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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BOLTON.—*Anchor and Hope Lodge* (No. 37).—The usual monthly meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Monday, 2nd February. The lodge was opened in form at 6 o'clock, when there were present Bros. Wm. Slater, W.M.; James Walker, S.W.; W. H. Horrocks, J.W.; John Sharples, Treasurer; Edwin Ainsworth, Secretary; R. Knill Freeman S.D.; James Brown, J.D.; Samuel Crowther, I.G.; James Walsh, Organist; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G. Deacon; John Robinson, S. Isherwood, James Newton, R. W. Knowles, James Pilkington, P.M.; Walter Pennington, W.M. 678; James Heap, 1170, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. For practice of the officers the lodge was opened up to the third degree and closed down to the 1st. A portion of the antient charges having been read, the lodge was finally closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

HULL.—*Humber Lodge* (No. 57).—The members of this old and influential lodge held their annual charity ball, in the public room, on Friday, the 30th Jan., which resulted in one of the most numerous and enjoyable gatherings which has ever taken place under the auspices of this lodge. The ball was under the patronage of the Mayor (Bro. John L. Seaton), the Sheriff (Bro. Charles Wells), the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the W. Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., S.G.D. of England, and P.D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; Bro. C. Sykes, M.P., P.S.P.G.W.; Bro. C. M. Norwood, M.P.; Bro. J. W. Pease, M.P.; Bro. A. Bannister, J.P., P.M. 57, P.P.G.D.; and Bro. Taylor, J.P., W.M. 1447. The W.M., officers, and brethren of the other Hull lodges, together with those of the "St Germain's" Lodge, Selby, "St. Matthew's" Lodge, Barton, and "Sykes" Lodge, Driffield, also appeared on the list of patrons; and it was not surprising that, with such distinguished countenance and support, the event should have been regarded with so much pleasurable interest. The visitors began to arrive at nine o'clock, and the constant rattle of carriages along Albion-street told of a numerous company of ladies and gentlemen who had accepted the invitation of the committee to take part in the pleasures of their annual assembly. On entering the ball-room, at eleven o'clock, a scene of great splendour presented itself. The interior of the public-rooms is so elegantly decorated that little extraneous aid was needed in that department, but the silk bannerets displayed on the scarlet facade of the orchestra, while mirrors were placed in the recesses, and the lounges round the room were draped with crimson cloth, which imparted to the hall a warm and cozy appearance. A company of about 170 ladies and gentlemen had assembled, including many visitors from the neighbourhood, and it was at once evident, from the air of comfort and luxury that prevailed, that pleasure was the order of the night.

The members of the Craft appeared in full Masonic costume, whilst the officers of the naval reserve forces wore their uniforms, and the rich colours of the ladies' attire combined to make up a spectacle of surpassing gaiety and animation. The Worshipful Masters of the Kingston and Minerva Lodges (Bros. P. Stromer and H. Haigh), together with several of the other officers and members, were present, thus testifying a spirit of fraternity which is an essential feature of the Craft. The three great essentials of an enjoyable ball—namely, good music, good light, and a good floor—were all present. The latter had been covered with white holland, which besides preventing dust, presented an admirable surface for the Terpsichorean exercises of the evening. For hours "fair women and brave men" mingled in the picturesque gyrations of the set dances, or in the more exhilarating waltz or galop, and when "Music arose with its voluptuous swell," the motto of the party evidently seemed to be "On with the dance! let joy be unconfined." At twelve o'clock a sumptuous supper was served in one of the ante-rooms, and the appearance of the tables elicited the greatest admiration, adorned as they were with elegant vases and epergnes filled with delicious flowers. The W.M., Bro. Henry Preston, presided at the principal table, Bros. Dr. Hay, P.M., and W. Kemp, P.M., filling the chairs at the side tables, while the S.W., Bro. Boggot, assisted by the Deacons, officiated as Vice-chairmen. The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and the "Health of the Worshipful Master of the Humber Lodge" was drunk with great applause. Bro. Henry Preston suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to him. After supper dancing was resumed with equal, if not greater zest, and was continued until an early hour in the morning, it being the unanimous opinion of all present that this was one of the most successful and brilliant gatherings ever witnessed in Hull in connection with the Masonic order. During the evening Bro. J. L. Seaton and a party of his friends entered the ball-room, and they were received with every manifestation of welcome, the Mayor remaining some time, and seeming to take a warm interest in the proceedings. One of the ante-rooms adjoining the ball-room was handsomely fitted up as a retiring chamber for those who wished to rest during the intervals of the dance; and tables, chairs, and lounges were comfortably disposed about the apartment by Bro. Geo. Leggot (Messrs. Audos and Leggot, Paragon-street). Bro. J. Walker ably discharged his duties as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Haigh as Master of Ceremonies.

