conclave, Boston, as Sen. Gen.; William J. Stevens, Jun. Gen.; W. H. Chessman, Grand Marshal; B. Foss, Grand Prefect; J. T. Kimball, Grand Recorder; Chas. L. Ireson; Josiah H. Stearns, Grand Prelate.

The ceremonies were impressive and interesting, and the members highly pleased with the auspicious opening. Later in the evening the large hall of the Masonic Temple was taxed to its fullest capacity, with the audience of Masonic brethren and ladies assembled to witness the the ceremonies of installation. After opening the services the Ill. Intendant called Sir Knight Stratton to the chair, and the ceremonies were conducted by him, and the following officers duly installed over the new Conclave:—

Illustrious Sir Knts. John Haigh, M.P. Sovereign; Caleb Saunders, Viceroy, as Eusebius; G.M. Stoddard, Sen. Gen.; Horace C. Bacon, Jun. Gen.; Andrew Sharpe, High Prelate; S. M. Stedman, Treasurer; E. Frank Page, Recorder; Jas B. Smith, Prefect; Wm. F. Kimball, Herald; Wm. Smith, Standard Bearer; Louis Weil, Sen. Steward; Johnathan Craven, Jun. Steward, Otis Clater, Sentinel.

The singing, by Messrs. Parsons and Osgood, Mrs. Sprague and Miss Dana, with Miss Reed as organist, was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable features of the evening, indeed we doubt if Masonic gatherings anywhere are so exceedingly fortunate in their music as in our city.

After a sufficient period at the tables, the Knights, with the guests to a large number, repaired to Saunders Hall, adjoining, and to the inspiring music of Chapman and Butterworth's band, spent a couple of hours in dancing, merrily concluding a most pleasant and well enjoyed occasion.—*Lawrence (Massachusetts) Daily American.*

A MAGNIFICENT FEAST.—Major A. B. Walker, Mayor of Liverpool, has announced that on the night of the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh he will give a feast to all the aged poor of Liverpool who choose to be present. There is no central hall sufficiently large to accommodate the novel company, and therefore the feast will be in three sections. The meeting place for the North end of the town will be the North Haymarket, that for the centre, St. George's Hall, and that for the South-end at Sefton Hall.

Increasing activity of mind and motion in these modern days have gained ends undreamt of in olden times. For example, Holloway's ointment and pills remove rheumatism, neuralgia, and similar painful maladies—formerly scourges of both rich and poor. The number of testimonials of cures of these classes of diseases effected by Holloway's remedies is unprecedented, and should be enforced on the attention of all sufferers from these complaints. The parts in pain should be fomented for some minutes with warm brine two or three times a day, dried, and immediately well rubbed with the ointment. It will pass into the pores of the skin—as salt permeates meat—ease the local pain, and give the greatest relief.—*ADVT.*

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Is anything known of a little pamphlet, entitled "The Principles of Freemasonry explained, or a discourse delivered before the very antient Lodge of Kilwinning in the church of that place and in the year MDCCLXVI. By a brother. Glasgow, printed in the year MDCCLXVIII., price sixpence."

On the title page, is written in a peculiarly neat hand, to "the Rev. Mr. George Blair, from the author."

Who was the author? And who was the Rev. Mr. George Blair?

I may add the address is dedicated to "George Murdoch, present Grand Master of the lodges in Glasgow."

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

MASONIC RELIC.

"Sir and Brother.—I beg leave to forward you a fac-simile sketch of a very antique brass square presented to me this day by Brother Paine, Provincial Grand Architect. He was contractor, in 1830, for rebuilding Baal's Bridge, a very ancient one in this city, which he has replaced with a very beautiful structure, and on taking down the old one, the period of the erection of which is unknown (though noticed in records in 1558, at the proclamation of Queen Elizabeth), he discovered under the foundation stone, at the English town side, this old brass square, much eaten away; but I have traced the shape, size, and formation of the engraving on both sides, and marked the holes (I suppose for suspending it to collar); the most illegible character is the figure '5,' which might be 3, but history proves it must have been before 1558 at all events; a heart is in both angles. In haste, but ever ready to give information.—I am, &c.,"
M. FURNELL,
High Sheriff, Limerick.

Dear Sir and Bro.

I have thought it worth while to copy the above from the "Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine" for 1842 (page 289), and believing an exact transcript of the words engraved on the square will probably interest a few of your readers, who may not have an account of the relic, I append a copy from the engraving.

Yours fraternally,
W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, Nov. 4th 1873.

"I WILL STRIVE TO LIVE
WITH LOVE & CARE
1577
UPON THE LEVL
BY THE SQUARE."

ANOTHER MASONIC WORK.

This year is to be eventful in Masonic literature. Just as we had greeted Bro. Dr. Murray Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," (the grand Masonic volume) we received a short account of a great work, being prepared by our friend Bro. Dr. A. G. Mackay, of the City of Washington, U.S.A. It is entitled "An Encyclopædia of Freemasonry and its Kindred subjects, comprising the whole range of Arts, Sciences and Literature as connected with the Institution," and we know of no one better suited for such an extensive enterprise and labour, than the learned Mason, Dr. Mackay, whose fame is as familiar to Masonic students, and even to the Craft generally as that of the revered Dr. Oliver.

The book will be beautifully printed, and illustrated, in quarto size, and consists of many hundreds of pages. Its appearance may be looked for early in the ensuing year, and as the issue will be limited, the names of intending subscribers may be forwarded at once to Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain. We feel sure the Craft will thank us for drawing attention to this matter, and soon after the work has been published by Moss & Co., of Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, we hope to present a review of its contents in the pages of *The Freemason*. Meanwhile we wish our distinguished Bro. Dr. Mackay, the requisite health and strength in superintending its preparation by the publishers.

W. J. HUGHAN.

AN OLD PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC BOOK.

We acknowledge our fraternal obligation to Bro. William Hodges, of this city, for an old Philadelphia Masonic book, entitled "The Freemason's Companion, or Pocket Preceptor, compiled for the use of the Craft. By John Phillips, P.M. of Lodge No. 2, Phila: printed by Bartholomew Graves, A.D. 1805. Dedicated to R.W. Bro. Israel Israel, G.M. of Masons of Pennsylvania." Among its many interesting and valuable papers are; a history of Freemasonry; the Ahiman Rezon; Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated November 23, 1795, providing for the creation of a G.H.R.A. Chapter, under sanction of a warrant from the G.L. of Pennsylvania; Rules and Regulations for the government of this Grand Chapter, confirmed in Grand Lodge March 5, 1798; History of Freemasonry in America; Address of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to their Brother, Geo. Washington, dated Boston, A.D. 1792, with Gen. Washington's fraternal response; Account of Bro. Washington's funeral; Address upon his life by G.M. Bro. J. B. Smith, of Pennsylvania; Account of the Dedication of the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, Filbert-street, above Eighth, December 27, 1802; A Collection of Masonic Songs, &c. It is thus evident that in this little book of 211 pages there is much information of interest to every Pennsylvania Freemason. We shall shortly cull some extracts from its pages, for the benefit of our readers.—*Keystone.*

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES SCHNIDER, GRAND TYLER, PENNSYLVANIA.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Bro. Charles Schnider, who for the past six years has filled the appointment of Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: Bro. Schnider's health was impaired for some time prior to his death, but he rallied sufficiently to be in his place at the outer door of the Grand Lodge, at its last Quarterly Grand Communication, on December 3rd. He suffered a relapse afterwards, which terminated his life on Friday evening, 12th ult., at the early age of 29 years. In common with the whole Pennsylvania fraternity, we lament his untimely demise. We give below a brief sketch of our deceased brother's life.

Bro. Charles Schnider was born on Oct. 12, 1844, in the old Masonic (late Washington) Hall, on South Third-street, above Spruce. He was educated at Allen's Friends' School, Second and Pine-streets. After leaving school he entered the printing establishment of Messrs. King and Baird, on Sansom-street. He continued at this business until the death of his father, the late lamented and excellent Grand Tyler, Bro. William B. Schnider, who died some six years since. The son (Charles) was then appointed to the position held by his father, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Masons of this jurisdiction. The appointment was conferred upon him by Bro. Hon. Richard Vaux, the then Grand Master, and dated from 1867.

His Masonic history commenced in the year 1865, when he was initiated into Lafayette Lodge, No. 71. In 1867 he was elected Junior Warden; in 1868 he was chosen Senior Warden, and in 1869 he was Master. He was also a member of Jerusalem Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3; of St. John's Commandery, No. 4; Masonic Knights Templar; of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection; of De Joinville Council of Princes of Jerusalem; of Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix, and of Philadelphia Consistory.

The position of Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been held by various members of the Schnider family for four successive generations, having descended from great grandfather, grandfather, father, and son. The position of Grand Tyler is one of great importance, and requires a person of great faculty of remembrance, he often being called on to vouch for the admission of persons to the meetings whom he has not met for years previously. In the Schnider family this faculty was developed to an eminent degree. The great-grandfather

of the deceased held the office for eighteen years, his grandfather for twenty-one years, his father for thirty years, and deceased for six years, and during all that period there never was a single false recognition. The deceased leaves a widowed mother, a wife, and a son of seven years of age; and his death will be regretted by the Masonic fraternity at large.—*Keystone*

BRO. CHAS. W. MOORE, OF BOSTON, (U.S.)

We are deeply pained by learning of the death of R. W. Bro. Charles W. Moore, of Boston, Massachusetts, Corresponding Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and editor of the *Freemason's Monthly Magazine*, the oldest Masonic periodical in the United States. He died on Friday 12th Dec., of pneumonia. On the Wednesday evening previous, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts conferred upon him the rank of Past Grand Master.

Bro. Moore was made a Mason in Massachusetts Lodge, Boston, in February, 1822, and received his third degree in Kennebec Lodge, Hallowell, Maine, during the Grand Mastership of R. W. Bro. Hon. Simon Greenleaf, LL.D., afterwards the famous legal author, and Professor in Harvard University. On October 22, 1822, he was admitted to membership in St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, and on Oct. 22, 1872, the Semi-Centennial Celebration of his membership was observed by his lodge, and participated in by many eminent Freemasons, with great eclat. In 1825, Bro. Moore inaugurated the first Masonic newspaper in the world—the *Masonic Mirror*, which was subsequently merged into the *Freemasons' Magazine*, which he continued to edit with ability until the day of his death. He held the position of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for thirty-four years; of Deputy Grand Master for one year, and Corresponding Grand Secretary for six years; until his death.—*Keystone*.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, U.S.

On Monday, November 24th, ult., the public auditorium of the handsome new Masonic Hall at New Brunswick, N.J., was formally opened with a Choral Concert.

The Hall is located on the corner of George and Albany-streets, and occupies seventy-two feet front by one hundred and fifty-six feet in depth. The building is of iron and brick, and presents a very ornate appearance. The style of the architecture is the Renaissance, and the design reflects great credit upon the architect. The building is five stories high, and has entrances on both streets. Its main feature on Albany-street is a pavilion ornamented by pilasters, cluster windows and the seal of the Association, surmounted by a quadrangular dome, thirty-eight feet square at the base and rising one hundred and fifteen feet above the pavement. The corner pavilions are each twenty-eight feet square at the base, rising seventy-two feet to the top of the main cornice, and capped by a Mansard roof twenty-three feet high.

The successful erection of the new hall is due in a great measure to the untiring energies of Bro. Charles Dunham, M.D., Chairman of the Building Committee, seconded by Bro. William H. Fisher, Esq., who is also a member of the Building Committee, as are also Bros. Goyn, D. McCoy, and George Rule. The architect is Augustus Hatfield.

We learn that the lodge room, on the fourth floor, will be 36 by 48 feet, with a groined ceiling 35 feet high, and connects with all the necessary ante-rooms. The banquet room will be 34 by 100 feet. A room of the same size in the fifth story will be used, when completed, by the Knights Templar. There are three main flights of stairs leading to the galleries and upper stories, all connected by hall-ways in each story. The main stairways are seven feet wide, built on double platforms for each story. Each of the other stairways are five feet in width, and all are built in the most secure manner.

We congratulate the Craft of New Brunswick upon the prospect of their early occupancy of their new hall.

Poetry.

A FELLOW-CRAFT'S PRAYER.

By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., and P.Z.

Merciful Lord, who did'st all things create,
And on whose kind providence all creatures wait;
Wondrous alike in wisdom and power,
Whose glory the heavens shew forth from hour to hour!

Once the bright morning stars together sang,
And all heaven with angel voices rang;
To see another world hung up in space,
With all things furnished for a favour'd race;
Who than the angels are but little lower,
And form'd by Thee to live for evermore.

In the bright paths of nature and of science,
Do Thou me lead, and let my reliance
On Thee be placed as I my course pursue,
Doing in all things what is just and true;
So that the work that's in Thy name begun,
Continued be in me! Then Lord, say,

“Come—
Take thine own place in the Grand Lodge above,
And the full chorus swell of heavenly love.”

THE CRAFT THAT HAS WEATHER'D THE STORM.

By Bro. O. MAGGREGOR EDWARDS, M.D., (U.S.) No. 1107.

There's a good ship afloat upon life's troubled sea,
Trim, square-rigg'd and fair to the view;
Her timbers are stout as good timber can be,
Her compass unerringly true.

Like the ark ship of old, in dim ages by-gone,
Triumphant she's breasted the wave,
Through Bigotry's midnight, and Freedom's bright dawn,
Commission'd to succour and save.

Chorus:
Then a song and a shout—let them gaily ring out.