KENDAL.—*Union Lodge* (No. 129).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, at the Masonic Rooms, Stramongate. The W.M., Bro. Henry Rauthmell, was supported by Bros. Joseph Birtley, S.W.; F. C. Grayson, J.W.; R. J. Nelson, Hon. Sec.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Jas. Gooding, S.D.; Thos. Cooper, I.G.; G. McKay, W. H. Akerigg, Thos. A. P. Strouvelle, D. Cleary, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the first and second degrees. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., &c., then took the chair, at the invitation of the W.M., and Bro. Strouvelle claiming preferment, and giving proof of proficiency, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, Bro. Strouvelle, re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The degree was given in ample form, and the brethren evinced the greatest interest in the working. The lodge was closed down and the brethren adjourned until the morrow, when they met at three o'clock to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Birtley, and to celebrate the festival of St. John the Divine. There was an unusually large gathering of brethren, and its composition went to prove that Masonry knows no parties, either political or religious. Although the town of Kendal was at the time the scene of a strong political contest, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Colonel Whitwell, on the one side, and Bro. Saunders, of Wellington Hall, on the other, were present, and contributed much to the harmony of the meeting. The lodge was opened punctually at three by the W.M., Bro. Henry Rauthmell, when the minutes were confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree,

when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.R., to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. John Holme, P.M., P.P.G.W., then presented Bro. Joseph Birtley, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The presentation was at once attended to, and the ceremony worked in its amplest form: After the newly-installed Master had been saluted and proclaimed in the several degrees, and the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren had been delivered, the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. H. Rauthmell, I.P.M.; J. J. Talbot, S.W.; Jas. Gooding, J.W.; Rev. W. Chaplain, M.A., Chap; W. Doubleday, Treas.; F. C. Grayson, Hon. Sec.; T. Cooper, S.D.; W. Cranston, J.D.; J. McKay, I.G.; and D. Cleary, Tyler. An interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation of a gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. Henry Rauthmell from the brethren whom he had initiated during his year of office. The presentation was made by Bro. McKay. The auditors made their report, which showed a balance in favour of the lodge of above £80. There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for the banquet, which was served up in Bro. Barrow's best style. The grace before and after meat was said by the Chaplain. The W.M., Bro. Jas. Bintley, presided, and was supported by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bros. Whitwell, J. Saunders, John Bowes, P.H.D., F.R.G.S., S. Gawick, John Holme, H. Rauthmell, Drs. Page, Leeming, Noble, Matthews, and about fifty other brethren. The loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm, and the latter with Masonic honours, under the direction of Bro. Bowes. Bro. Holme, P.M., P.P.G. Warden, proposed "The Grand Masters of neighbouring Provinces," and in doing so referred to them in highly complimentary terms. He said in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Bowes, it afforded him pleasure to refer to the able and impressive manner in which that brother had discharged the duties of Installing Master that day. All present had been greatly edified, and none would soon forget their obligations to Bro. Bowes. In acknowledging the compliment Bro. Bowes assured the brethren that the Prov. G. Master of the neighbouring province of East and West Lancashire and Cheshire had the true interests of Freemasonry at heart. Personally he felt amply repaid for any little sacrifice of time if his rendering of their beautiful ritual had met with the approval of his brethren. He always felt "at home" in the Union Lodge, No. 129, and when asked by Bro. Rauthmell to undertake the duty of Installing Master he felt proud to accede to the request. The D.G. Master proposed "The Health of the W.M." He had known Bro. Bintley, long and intimately, and he was quite sure the brethren had done themselves honour in unanimously electing that brother to the office. The duties of the office were very responsible ones, and he was confident that they would be discharged in an able and punctual manner. The W.M. said he was very grateful for the warm reception they had given to the toast. He fully appreciated their kindness and would do his best to justify their choice. He hoped ere long they would have a home of their own. He had prepared plans and he hoped during his year of office to see steps taken to carry out the plans, and then they could meet in their own Masonic Hall. He was a man of deeds more than words, and therefore he would conclude by again thanking the brethren for the handsome compliment they had paid him. The remaining toasts included "The Past Masters and Officers of No. 129," "The Wardens," "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. Mills, Bell, Godfrey, and others, all of whom spoke of the pleasure they had experienced in witnessing the ceremony of the day. "The Masonic Charities," was proposed by Bro. Bowes, and the Tyler's toast, most impressively given by the W. Prov. G. Master, brought the interesting proceedings to a close.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No 205).—The members of the above lodge assembled at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Tuesday the 27th inst., to witness the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. C. F. Hogard, the W.M. for