While we drink in Masonic due form,
For the stanch, gallant crew, and the officers true,

Of the Craft that has weather'd the storm,
Hurrah! for her colours, shook forth to the sky,

Hurrah! for the symbols they bear;
Truth, Honour, and Virtue the halyards, mast high,

With Faith, Hope, and Charity share.
While the lights at her binnacle, crosstrees, and prow

Shine as beacons for every land,
Her crew, 'mid the charm of their mystical vow,

Form a hallow'd, invincible band:
Chorus:
Then a song and a shout—let them grandly ring out,

While we drink in Masonic due form
To the officers true and the glory crowned crew,

Of the Craft that has weather'd the storm.

THE FREEMASON'S ANTHEM.

FOR MUSIC.

God bless the mystic band,
In every home and land,
Direct our way.
In darkness lead us right,
By thy power and might.
And guide us by thy light,
A prayer we pray.

God cometh from above,
Amaranthine our love,
In this blending.
Ev'ry eye is beaming,
Ev'ry heart set teaming,
Ev'ry soul make gleaming,
God delending.

This Wondrous Brotherhood.

Hard to be understood,
Some do confess.
We help all misery through,
Sure as the loadstones' true.
Faithful in what we do,
Assent to bless.

Can true friends be found,
In the wide world around,
Gracious and kind.
Taught by our Rites and Laws,
Ne'er to stand still or pause,
But plead the orphan's cause.
Such is our will.

Firm as a rock we stand,
Stronger than iron band,
For truth and love.
Our trust in God alone,
No other faith we own,
His will through us is shown,
And from above.

Now, our order still defend,
Earnestly we do commend
Its care to Thee.
Increase our means and ways,
Crown with thy heavenly rays
All hearts to sing thy praise
So mote it be.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Alexo. Gallico will be installed as W.M. of the St. James Union Lodge, No. 180, on Tuesday, January 13, 1874, at Freemasons' Hall, when a testimonial will be presented to Bro. Stacey, P.M. and Secretary.

We understand that the Right Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, has appointed Bro. Thomas Frederick Halsey, of Great Gaddesden-place, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, P.M. 404, 10, P.Z. 404, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, as Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire, vice the R.W. Bro. William Stuart, who has resigned.

The ceremony of Installation will be worked on Monday evening, January 5th, 1874, at seven o'clock, by Bro. Thomas Austin, W.M. 933, in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, 1443, held at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

The Prov. Grand Chapter and Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, for Lancashire and Cheshire, will be consecrated at Manchester, at three o'clock p.m. on the 23rd instant.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1874.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW YEAR.

With the New Year, we beg most heartily and fraternally to offer our sincere good wishes to all our kind patrons, and friends, and readers. May 1874 be to them all a year of personal happiness, and Masonic progress, and all that this world of ours counts best and pleasantest, be their lot, and that of all near and dear to them, in the as yet unrolled calendar of the new year.

And a new year, full as it is of pleasant sympathies and hopeful emotions, seems ever also to speak to us with a clear and prevailing message of solemnity and pathos. For a new year reminds us of the old, of that period of our being which, whether in private relationships or public pursuits, is indissolubly bound up with all our individual hopes and fears, and grievances and struggles, and happiness, and sorrow.

None of us, if we are wise, will allow a new year to succeed the old, or take part in the customary gaieties of the season, without, as it were, a short and peaceful looking back on the hours and scenes which have slipped away, or the friends who have left us, and the joys which are no more, on the changes which have affected our home circles, or our public relations, on the void which advancing time has cast on many circles and on the missing links which no longer make up our once united brotherhood of love. Indeed, it is impossible at the close of an old, or the opening of a new year, not to be sensibly impressed with the alterations, which even twelve short months have wrought for us and ours.

Those who were with us for instance, this time twelvemonth, are with us no longer. Those who were standing at our sides, in all their freshness and grace, in all their fulness of old, in all the tenderness of young affection, no longer adorn our humble hearth, or join the gladness of this festive time.

On some households amongst us, sorrow and sadness have fallen in their darkening clouds, and have thrown both dimness and despondency, as well over the cheery associations of youth as over the unfaded energy of ripened years.

So that, say what we will, the advent of a new year cannot be to any of us a subject of unmixed rejoicing, neither would it be well or wise in us, to let go these more sober thoughts, which the lapse of time ever has, and ever must have for the considerate and the true hearted, and the reflecting. There is a voice speaking to us, from the grave of the old year, to which we may all well listen, a voice of kindness and tenderness, and gentle recollection, and softening sympathy, which we should not drown in the loud gaiety of the world, or pass by unnoticed in the revelry of the hour.

But we did not intend, and we do not propose to preach a sermon, and therefore we will now proceed in our privileged Masonic greeting to our readers, with this closing 1873, and with this commencing 1874.

During the last twelve months, though our English Freemasonry has gone on the even and peaceful tenour of its way, under our excellent Grand Master, we have had to deplore the loss of our old and time-honoured chief, Lord Zetland.

His death had been preceded during the year that has vanished, by the death of a worthy and valued brother, his relative Bro. Frederick Dundas, and as the seasons came and went, the news of Lord Zetland's decease fell upon the Craft, as a great shock. It was true indeed, that he died full of years and honours, that he passed away peacefully and calmly, in full possession of his faculties to the last, amid the regrets of all who knew, and of many who honoured him.

But we of this English Craft, who had known him so long and well, who had seen him preside so often, so impartially and courteously over our long debates, we who had had good reason to appreciate his deep respect for law, and his unflinching sense of justice, we felt that, in his loss, ours was a void which could not easily be filled up.

Indeed it is almost impossible to estimate yet, the debt of gratitude we owe, as an Order, to our late lamented Grand Master.

While in other countries and under other auspices, Freemasonry has been sometimes marked neither by a judicious administration nor decorous acts, while we in England could not but regret, that other ruling bodies did not adopt and imitate our simple laws of purely Masonic aim and organization, we in this good land of ours, were enjoying, under Lord Zetland's firm yet temperate sway, the fullest measure both of material prosperity and peaceful progress.

Kept happily apart and at a distance, in our Craft system, and our lodge gatherings, from the passing polemics, and political controversies of the hour, during Lord Zetland's "regime," while our lodges have increased in a most remarkable ratio, (a hundred per cent.) we have also witnessed the rapid growth of the warm and unselfish principles and practices amongst us, of ready benevolence and fraternal charity.

No nobler crown to his long Masonic life, no happier testimony to the progressive and expansive sympathies of Masonic benevolence could be found, than the fact, that the very year which witnessed the removal of our old Grand Master from amongst us, witnessed also the donation and collection of

£21,000 for our Masonic Charities, by the zealous and kindly members of our English Craft.

True it is, that, under the Marquess of Ripon English Freemasonry moves on with tranquil unanimity, and under his guiding hand, we have no doubt that our Grand Lodge will still continue worthily to represent the dignity and wants of our ancient Craft.

But no consideration of English Masonry to-day would be complete, which left out of its calculation and view, Lord Zetland's signal excellence as our Grand Master, his unsullied worth, and his happy rule; and no New Year's greeting would be acceptable among our loyal brotherhood, which did not come tinged with that feeling of respectful regret, and affectionate veneration which will ever we feel, characterise the utterance of all English Freemasons, when they talk of him who ruled them so truly and so wisely, for so many and eventful years!

We have had to deplore during 1873 the loss of many other excellent brethren, both at home and abroad.

Among them may be specially noticed, Bro. Labaud Larivière, Presiding G.M., of the French Orient; of Bro. Orr, American Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and P.G.M. of South Carolina; of Bro. Cauchois, an able French Masonic writer; of Bro. Schletter, long editor of the "Freimaurer Zeitung," and the intellectual editor of the "Allgemeines Handbuch" of Freemasonry, of Bro. Otto Franz Obermeir, in Berlin, a young physician, who died at the age of 39, of the cholera, a victim to his professional zeal; of Bro. Wm. Dunnaway, G.M. of Tennessee, and of Bro. Carl Wilhelm, celebrated as the composer of the German song, "Die Wacht am Rhein."

Many of us, too, will recall, to day, many worthy brethren and warm-hearted friends, we never more shall meet either in the lodge assembly, or in the festive circle.

We have already alluded to that remarkable proof of Masonic activity and fraternal benevolence, which 1873 witnessed, namely the large sum raised for our great Masonic Charities, far exceeding any previous year.

But with a new year we feel bound to remind our brethren, that, with the great increase of our lodges and members, come unavoidably increasing demands upon our charitable resources.

What the combined zeal and charity of our brotherhood, will do in this good cause in 1874, time alone will fully shew, but we do not believe for one moment, that, the many warmhearted and benevolent members of our ancient confraternity, will either slacken their efforts, or go back from the remarkable point to which they have reached. On the contrary, we believe, that, 1874 will behold as certainly a testimony of our fraternal goodwill and energy as did 1873.

We have to record in 1873, the appearance of the new serial, *The Masonic Magazine* amongst us, a new candidate for our patronage under an old name.

When we take up to-day a list of Masonic periodicals in all countries, we must be struck with their number.

One list we have seen, contains the names of forty-four monthly and weekly Masonic papers in all languages, and that list is far from being

complete or correct. Perhaps it is not too much to say, that, at no given epoch of the history of Freemasonry, did there seem to be more earnest efforts made, or more considerable sacrifices for the advancement of Masonic literature.

It is a melancholy fact, however, as regards this apparently bright vision, that as a general rule Masonic literature to use a commercial term, "does not pay," and is with very few exceptions carried on at a loss.

Why should this be so?

There is no reason, "à priori," why, with our many lodges, and numerous brotherhood, Masonic papers and serials should not be remunerative, but so it is, and we can only hope, that in that "good time coming," Masonic "litterateurs" and Masonic publishers may reap some little benefit.

But what can you do when, in a lodge of fifty or sixty members, one member takes a copy of *The Freemason*, price 2d., and it is "loaned" to such others of the brethren as care to see it?

So with this new year, let us hope, that, amid their many sterling qualities of head and heart, our good English brethren will awake to the truth, and acknowledge the fact, that, our Masonic literature, to be efficient, must be both well supported and self-supporting, and then we may fairly hope, from an increased circulation of a good and wholesome literature amongst us, that a greater taste for reading Masonic works will be created, and the intellectual character of English Freemasonry will receive a quickening and a development.

May our hopes and anticipations be destined to receive a fulfilment in the next twelve months, and we repeat once more to all our readers, and to all Freemasons everywhere, our heartfelt aspirations for a Happy New Year!

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne, where she has been keeping Christmas Day. H.R.H. Prince Arthur is also at Osborne for Christmas. Their R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales have remained at Sandringham.

The home news is not important, the last week being mostly a holiday. The Christmas Pantomimes have opened, with their usual amount of scenic effect to delight the young, and startle the old.

Long accounts have been received from the Gold Coast, but there is but little decided to report. The Ashantees are retreating, and by this time that fine brigade which has been sent is probably advancing on Coomassie. As the Irishman said of old, "more power to their arms."

An English company has opened, after twenty months of labour, the new Water Works at Odessa.

Dr. Hayman's removal from Rugby, has already led, as we foresaw, to a long correspondence, and threatens to end in legal proceedings.

Abroad we find equally little to note.

Poor Marshal Bazaine is gone to the Isle de St. Marguerite, a fact which appears to afford unlimited satisfaction, to some very emotional minds, but which to thinkers, is very sad.

France is peaceful, and we will hope, will soon regain her material prosperity.

In Germany the combat between the Prussian Government, and the Roman Catholic Clergy, is "à l'outrance," and it is said will culminate in the deposition of the Archbishop of Posen.

The Virginias has been given up to the American Government, but some question has arisen, whether she can legally be considered an American vessel.

The report of Commander Braine of the U.S.

Navy, sent to Admiral Scott, commanding the American Squadron on the Havannah Waters, is a very clear statement of the utter illegality of the execution of the non-combatant portion of the crew, as well as of its Captain.

We have to announce the death of Chief Baron Pigott, of the Irish Court of Exchequer, of the Earl of Norbury, and of the Rev. James Lupton, minor canon of Westminster, and of St. Pauls.

A sad steamboat accident is reported from Newcastle-on-Tyne, in which eighteen lives of men and boys were sacrificed.

After a long search two of the bodies have been found in Loch Lomond, from the late fatal catastrophe, namely that of Sir James Colquhoun, and a boy named Anderson. The search is still continued, and it was hoped yet to recover the other bodies.

THE NEW YEAR.

Old Seventy-three has past and gone,

Young Seventy-four is here;

The old year's faded rapidly,

Its young hours now appear,

The rapid sands have soon run out,

Of twelve months more to day,

Another solemn year of time

Has travelled fast away.

And yet, tho' short that span appears,

Tho' soon its hours are gone,

Tho' noiselessly its seasons

Have followed one by one;

How many solemn thoughts and memories

Belong to what has ceased to be,

As now we bid a long adieu

To Eighteen Seventy-Three.

And if to us, as year by year,

We greet a New Year's Day,

Old Time seems passing leisurely

Upon its onward way.

Let's not forget, that still to us,

Each twelvemonth, as it flies,

Would teach us all a goodly lesson,

A truth which never dies.

Twelve months are gone; to us, no more

On earth they can return;

In twelve months more another year

Will leave us cold and stern;

For in those passing seasons,

And in each fleeting hour,

There fades of every mortal life

The swiftly closing flower.