the past year, very wisely cleared off the remaining portion of his duties at a Lodge of Emergency called a week previous. Upon that occasion he conferred the third degree upon Bros. Jones, Passington and Pardo, passed to the second degree, Bros. Crossthwaite, Webb, Fryberg, Painter and Stokey, and initiated Messrs. Van Minden, Reutsh, Reece, and Schumian. The preliminary business of the present meeting being disposed of the installation of Bro. Joel Emanuel, the W.M. elect, was proceeded with. With remarkable fluency and impressiveness did Bro. Hogard perform his onerous task. The delivery of the addresses elicited hearty applause. The newly installed Master at once appointed his officers as follows:—Hogard, I.P.M.; Buckland, S.W.; Lionel Jacobs, J.W., Coote, P.M. Treasurer; A. M. Cohen, P.M. Secretary; Anerhahn, S.D.; J. B. Cohen, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Cable, D.C.; Bassington, W. S.; Vesper, Tyler. To the Wardens he addressed some excellent words of advice, especially urging upon them the necessity of attending lodges of Instruction as the best means of perfecting themselves in the duties of their respective offices, a mode of obtaining Masonic knowledge a credible authority avers, the new Master has himself never thought proper to adopt. The next duty the new Master had to perform was to initiate Bro. Wilkes, into the mysteries of the order. Although his rendering of the beautiful ritual was not such as the fastidious might admire or even approve of still the earnestness of the new Master and his evident desire to excel, sufficiently indicate that time and perseverance may hereafter enable him to perform his duties with average ability. When the labours of the lodge were concluded, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and ample justice having been done to the repast, the cloth was removed and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts given. Here it should be mentioned (it is done with great regret and deemed necessary only as a warning to others) that the new Master in proposing the health of the Queen permitted himself to drift into remarks of a decidedly biased political nature, thereby violating one of the first, most important and strongly inculcated principles of the Craft, namely, "in our assemblies to abstain from every religious or political discussion." It is true the new Master is but young and evidently inexperienced. This fact, as well as the loyalty of those present, in whom the very mention of "Her Majesty" is sufficient to excite the liveliest enthusiasm, fully accounts for the quiet manner the speaker was listened to and allowed to pass without rebuke. The various other toasts were given with remarkable ability, for the new Master is an excellent and fluent speaker, yet his speeches were not received with any decided marks of approbation, probably from the fact of the speaker's phlegmatic temperament failing to excite the sympathies of his hearers. Hearty applause can only be secured when, however crude his diction, the speaker is spirited, means what he says, and whose words and sentiments find a ready response in the heart of those addressed. The bearing of the new Master towards his visitors was such as has probably never been seen in any Masonic lodge. Several of them had been specially invited. The Joppa, Tranquility, and Montefiore Lodges had sent their representatives. It was a sight to note the cool indifference and haughty disdain the young Master chose to exhibit towards those brethren. No word of welcome was uttered by him, nor did he even deign to bestow a glance upon them, or any other of the numerous visitors, and only in proposing their health did he show any sign that he was aware of their presence, and even that part of his duty was done superciliously. Although several W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present, none were noticed except the name of a Bro. Lumley, who had never served any office in the Craft, but who was his personal friend. Such conduct deserves censure, and can only be excused upon the ground of youth and inexperience. It is to be hoped the new Master will in future shape his behaviour more in consonance with the principles of the Order, and at least make a show of common courtesy, if he is incapable of entertaining the feelings of fraternal esteem and affection which constitute the chief charm of our Masonic reunions. A very pleasant

episode of the evening consisted of the presentation to Bro. Hogard, the I.P.M., a valuable gold Albert chain and elegant P.M. jewel. The present was well deserved, for Bro. Hogard has not only been efficient in and faithful to his duties, but has qualified himself for life governorship of all the institutions. He is, therefore, popular in the lodge, and deservedly held in high esteem among the brethren. On the obverse of the jewel were engraven the following words:— "Presented to Bro. C. F. Hogard, together with a gold chain, by the brethren of the Lodge of Israel, as a token of their fraternal regard and esteem, and for the great zeal and assiduity displayed by him in the discharge of his duties as W.M. during the year ending the 27th January, 1874." Bro. Hogard acknowledged the kindness of the brethren in brief, but feeling terms. Upon the appeal of Bro. A. M. Cohen, President, a sum of £10 odd was subscribed by the brethren in aid of the benevolent fund. There was no musical entertainment and but one song, which was well executed by Bro. Morris Abrahams, the proprietor of the Pavilion Theatre. Amongst the P.M.'s were observed:—Bros. Littauer, Coutts, Harris, Emanuel, etc. The visitors were Bros. Fowler, 511; Isaacs, 447, New York; Tinney, 1319; De Solla, W.M. 1017; Beckham, 749; Albert P. 188, 1017, 439, Representative Proxy Master, Mauritius; Nathan Moss, W.M., 188; L. Davids, 188; De Roog, 188; L. Davids, 188; Van Stavern, 188; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; A. W. Baker, 746; Van Vollen, 188; E. Gottheil, P.M. 141, and several others.

ORMSKIRK.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 580).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at 3 p.m. The brethren present were—the W.M., Bro. John Prescott, J.P., P.G.J.W. West Lancashire; Bros. J. Baxendale, P.G. Supt. of Works; Lambert, P.P.G.D.E.L.; C. Hill, P.M.; C. Oxley, P.M.; R. Thomas, P.M.; T. Jackson, P.M.; Jas. Bromley, P.M.; S. Wylde, P.M.; John Wells, S.W.; Fogg, S.D.; Jas. Sergeant, J.D., and about forty brethren. The lodge being duly opened, Mr. Braumwall, mining engineer, Ormskirk, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very impressive and effective manner. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. John Wells, of Liverpool, was presented by Bros. Prescott and Lambert to the Installing Master (Bro. Baxendale) as the brother unanimously elected to fill the duties of W.M. for the ensuing year. A board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Wells placed in the chair according to the antient rites and ceremonies. The following officers were then appointed and invested:—Bros. J. Prescott, I.P.M.; E. Ashton, S.W.; James Sergeant, J.W.; Lambert, Treas.; Bro. J. Aspenwall, Sec.; Bro. J. Fogg, S.D.; Jeffreys, J.D.; Charnock, I.G.; Wignall, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Prescott, for the very able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the W.M. during the past year, and also to Bro. J. Baxendale for his excellent services as Installing Master. Several propositions of a charitable nature having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. The brethren then retired to a banquet, provided by Bro. Young, in his well-known liberal style, which elicited the thanks of all the brethren. Bro. Wells, W.M., presided, supported by the following visitors:—Bros. Rev. Goggin, P.G.C.; Jones, P.M. 216; Sephton, W.M. 1086; McArthur, P.M. 1086; W. E. Edge, W.M., 1403, and several others, with the brethren previously named. During the evening Bro. Prescott was presented with a splendid P.M. jewel. Bro. Prescott replied in suitable terms. Some very excellent songs, glees, and duets were sung by Bros. Jones, Fogg, Winnow, Glover, and McArthur, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult., and was perhaps the most numerously as well as influentially attended of any gathering ever held in connection with the lodge. The meeting as usual, was at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, and the very large attendance clearly showed the popularity of Bro. Wm. Shortis, the

retiring W.M., and the excellence of the choice of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Davison. The cloud which for a time hung over the fortunes of the Derby Lodge, has, thanks to the indefatigable exertions of excellent Masons connected with it, been happily and permanently removed, and the great prosperity which has marked its past year's existence has been equalled by very few local lodges. The attendance on this occasion was, as we have said, most influential, the visitors, including about a score of W.M.'s and P.M.'s, brethren who have well and worthily won their Masonic "spurs," and the whole of the afternoon's proceedings were of an exceedingly pleasant and unanimous character. The lodge was opened about five o'clock, by Bro. W. Shortis, W.M., and amongst his supporters we observed, Bros. J. F. Jones, P.M.; R. Cain, P.M.; W. Stediford, P.M.; J. Davison, S.W.; J. W. Ballard, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M. Treas.; G. Hutchins, Hon. Sec.; G. Beeken, S.D.; W. S. Barker, J.D.; E. McSwiney, I.G.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Banning, P.G.O. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. Peters, P.G.S.D.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1049; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Dawson, P.M. 1034; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; J. Halton, W.M. 241; H. Williams, P.M. 1264; R. W. Holt, P.M. 1276; S. Haynes, P.M. 823; J. Holland, P.M. 823; J. Taylor, P.M. 1264; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 524; J. Parsons, P.M. 203; T. W. Sargent, W.M. 203; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; S. J. McGeorge, P.M. 241; W. Hughes, P.M. 1013; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; W. Boulton, W.M. 823; A. Davies, W.M. 1264; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; C. McNab, W.M. 1035; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; J. P. Gamble, 1264; H. Burrows, 673; T. Leighton, J.W.; 1264; J. S. Balmer, 1035; J. Gordon, 1264; W. G. Veale, 249; J. Abrahams, 1264; J. Archdeacon, 667; J. Wood, Treas., 1094, and others. The list of members included the names of Bros. Trevitt, Plaw, A. J. Henochsberg, W. Overend, M. Hart, J. M. Foote, I. Jacobs, A. Hart, D. L. Marcus, E. Griffiths, J. Ellis, M. Hynes, H. Vaughan, I. Platts, J. Rees, R. Crispe, H. Mendoza, F. H. Koster, G. Jelley, P. Armstrong, W. S. Balfour, J. Lipson, H. Dutton, J. D. McLaren, E. Foxall, J. Foxall, H. Inwards, W. Geves, F. Heaton, and B. Roberts. After the transaction of some routine business, the installing Master's chair was taken by Bro. Chesworth, P.M., who proceeded with much skill, unction, and impressiveness to place Bro. Davison in the chair of W.M. The W.M. subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, the charges being given by Bro. J. Hamer:—Bros. W. Shortis, I.P.M.; J. W. Ballard, S.W.; G. Hutchins, J.W.; G. Beeken, Sec.; T. Chesworth, Treas.; H. Vaughan, S.D.; E. McSwiney, J.D.; A. Hart, I.G.; R. Crispe, S.S.; M. Hart, J.S.; and W. G. Veale, Organist. Bro. M. Williamson, was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Shortis, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem of the members of the lodge. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the greatest enthusiasm. The bill of fare and toast list was a most artistic production, and was greatly enhanced by portraits of the W.M. and I.P.M., executed very cleverly by Bro. H. Burrows.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1021).—On Monday, 19th January, Sir James Ramsden, Prov. Grand Senior Warden for West Lancashire, who had been unanimously re-elected to the chair of K.S., was installed for the second year as Worshipful Master of Hartington Lodge, No. 1021. The installation ceremony took place at the New Lodge Room, Custom-house-buildings, in presence of a large muster of the Craft from lodges in the district, who testified their approbation of the choice of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, in having selected so distinguished a gentleman to the office of Prov. Grand Senior Warden. The year 1873 has been an

eventful one for Hartington Lodge, by the munificence of Sir James in contributing so largely to the charities, and the very costly and beautiful chairs and pedestals which he has presented to the lodge. Through the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Hon. F. B. Stanley, *M.P.*, who was detained in London, the ceremony of Installing was ably performed by Bro. Thos. Wylie, *P.P.G.R.*, assisted by a large board of Installed Masters. The Worshipful Master re-appointed his officers, and in investing them, the Installing Officer passed a high compliment for the very efficient manner in which the lodge had been worked during the year. At the close of business, the whole of the brethren were invited by the Worshipful Master to a sumptuous banquet at Furness Abbey Hotel. Among the invited were the following:—Bros. Hon. F. A. Stanley, *M.P.*, *D.P.G.M.*; Lord Muncaster, *M.P.*; John Whitwell, *M.P.*, *P.G.J.W.*; Capt. Mott, Prov. *G.S.W.* for C. and W.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. *G. Sec.*; Thos. Wylie, P. Prov. *G.J.W.*; Kennedy, Remington, Roper, Case, Thos. Dodgson, R. Pearson, Matthews, P. Masters, 995; Roger Dodgson, W.M. 995, *P.P.G.S.B.*; W. Postlethwaite, *S.W.* 995 and 1398; A. Ainslie, *J.W.* 995; Rev. J. Morgan, Vicar of Dalton Chapel, 1938; Baldwin, P.M.; Whiteside, W.M.; Dr. Horn, *J.W.* 1398; Bro. Worral, Silver, Ormandy, Graham, P. Master, Cornfield, W.M., Hooker, *S.W.*; Kershaw, *J.W.*; Jeavons, *Sec.*, 1225; J. T. Smith, *P.M.*, Mayor of Barrow, Henry Cook, *P.M.*, *P.P.G.R.* for C. and W.; Rev. J. S. Barrett, Vicar of Barrow; Allison, *P.M.*; Relph, *P.M.*; Cox, *P.M.*; Bagot, *I.P.M.*, 1021; and a large number of officers and brethren of 1021, and neighbouring lodges.