For twelve months come and twelve months

go,

To all as they depart

Bringing a silent witness,

In the memories of the heart,

As we linger often sadly now

By the graves of vanished years,

And strew their mounds with the garlands

Of dead hopes, and falling tears.

Spurn not the message then to-day,

A New Year brings to you,

For it has a voice most eloquent,

Most tender and most true,

As it turns away from the hillock,

Where its dead are lying still,

Shielded from every care and fear

From loneliness and ill.

Yes! from many a humble grave to-day,

From the withered hours of time

From this sad and weary world of ours,

From this sorrow-suff'ring clime,

Faith points in hope ecstatic

To heaven's roscate ray,

And whispers in all of love and trust,

Of an eternal New Year's Day.

A. F. A. W.

New Year's Day, 1874.

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Original Correspondence.

CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. J. Hogg's letter with close attention, but I feel forced to confess both my surprise at it, and my dissent from it. I think very few would suppose, who heard or read his speech, that, by the words, a "Masonic institution with which he was connected," he alluded to the "Lodge of Benevolence. What the similarity between that valued body and a charitable institution can be, I, for one, cannot understand. The Lodge of Benevolence is purely, so to say, a distributive body, and has nothing to do, either with the collection of funds, or the arrangements of an institution. A worse analogy could not well be found.

I also entirely differ from Bro. Hogg, as to his calm proposal to take away the voting rights of all the subscribers to the Masonic charities, and to give the selection to the elected members of the Lodge of Benevolence, or to some similar central body.

For ten years I had the honour to preside over the Charity Committees of West Yorkshire, and in that capacity had to consider and study carefully the whole question of our Masonic charities. I feel quite certain, that, had Bro. Hogg as much practical acquaintance as it has been my lot to acquire, respecting their actual working, he would at once retreat from the position he has so hastily taken up, namely, that of suggesting a hopeless and impracticable change.

Our Masonic charitable institutions are on the whole, working very well, and much of their extended support arises from the fact of the candidates being able to receive and profit by local efforts and individual exertions. Were everything left to the stereotyped forms and routine proceedings of a central committee, much of the provincial interest and zeal would soon evaporate, or concentrate itself on a local charity, or a provincial institution.

Having watched the working of our system carefully for many years, I am certain of this, that, on the whole in the long run, the proper candidates get in, and sure I am sure of this too, that if any cases do not succeed, it is either from some defect in the case itself, or that the zeal and energy of its supporters have not been properly or sufficiently called into play.

I do not see what possible good could accrue, though I do fancy a considerable amount of harm could be done to our Masonic charities, were Bro. Hogg's suggestion seriously entertained, as, however, well-intentioned, it is, I feel convinced, that, it is impracticable. That one or two reforms may be introduced into the working of our educational institutions, I for one am not prepared to deny, but they are purely within the competence of the house committees, and of the general body of subscribers, but certainly in no sense, in my humble opinion, could the reforms suggested by Bro. Hogg tend to the present or future welfare of our Masonic charities.

I am, yours sincerely, and fraternally,
A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see by last week's *Freemason* that the Rev. P. G. D. Perrott, *M.A.*, has been elected Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but I miss the familiar prefix "Brother" before his name.

I beg to call your attention to what no doubt is an error, a slight one no doubt, but still an error; for I feel sure that the committee could not have thought of appointing a Head Master who was not a Mason, when there were so many Masonic candidates of high attainments from whom to select.

Who, I ask, would be most likely to cultivate amongst his pupils a love of the grand old brotherhood which shelters and educates the offspring of its indigent members—he who had spent his life in Masonry or, he who, though

advancing to middle life, has thought so little of our noble institution as to deem it unworthy to receive him into its ranks? Like Brutus, "I pause for a reply."

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have an understanding in our lodge that honorary members have a right to vote on all occasions, except when any money is voted for any purpose, and that they have a right to hold any office.

I am, yours fraternally,
J.W.M.

SCOTCH CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A few weeks ago you commented with a great deal of truth on the backwardness of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in establishing and maintaining Institutions like those of which England is so justly proud—her Benevolent Institution and the Schools for Boys and Girls. I was in hopes that some abler pen would have taken up the subject, some one who from his position in the Craft might have had greater weight amongst Scotch Masons, for I am convinced that it only wants to be brought properly before the brethren to meet with a favourable response. In proof of this assertion, and also to show to our English brothers that we do not quite forget the Masonic Charities, as well as to place on record the good which even one humble member can accomplish, I will briefly state a few facts. In the early part of this summer Bro. Jacob Bright, a P.M. of Prudence Lodge, 632, New York, found himself ill, and unknown. In the streets of Glasgow, he accidentally met with Bro. Charles Richmond, a poor man, but a true Mason, who at once treated him as a brother, giving him food and paying for his lodging; but Bro. Bright, though deeply thankful, did not like to trespass too much on his kindness. He therefore went to get work as a dock labourer till his failing strength prevented him earning any thing. He had with him no diploma or any other documentary proof of the statement that he had been either a Mason or the Master of a lodge, Bro. Richmond did not wait for this though, he wrote to some friends in New York, and Bro. Mitchell, himself a P.M., having a sister going to New York, also instituted enquiries, but before an answer arrived the brother was removed to the Royal Infirmary, to a bed always kept by Lodge 332. While here he was attended to by Bro. Richmond and his wife, who deserves to have a Mason for a husband, for three times a week she went nearly three miles to see him and take him little comforts.

But it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to call him to the Grand Lodge above. The two Bros. named, with Bro. Cunningham, of 116, and Harper, 408, in a few hours and from a few friends collected enough to bury our departed brother, and had a surplus of over £14, as the Treasurer of the Provincial Benevolent Fund found a coffin and hearse, and the Clyde Lodge, who have a large grave of their own, allowed him to rest in front of the granite monolith that bears 408 engraved on it, to mark the resting place of those of her members who have not vaults of their own. A committee has been formed to serve for like contingencies in future, and the £14 invested. This short narrative shows not only that the spirit of benevolence exists amongst our private members, but also that we have lodges with public graves, and others who provide beds in the hospitals for those who may require them, and further that we have also a Provincial Benevolent Fund. It therefore only requires that those in the purple, our rulers in Edinburgh, and their representatives in the provinces, should bestir themselves to utilise this feeling and make it national, so that we may get rid of the reproach that as a grand body they do so little for the Masonic charities. It only wants them to put on the effort, there are plenty of Charles Richmonds in Scotland, with as good hearts and longer purses, if they are only properly applied to. I trust, Sir, you will return

to the subject and stir up those in power to greater activity, for undoubtedly, "Charity is the brightest gem that adorns the Masonic profession."

I am, yours sincerely and fraternally,
G. W. W.

Glasgow, Dec. 29th, 1873.

FREEMASONRY IN ITALY.

Lodges Areopagus—Concordia.

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

To our worthy Bro, Alex. Gallico, London.
Beloved Brother.