THE URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—On Tuesday, the 27th ult., was held the installation meeting of this excellent lodge. The place of meeting, as the hospitable character of the members make inevitable, is known by experience to a great many brethren. The ancient room over St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, so connected as it is, with celebrated men of note, both *authors and actors of bygone days*, is well fitted to be the rendezvous of a lodge of the ancient Order of Freemasons, which numbers among its members some brethren who have gained some note in professional life. One cannot enter the room without being seized with an inclination to ruminate on the days of Garrick, Johnson, Goldsmith, Hogarth, and a host of others, *souvenirs* of whom one sees on every side, but as this is not the business on hand, we must force ourselves from such thoughts and confine ourselves to recording the proceedings of last Tuesday, when Bro. James W. Callingham, W.M., closed his year of office, and the W.M. elect was inducted into the chair of K.S. The necessary business of opening the lodge and confirming the minutes of the previous meeting having been concluded, the ballot was taken for the admission, as a joining member, of Bro. F. B. Smart, of Lodge No. 22, after which Bro. F. E. Taylor and Bro. R. T. Stoneham were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bro. John Westward was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremonies being performed in a very able manner by Bro. Callingham. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect was performed by Bro. Marsh, and it may readily be believed, from his known excellence as an actor and elocutionist, that beautiful as this ceremony is in itself, it gained considerably by being entrusted to such able hands. The officers appointed by the W.M. were as follows:—Bro. Jonathan Pearson, *S.W.*; Bro. Japheth Tickle, *J.W.*; Bro. James Simpson, *S.D.*; Bro. Edward Gillingham Legge, *J.D.*; Bro. J. G. Patey, *Steward*; Bro. S. Schmezer, *Organist*; Bro. J. G. Sorby, *I.G.*; Bro. Beckett, *Tyler*. We cannot leave this part of our subject without acknowledgment to Bro. Marsh for the Masonic treat we received in listening to his delivery of the addresses during the proclamation that followed the appointment of officers. On the termination of the lodge business the brethren and their numerous guests sat down to an excellent banquet, served in a manner that reflects great credit on Bro. W. C. Gay, mine host of the Old Jerusalem Tavern, especially when we consider the large number

of brethren he had to accommodate, and the attention and carefulness of the waiters in their somewhat difficult task, left nothing to be desired. We must add also that the presence of Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, (formerly the Secretary of this lodge) was an immense assistance to the host; for he appeared to anticipate every want, to be everywhere at the same time, and contributed immensely to the success of the evening. On the cloth being drawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and some very excellent vocal and instrumental music was contributed by Bros. Donald King, Patey, and the Organist of the lodge. After the health of the Queen had been duly honoured, the following Masonic verses (from the pen of Bro. Carpenter, the Secretary) were sung, the first by Bro. Donald King, and the second by Bro. Patey.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen;
God save the Queen.
May peace and plenty reign,
Through all her wide domain;
God save the Queen.
"Oh, Lord, our God, who sees
Our hidden mysteries,
On Thee we call:
So rule our hearts that we
May, in Freemasonry,
Faithful and loyal be—
Oh, save us all."

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Callingham, *I.P.M.*" in a short but excellent speech, in which he highly commended the work of Bro. Callingham in all the offices he had filled, but most especially in that of Deacon, styling him the "Prince of Deacons," and adding that the lodge had had no such other Deacon. He had been requested by the lodge to present Bro. Callingham with a P.M. jewel, which he now did in the name of the Urban Lodge, and with pleasure he invested him with it, trusting that he would wear it for many years to come, in remembrance of that evening. Bro. Callingham, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the kind things he had said of him, and the lodge for the handsome token of their regard which had been presented to him. He felt very proud of his position on the left side of the chairman, which was the right side at the same time. There was one circumstance of which he was truly proud, however, and that was, that he was the first brother, initiated in the lodge, who had passed the chair. He thanked them from his heart for the honour they had done him. Bro. Callingham concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M.," trusting that he would have a successful year of office, and feeling sure that he is performing the functions of his high office with satisfaction to the lodge and credit to himself. The chairman having made a suitable reply, several other toasts were drunk, and many excellent speeches made which we have not space to repeat, and the proceedings were not terminated till a late hour. There were a large number of visiting brethren present.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Lodge* (No. 1293).—The installation of Bro. Henry Phythian as fifth Master of this flourishing lodge took place on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, and attracted a large number of members and visitors. Bro. D. R. Still, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bros. Phythian, *S.W.*; F. Keiley, *J.W.*; R. Wentworth Little, *P.M.*, *Treas.*; H. G. Buss, *P.M.*, *Sec.*; R. W. Stewart, P. D. Prov. *G. M.*; S. Rosenthal, P. Prov. *G.W.*; D. S. Pearse, *P.M.*, *D.C.*; E. Baxter, *P.G.* *Steward*, and other brethren. Bros. H. M. Gordon and Sadler were passed to the second degree, and then Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, took the chair, and installed the W.M. elect in his usual finished style of working. The officers appointed or invested for the year were as follows:—Bros. Frederick Keiley, *S.W.*; D. R. Pearce, *P.M.*, 657, *J.W.*; Rev. D. Shaboe, *P.M.* 554, *Chaplain*; R. Wentworth Little, *P.M.* 1295, &c., *Treas.*; H. G. Buss, *P.M.* 27, *Secretary*; I. Coalbank, *S.D.*; J. W. Berrie, *J.D.*; R. Kotzenberg, *I.G.*; D. Bindoff, *D.C.*; J. Gilbert, *Tyler*. The new W.M. then gave a proof of his proficiency in the

Craft by initiating separately Messrs. Alfred Edmonds and Southwell—a ceremony which he rendered so excellently as to receive the congratulations of over twenty P.M.s. present. The auditors' report was read and approved, and several propositions—including one for a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M.—having been favourably entertained, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a most enjoyable banquet. After dinner the usual toasts were given, and the evening passed away in the pleasant interchange of those Masonic sentiments to which a well regulated social board of brethren is assuredly not opposed.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—*Kendal Castle Chapter* (No. 129).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at noon on Thursday, January 29th, at the Masonic Rooms, Stromgate, Kendal. The M.E.Z., Comp. John Holme, was supported by Comps: John Bowes, *P.Z.*, *P.P.G.S.B.*, as *H.*; Titus Wilson, *J.*; Samuel Gawike, *P.Z.*; W. Dodd, *P.Z.*; Jas. Gooding, *N.*; R. J. Nelson, *P.S.*; H. Rauthmeil; W. Tattisall, John Bell, John Mills, and Daniel Cleary, *Janitor*. The chapter was opened in due form by the Principals, when the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for three candidates, which proved unanimous in each case. The meetings having been hitherto held on the last Friday in certain months and that day being inconvenient, it was unanimously agreed to change the day to Thursday, and Comp. Scribe E. was requested to communicate the fact to the Supreme Grand Chapter. A long and animated conversation now took place with reference to the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter for the regulation of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland. There being no further business, the chapter was closed in ancient form.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Chapter* (No. 1293).—This new chapter met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 17th ult., under the presidency of Comp. R. Wentworth Little, *P.Z.*, the *H.* (Comp. Col. Burdett, *M.E.Z.*, being unfortunately too ill to attend), J. Boyd, *P.Z.*, as *H.*; F. Davison, *J.*. After the usual ballot Bros. Lieutenant Colonel James Peters, T. Massa, *P.M.*; I. S. Gordon, W. Wrigglesworth, and R. S. Bennett, were duly exalted, the work being exceedingly well done by the Principals and the new *P.S.*, Comp. Henry Phythian, who had only been exalted at the preceding meeting in January; Comps. D. S. Pearce and F. Keiley, *Asst. Soj.*, and J. H. Tyler, *D.C.*. Presents of Bibles from Comps. Boyd and White were suitably acknowledged, and the chapter was then closed. A most agreeable evening was afterwards enjoyed at the social board by all present, amongst those already named, we noticed Comps. H. G. Buss, *Treas.*; H. C. Levander, *S.E.*; S. Rosenthal, *P.Z.*; I. Coalbank, *W.*; R. Woodman, *M.D.*, *P.Z.*; and a visitor from the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975.

Scotland.

STONEHOUSE.—*St. John's Union Lodge* (No. 244).—On the 29th ult., Stonehouse was all astir, as it was known that the Freemasons of that locality intended to hold high festival. The lodge room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the most conspicuous object being a splendid new banner, painted for the lodge by Bro. G. Kenning, of 145, Argyle-street, the artistic finish of which elicited the admiration of all present. The viands, supplied by Bro. Miller, of the Black Bull Inn, were not only abundant in quantity, but excellent in quality, and well sustained his name as a caterer for the enjoyment of the brethren. After the removal of the cloth, the R.W.M., Bro. J. Barr, who was in the chair, gave the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts, all of which met with a good reception. He then called on Bro. Gavin Mutter, to make the presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. John Froud. It consisted of a