The Virtuosi Lodge, Lodge, G.O. of Leghorn, under the auspices of the Sup. Lodge G.O., having its seat in Palermo, is always happy when the triumph of Masonic principles and ideas is secured. Feeling this, it unanimously voted two addresses, the first one to our Prov. Bro. G.M. of the G.O., Sup. Couns. of Brazils in the valley Lavradio, Viscount Di Rio Bianco, now President of the Council of Ministers of the Brazilian Empire, who powerfully defended our brothers against the demands of the irreconcilable priests. The other address is to Sir Henry Richards, who on the 8th of June succeeded, in your Parliament, in obtaining the triumph of the grand Masonic idea of permanent international arbitration.

Be so kind as to publish both these addresses in your esteemed Masonic newspaper, and while begging you to accept in the name also of the Grand Lodge Ancient Virtuosi, the best thanks, I greet you with the mystical fraternal love, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

ANSELMO CARPI, 33°.

Via della Pace, 14.
(Seal.)

Orator.

A.G.D.G.A.D.U.

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The Grand Lodge Areop, and Anziani Virtuosi, under the auspices of the Supr. Couns. G.O. of Italy, having its seat in Palermo, to the Honorable Sir Henry Richard, M.P.

Greeting and Brotherhood,

G.O., of Leghorn, the 8th day of the 8th month of the year of the true light 5873, commonly indicated as 1873.

The splendid result obtained by your good self in the House of Commons on the 8th of June, 1873, has filled with joy the hearts of all us Freemasons of the respectable lodge Anziani Virtuoso, G.O. of Leghorn, as by your obtaining the acknowledgment that International arbitration shall become the absolute rule in the new law of nations, you co-operated to the end that this principle of so many ages, and insisted upon so vigorously by Freemasonry, should finally become a solemn fact.

Accordingly, Dear Sir and Bro., we brother Masons of the respectable lodge O. of Leghorn, both as Italians and in the name also of all our brothers of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch rite, under the auspices of the Supreme Council, having its seat in Palermo, genuine friends of peace and liberty, hereby tender to you the feelings and expressions of our deep respect and admiration, and we beg your acceptance of our best wishes for your happiness for so noble an achievement, and remain,

Respected Sir and Brother,

Your obedient Servants,

(Signed) Franco Andrean, Ven. 33°

B. Cardinali, 2nd.

Anselmo Carpi, Speaker.

Giacomo Terrano, Sec.

R. Piperno, 30°.

(L.S.)

Universal Freemasonry.

Italian Branch.

Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood.

The Respectable Lodges Areop., and Ancient Virtuosi, under the auspices of the Supreme Council Grand Orient of Italy, having its seat in Palermo, to the Noble and Powerful Coun. Grand Master of the G. O., and of the

Supreme Council of Brazils, Valley of the Lavradio, Viscount of Rio Bianco.
Greeting and Brotherhood.

Or. of Leghorn on the 8th day of the 8th month of the year of the true light 5873, commonly called 1873.

This Respectable Lodge was deeply moved on learning from the public papers the noble conduct observed by you in resisting the overbearing of the priests against our Brethren.

Your conduct was that of a true Mason, and praiseworthy, as by your eloquence you proved that Freemasonry emanates from Light and wishes progress and truth.

The Respectable Lodges Areopagus and Ancient Virtuosi, of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite, having its seat, in Palermo could not be indifferent to your conduct, but unanimously decreed the resolution which we hereby cheerfully communicate to you, giving you the pleasing intelligence that your name is already entered in the Album of the Honorary members of this Respectable Lodge, with the tr. myst. grip, whereby we fraternally greet you.

The Ven.

(Signed) Franco Andream, 33°.
Notary Antonio Cer, 33°, 1st.
E. Cardinali, 3°, 2nd.
Anselmo Carpi, Orator, 33°
The Sec. Giacomo Terracine.
R. Piperno, 39°, Seal and Stamp Keeper.
(Seal)

Notary.—A. Cer, 33°.

Extract from the Book of Architecture of the Respectable Lodge Ancient V. of the G. O. of Leghorn, at the meeting held on the 24th day of VIII. month of the year of True Light 5873, commonly known as 24 September, 1873.

Whereas it is the duty of a true and good Mason to oppose, to the best of his ability and with all his might, the overbearing and usurpation of the clergy.

Whereas further, the clergy is doing its utmost to render the altar the seat of ignorance and superstition, and to revive the inquisition with all its horrors and excommunications, considering that the Gr. Com. G. O. and Supreme Counselor of Brazils in the Valley of Lavradio, Viscount of Rio. Bianco, President of the Counsel of Ministers of the Brazilian Empire vigorously defended the rights of Freemasons against the tyranny of the clergy.

And Whereas he succeeded in securing before the representatives of the country the triumph and rights of Freemasons, and to bring under the arm of the law the bishops, our implacable enemies.

Whereas he thus fulfilled a duty and rendered a real service to our institution. Whereas the Prov. Grand Com. G. O. Viscount of Rio Bianco, by this his noble deed has deserved the goodwill of the Great Widow.

The Lodge Areopago, Cap. A. V. G.O., of Leghorn, of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite, by order of the Supr. Conns., having its seat in Palermo,

RESOLVES,

That greetings of true admiration and deep-felt congratulations be and are hereby sent to the R. and Powerful G. Com. Grand M. of the G.O. of Brazils, in the valley of the Lavradio, Viscount of Rio Bianco :—

That, as an acknowledgment of his noble conduct, this lodge is proud of inscribing him among its honorary members.

That this resolution be at once transmitted to the noble Bro. G. Com., and G.M. of Rio Bianco.

Examined and found in accordance with the original at the..... of Leghorn, this..... day of the VIII. month, of the year of the true light 5873, commonly known as 1873.

October, 1873.

(Seal)

Mr. Henry Richard, M.P., has recently sent the following reply to the address presented to him by the Lodge Anziani Virtuosi, by order of the G.O. of Palermo, in reference to his motion of 8th July last, on international arbitration.

Hotel Bretagne, Vienna, 7th Nov., 1873.
Dear Sir,

Owing to my absence it is only now that I have received the communication of the worthy society represented by you, wherein they congratulate me for the success of my motion in the House of Commons on the 8th July.

Be so good as to tender my thanks to the gentlemen belonging to your Masonic Order of Leghorn, for the kind words and hearty sympathy addressed to me, and to assure them that it has given me sincere pleasure to receive such an address after the difficulties I have encountered in the English Parliament in upholding the principles of reason, justice, and humanity.

In future my work will be weak in comparison with the support which the generous Italian nation will surely give to this principle.

I have the honour to remain, dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) HENRY RICHARD.

A. Carpi, Esq., Speaker of the Lodge Anziani Virtuosi, Leghorn.

VISIT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE TO THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE (No. 487).