splendid apron and large gold Past Master's jewel, with a suitable inscription, which had been supplied from Bro. George Kenning's Glasgow House. In the course of his remarks, he said Shakespeare says, "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the ebb leads on to fortune." Now Bro. Froud had taken their lodge in hand when it was at very low ebb, it was in fact quite low water with them, but under his skilful guidance, they were now in the full tide of prosperity, and his successor need only trim his sails properly to reach the haven of perfect success. Bro. Froud had so filled that chair that he had endeared himself to them all, and on behalf of the whole lodge he now would present him with that highest token of worth, a Masonic Apron, the "badge of innocence and truth," and also with a Past Master's jewel, to show the rank he had attained and the respect in which he was held by all his brethren, who wished not only to him, but also to his wife and family, all those blessings which the Great Architect of the Universe has promised to those who faithfully perform their duty. (Cheers.) Bro. Froud, in reply, assured the Lodge that he felt highly honoured by this flattering mark of their esteem. His only regret was that he had not been able to do more than he had done to deserve it. They had been pleased to kindly allude to his services to the Craft and to Lodge 244 in particular, but he felt that he had only been doing his duty, but he must confess that it made his heart glad not only to find that his efforts had been appreciated, but that they had resulted in the present high position of the lodge. The apron and jewel he should wear with pride as well as pleasure, and he felt sure that their new R.W.M. would worthily uphold the honour of the lodge and that all the brethren would rally round their new banner with as much love and enthusiasm as he and a few others had drawn round the old one. He would propose a bumper to their new Master and success to the old lodge. The R.W.M. replied in suitable terms, and toast, song and sentiment kept the brethren in social enjoyment till the hour of high twelve, when the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.—On Thursday, the 29th inst., Bro. James Steel, P.M., Kilwinning No. 4, and Substitute Provincial Grand Master of the Glasgow district, invited the whole of the office-bearers to a banquet at his own residence, where a sumptuous repast was prepared for them. All the invited guests attended, with the exception of the P.G.M., who is in Naples. As the banquet was in some respects a private one, we will only say that full justice was done to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and that the health and prosperity of the kind host and his worthy family were not forgotten, all feeling that this social and fraternal meeting was a happy prelude and fine contrast to the excitement in political circles at this moment consequent on the election, here all were indeed brothers, though the next day they might stand on a different platform.

GLASGOW.—Caledonian Unity Chapter (No. 73) held their regular monthly meeting on the 27th ult., G. Macdonald, Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. G. W. Wheeler, H.; J. Tweed, J.; J. Balfour, P.Z., Scribe E. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when Bro. Thos. Neal, of Lodge 73, was introduced and advanced to that degree, Bro. J. Park, acting as Master Overseer. On the dais were J. Crabb, P.Z. 50; T. Halkett, Z. 117; and J. O. Park, Z. 122. Some discussion arose as to whether it was competent for a brother to change his mark, ultimately it was decided that the Scribe should write to the Grand Scribe E., to know if a brother who by mistake had taken a Mark that has not the requisite number of points can be allowed to change it. As it is a question of some importance perhaps some of our readers could throw some light on the question.

The annual ball in connection with the Pembroke Lodge, 1299, will take place at the Assembly Rooms, Hardman-street, Liverpool, on the 12th inst.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K.H. 30° will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday, 11th inst.

Original Correspondence.

THE CONVIVIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your Correspondent, M.M., preaches, but does not practice. His letter upon the above subject is replete with unfairness and misrepresentation, he is evidently not possessed of that charity "which thinketh no evil and is kind?" his mind is either obtuse or he is prejudiced, or he would have perceived that the purport of my letter was simply to refute certain unfounded allegations put forth by Bro. Kilpatrick, and not to question motives. I hope I am sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety to avoid personalities when dealing with principles? This M.M. has yet to learn. He wishes to be taken as a guide, but himself, has lost his way. He denounces "vituperative terms," yet is not niggard in employing them; he disclaims being a special pleader for Bro. Kilpatrick, yet, in the same paragraph makes a special plea for him, demanding forgiveness on his behalf on the ground that it is "human to err," and at the same time reminds me of our duty to correct errors. I ask M.M., is it not the duty of all men as well as every Freemason to be sure of the truthfulness of statements before submitting them for publication?

M.M.'s next special plea is to point out an extenuating circumstance; Bro. Kilpatrick being on the other side of the Atlantic, cannot therefore be conversant with the exact state of Masonic affairs in this country; this does not in any way mend the matter, for his ignorance should have induced silence. I am not responsible for anything done against the wish of the Great City Lodge. I deal with facts and not intentions. Finding publicity given to an act of self-denial, which is frequently practised in most lodges, but which was supposed to be a novel virtue introduced for the first time by the above lodge, I felt it to be our duty to deny that such was the case. Is that high treason.

The spirit of charity which "thinketh no evil, and is kind" has not enabled M.M. to perceive this, prejudice causes the mental vision to become oblique and perverts the plainest truth.

The rest of the lucubration is so contemptuous, so devoid of truth, and so full of whining cant and maudlin sentimentality that I will pass it, and only point out that M. M.'s charity, which "thinketh no evil, and is kind," did not restrain him from administering a sly kick to the lottery for life governorships, of the working whereof he is obviously ignorant; its value I confidently leave to the judgment of those who have witnessed its results. Perhaps the charity which "thinketh no evil, and is kind," will induce M. M. to read the very fraternal letter by the W.M. of the Great City Lodge, which was published side by side with his own; he will find that I could not be far wrong, as the W.M. coincides in the main with the statements advanced.

Unlike M. M., who is either diffident or cowardly and hides his identity under very tantalizing initials, I frankly and fearlessly sign myself,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE,
S.W. and W.M. elect, 185.

LODGE BANQUETS AND PAYMENTS BY THE CONSUMERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Much of Bro. Gottheil's second letter I endorse, and so also the communication from Bro. Constable.

My advocacy simply amounts to this, I do not pretend to advise the members to have "bread and cheese" suppers, or in any way to seek the curtailment of their legitimate enjoyment, and therefore particularly desire to be considered quite independent of any who think otherwise, so that my aims may not suffer from being involved with chimerical notions. All I say is, in having banquets after lodge meetings let the consumers pay for them, either by separate payments or inclusive subscriptions. Do not allow members paying

twenty shillings annually, to eat and drink two shillings worth monthly, or in other words twenty-four shillings' worth every year.