There was a large gathering of Freemasons at the Masonic Hall, St. Mary's-street, Portsmouth, on Monday, 22nd ult., to celebrate the opening of the premises of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, after their restoration. The new lodge room is generally admitted to be one of the finest in this part of England, both for the convenience of its arrangements and its acoustic properties. In the restoration of the building the present W.M. of the Portsmouth Lodge (Bro. George S. Lancaster) has been untiring in his exertions, and it is mainly to his energy that the lodge is indebted for its completion during the present year.

In order to give additional *eclat* to the ceremony of Monday, the W.M. had invited the attendance of the Provincial Grand Master, (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, besides several other distinguished Masons of Portsmouth and the neighbourhood. The lodge was opened at 4.30, the W.M. presiding, with Bros. J. Astridge, A.S., as Senior Warden, and J. Maltby, Junior Warden, the other officers of the lodge present being Bros. Ubsdell, I.P.M.; E. M. Wells, F.M., and Treasurer; M. E. Frost, P.M., Secretary; T. Moore, S.D.; E. Bunting, J.D.; W. Barnes, Organist; George Bond, I.G. The Provincial Grand Master was accompanied by the following officers of Grand Lodge:—Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D.P.G.M.; the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, No. 175, S.G.W.; Henry Cawte, No. 1069, J.G.W.; M. E. Frost, No. 488, G.T.; W. Hickman, No. 130, G.S., P.G.A.D.C., Eng.; J. E. Le Feuvre, No. 130, G.S.; G. H. De Fraigne, No. 257, G.S.D.; E. Sheppard, No. 76, G.J.D.; Dyson, No. 394, G.S.W.; Sleeman, W.M., No. 903, G.S.B.; G. Stewards: Bros. Moore, No. 487; C. Cox, No. 394; R. J. Rastrick, No. 1,069, and H. F. Cox, No. 804.

The Past Provincial Grand Officers present were—Bros. J. Ogburn, P.P.G.W.; H. Ford, P.P.G.W.; S.D. Forbes, P.P.G.W. Essex; J. Morgan, P.P.G.R.; Bradbear, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Ford, P.P.G.W.; J. J. Galt, P.P.G.D.; E. G. Holbrook, P.P.G.D.C.; Tuohy, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Rake, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. Cudlipp, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Batchelor, P.P.G. Supt. of Works. The lodges in the locality were represented by Bros. Legh Bailey, W.M. 257; S. R. Ellis, W.M. 342; Capt. Trower, W.M. 1428; R. Brown, W.M. 1069; Francis, W.M. 804; Martin, W.M. 1461; C. B. Whitcombe, P.M. 903; and among the other brethren present were Bros. R. D. King, 447; J. Thompson, 654; Bradford, 1069; Bourke, 355; J. J. W. Moody, 1069; H. J. Guy, 1069, and others.

The attendance of the members of the Portsmouth Lodge was also unusually numerous, and included Bros. Sherman, J. E. Ivimry, G. Wenderover, H. Threadingham, F. N. Cunningham, C. Groom, E. Lancaster, Anderson, R. W. Beale, J. Clay, Ahronsberg, and others.

A P.M.'s jewel, of the finest workmanship,

was presented to the W.M. (Bro. Lancaster) in the lodge, by the Prov. G.M. In making the presentation the R.W. Prov. G.M. spoke of the lodge room, as now restored, in terms of the highest praise, and said it was a credit, not only to the Freemasons of Portsmouth, but to the province generally. He then referred to the services of the W.M. during the past year, which were deserving of the gratitude of his lodge, and said it afforded him great pleasure to be present on that occasion. He then presented the jewel to Bro. Lancaster, amidst the applause of the brethren. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

“Portsmouth Lodge, 487. Presented to Bro. G. S. Lancaster, P.M., by the brethren of the Portsmouth Lodge, 487, as an acknowledgment of his zeal and constant attention to the duties of the lodge during his year of office, 1873; also to commemorate the restoration of the lodge premises, of which he was mainly instrumental.”

Bro. Lancaster acknowledged the presentation in feeling terms, and said he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

The lodge having been closed, a *recherché* banquet was served in the new supper room, which was attended by about 80 of the brethren, and was presided over by the W.M., who was supported by the P.G.M. and the other distinguished visitors.

“The Queen and the Craft,” “The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon, K.G.,” “H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M.,” and “The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of Grand Lodge,” were given from the chair by the W.M.

In responding to the latter toast, Bro. W. Hickman, Prov. G. Sec. (P.G.D.C. of England), said Lord Carnarvon was well known to most of the brethren present as one who was highly esteemed in every relation of life, whether they regarded him when performing his high functions in Grand Lodge, or when coming amongst them and adding lustre to their assemblies in the provinces, or when fulfilling his important duties in the Imperial Legislature, or when coming among them to promote the arts and sciences and the general welfare of the people. Everywhere he was welcomed, and he was one of those who added lustre to the kingdom over which our gracious Queen reigns, and added stability to this great Empire. He believed that the other officers of Grand Lodge endeavoured to fulfil their respective duties to the best of their ability, so that Masonry might not only advance, but influence the minds of all who came within its sphere. He believed that in this province Masonry was advancing, and was now placed upon a very solid basis. Their Prov. Grand Master, took very great and earnest care of all that concerned the province.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.” was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that the brethren took it as a great compliment that the R.W. Prov. G.M. had honoured them with his presence. He had distinguished himself, not only in the Masonic fraternity, but as a member of the greatest institution in the country—the House of Commons—and when they found a brother like him in the position of Provincial Grand Master, who was willing to give up a certain amount of time to the benefit of Masonry in general, they ought to be very grateful to him.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was greeted with much heartiness, said he begged to express his sincere and warm thanks to them for the very cordial manner in which they had received his health. It gave him the greatest gratification to attend there, and indeed he should be most unmindful of the interests of Masonry in that province if he did not take an opportunity, when it was in his power, of attending an important lodge in such a large centre of Freemasonry as Portsmouth. The W.M. had alluded to his public duties, and, no doubt, they took up a great deal of one's time and rendered it, perhaps, impossible to devote so much time to Freemasonry, however much one might desire to do so, as he otherwise would. But if they managed their

time properly, there was a time for a great many things, and he must say that among the duties which he strove to carry out was his duty to Freemasonry. He might not do it to the extent he ought, but still he always tried to do his best. It had given him the greatest pleasure to attend that lodge, and to see the flourishing way in which it was carried on. He saw, in an important town like this, the Portsmouth Lodge flourishing and like to flourish in the future, and he could not too much congratulate the brethren of this locality upon the event. It was extremely gratifying to those who had the honour to rule over the Craft to see lodges in their province flourishing. In the present day it was extremely necessary for the brethren to devote their utmost attention to promoting the efficiency of their respective lodges. Freemasonry was increasing to an unprecedented extent; but they had a deep responsibility cast upon them. Freemasonry had existed, as they knew, almost from time immemorial; it had flourished, more or less, at different times, but it had never been suffered to dwindle into insignificance. Attacks had been made upon their Order in previous ages, and they were not exempt from those attacks now. Their order stood arraigned before different tribunals, but the attacks made upon it only recoiled in the same manner as the waves did from the shore. They knew why—because they trusted to those principles which had been the mainstay of the Order in former ages, and which would be in the future. Let them, then, be specially careful not to give cavillers and objectors any ground on which to rest their objections. Let every brother feel that he had a stake in the matter, and take a pride in promoting, in his individual capacity, the efficiency of the Order to which he belonged. If any brother were to do an un-masonic act, anything wrong, which the principles of their Order would reprobate, he ought to feel not only that he was doing something wrong according to his individual judgment, but that he was bringing a stigma upon the Order. In the same way any one who joined their Order, having previously within him an incentive to do right, the principles there inculcated would lend an additional weight to the impulses of nature. He believed that a brother who paid deep attention to their principles could not fail to be powerfully influenced by them, and if that was the case, objections which were made to them from other quarters must in the end be powerless and fail to have the slightest effect. In other countries, as well in this, Freemasonry was flourishing. There might be countries where it was not of the like importance that it was in England, but he was certain of one thing—that Freemasons in every part of the world did regard Freemasonry in England as of the highest importance. Let then, English Freemasons, be especially careful to promote the same respect for themselves. There was nothing, probably, which contributed more to promote good feeling between the respective nations than the amicable intercourse which Freemasonry gave them an opportunity of enjoying; there never was a period in the history of the world when the facilities of intercourse gave the opportunities to the Freemasons of different nations of cultivating amity and good will so much as at the present time, and he trusted that from Freemasons, numbering so many as they did in every part of the world, in the end greater good feeling among the nations would result. He knew they could not fail to produce some happy and lasting effects. He would only once more thank them most sincerely for the kind manner in which they had received them. He hoped success would continue to attend the Portsmouth Lodge, and he assured them he should be encouraged in the discharge of his duties by the very kind support extended to him by the brethren of every lodge in the province which he had the honour and gratification of presiding over.

The W.M. next proposed "The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. R. Stebbing." He referred to the fact that Bro. Stebbing was a member of the Portsmouth Lodge, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing him present.

The very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. R. Stebbing) made a very feel-

ing and able reply. He referred to his long connection with the lodge, he having some thirty-two years ago constituted and consecrated it, and he said nothing pleased him more than to see the lodge not only flourishing but in the occupation of premises worthy of its great historic name, and of the success which had attended it. It was very pleasing to find that they always drank the health of the Provincial Grand Officers and of the officers of the Grand Lodge, because, although Masonry did not depend upon grand lodges, as men of order they paid due attention to their Grand Officers. The Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master then gave some information with respect to the past history of Freemasonry and its influence upon the arts and sciences at different periods, referring to St. Paul's Cathedral as a perpetual monument of the triumph of the principles of Masonry. In the course of an eloquent peroration the Deputy Provincial Grand Master exhorted the brethren to regard it as a sacred duty to transmit to posterity the fire of its youth and the undying excellence of the principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. J. J. Galt gave "The Visitors," and Bro. Legh L. G. Bailey, W.M., No. 257, in responding, congratulated the W.M. on having been successful in his endeavour to restore the lodge, which reflected the highest credit on himself and the brethren connected with it, and also upon the province. He thanked the Prov. G.M. and the Deputy Prov. G.M. for their remarks, saying it was the principles of Masonry which they ought to keep steadily in view, and if they lost sight of them their Order would become as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

Bro. Phillips, No. 173 (Yorkshire), also responded. Speaking from a long experience, he could state that their lodge was hardly to be equalled in the provinces, as regarded space and acoustics, but he remarked upon the want of suitable accommodation.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., in giving "The Worshipful Master of Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487," said he knew full well the feelings entertained towards him by the members of the lodge, and therefore it was a very easy task for him to introduce the toast. Their Worshipful Master had had a prosperous year, and they knew how much his exertions had tended to the efficiency of the lodge. It was a great advantage to a lodge when it had a Worshipful Master whose ability enabled him to discharge his duty well, and he was sure every member felt that their fullest thanks were due to the W.M. for his exertions during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said that when twelve months ago he accepted office, he felt he was accepting a very great responsibility, but he had endeavoured to do his duty. It was a satisfaction to him to see that meeting that night. They had had anxious moments, but when, shortly after his election to the post of W.M., his esteemed friend Dr. Frost took him round the building and shewed him what could be done he felt it was the right thing to accomplish, and made up his mind to do his utmost to carry it out. He gave "The Present and Past Wardens of the Province, and Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, Prov. G. S. Warden, said there were many thoroughly efficient Masons amongst the present and past officers who did their work most creditably, and it would be extraordinary if such were not the case, when they had such brilliant examples as the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M., who he ventured to say, even in their presence, were second to none in the excellent way in which they performed their various duties.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master next proposed "The Past Masters of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, and Prosperity to the Lodge," coupled with the names of P.M.'s Ubsdell and Forbes, who responded.

Among the other toasts were "The Worshipful Master Elect of the Portsmouth Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Maltby, and "The Officers of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487," proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. E. M. Wells.

Bro. F. G. Bradbear, Past Provincial Grand

Registrar, and Past Provincial Grand Organist kindly presided at the piano, and also sang several songs, contributing, as usual, very materially to the enjoyment of the company.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January, 9, 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, January 3.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

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, January 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.

" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

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. 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.

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

Tuesday, January 6.

Colonial Board, at 3.

Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.

" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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

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

Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, 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. Crawley, 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, January 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

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 8th.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters-road, Holloway.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.

Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

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 9.

Lodge 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.

K. T. Preceptory Mount Calvary, London Tavern, Bishops-gate-street.

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.

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For the Week ending Saturday, January 10, 1874.

Monday, January 5.

Lodge 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, January 6.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, January 7.

Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (316), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, January 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

" 786, Croxeth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Friday, January 8.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.

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For the week ending Saturday, January 10, 1874.
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Monday, January 5.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 129, St. Mirren, Mason's Hall, Paisley.

Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, January 6.

Lodge 34, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, January 7.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 113, Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, January 8.

Provincial Grand Lodge, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, January 9.

Lodge 119, Star, 12, Trongate.

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Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 33, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.30.

" 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.

" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, January 8.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

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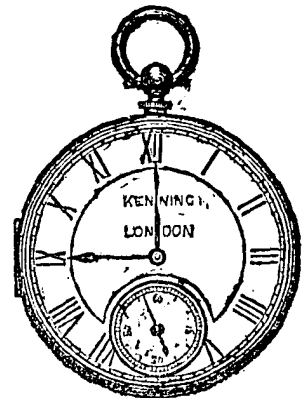
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