Have as expensive or as economical banquets, brethren, as you desire, so that the funds subscribed for charitable and other Masonic purposes be not infringed upon. If you like, friends, to omit an expensive banquet now and then, as No. 765 (Lodge of Faith, London) did, or as others have done, and devote the money so saved to charity, I say well done. Who that is a Mason can say otherwise?

Yours fraternally,
W. J. HUGHAN.

LODGE REPORTS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue you inserted a letter on the above subject, but as the reports are not given, your readers are not able to ascertain whether the Editor of the newspapers in question may not have copied the particulars from *The Freemason*.

I think you should satisfy us on the point before asking us to condemn the Sheffield brethren.

M. J. M.
[The reports in question were not copied from *The Freemason*—ED.]

MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Under the above heading you noticed in last week's impression a mallet said to have been found in the ruins of Melrose Abbey, but I am afraid that but few of the Glasgow brethren, however much they may be interested in Masonic relics, will be able to inspect this one.

The notice concludes with an intimation that it is to be seen at the Lodge Melrose St. John, No. 1, on paying a small fee to the Benevolent Funds of the said Lodge. Now, however willing myself or others may be to contribute our mite in aid of Masonic charity, we dare not exercise it in the present instance.

Doubtless you were not aware that the body calling themselves "Lodge Melrose St. John No. 1" is, to use the mildest term, an unrecognised assembly, working without a charter or other authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and as such the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow has twice issued notices to all lodges and brethren within their jurisdiction to take care neither to admit them into our Lodge or to recognize them in any other way, either by visiting their lodge, or by admitting them to be entitled to be considered as Freemasons in any sense of the word.

This being the state of matters here, we fear least any strangers visiting our city and unacquainted with the facts, may visit this so-called lodge, for they throw open their doors very widely to all visiting brethren, as they have much to gain and nothing to lose by the visits of recognised Freemasons. They certainly are not so exclusive as the Middlesex Lodge, and Bro. Biggs would not have been turned from their door because no brother present was personally known to him. On the contrary they frequently advertise their meetings and "request the attendance of visiting brethren."

There are said to be four lodges at present in Melrose, three of them, the No. 15 Kilwinning, founded in 1745; the St. Peters, No. 210, founded in 1759; and the Incorporated Kilwinning, No. 102, founded 1792; these, since the Union of Lodge Mother Kilwinning No. 0, all hold charters from the Grand Lodge, and work constitutionally, but there is another called the Melrose which claims to be older than the Mother Kilwinning, and boasts that it can show a direct list of Masters from the time of the founding of Melrose Abbey, but we believe they have failed to produce those proofs, either to Bro. Murray Lyon, Bro. W. J. Hughan, or any other Masonic Historiographer.

This lodge has always maintained its independence, not acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but it is only recently that she has sanctioned the erection of daughter lodges. The one to whom this relic has been sent, we believe is the first.

It is a great pity that in these enlightened

times some arrangement cannot be made between the Grand Lodge and the old Melrose body, so as to prevent any Masonic scandal, and the working of unrecognised parties. Trusting that this communication may tend to this desirable result.

I remain, Yours fraternally,
G. H. W.

RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have never read the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, nor could I, on less reliable authority than your article of last week, on the above subject, have believed that such an absurd and truly unmasonic regulation existed in any Masonic work.

At our installation we state that "we admit that no innovation can be made in Freemasonry, &c," and yet we find in the Book of Constitutions itself, the most glaring, absurd, inconsistent, and suicidal innovation that could well be conceived (Regulation No. 1, on the "Rights of Visiting Brethren.") Glaring, because no Mason could read it and fail to see its absurdity; absurd, because directly opposed to the noblest principles of Freemasonry; inconsistent, because it forbids us to do that which our oaths and obligations compel, and our hearts prompt us to do; suicidal, inasmuch as it saps the very vitals of our institution, makes local that which should be universal, prevents the development of those virtues taught by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and virtually deprives Masons of the greatest benefits and most beautiful privileges of the Order.

I challenge any Freemason to prove that the regulation in question is either Masonic, just, or sensible.

What can be the use of signs, grips, and words, if we are not to admit to our lodges any but those who are "perfectly known?" How is it possible for a stranger in a strange province or county to be "perfectly known?" Five thousand years ago the "word" alone was deemed sufficient to travel into a "far country" with. We hear nothing of diplomas and the "perfectly known" business in those days.

You state that every W.M. is bound to see the regulations enforced, and yet you assert that, according to your own experience, 99 out of every 100 lodges do not enforce it. Surely something must be radically wrong? Either the regulation should be struck out of the Book of Constitutions, or it should be enforced by every lodge.

On this side the Tweed we are allowed more latitude. It is not often that any proof is required, and still more seldom that a diploma is required to be shown. I have visited over twenty lodges in and around Glasgow, and never was tested, and then not half tested, but once, and on no occasion have I been asked to produce my diploma. I care but little for documentary evidence myself. That could be forged. But when a Mason can prove himself "good and true" and pass himself on all points, I know he has been taught. Strangers such as these, and those only who can prove themselves, will be admitted in any lodge over which I may have control, no matter from whence they hail.

I am, Sir, fraternally yours,

THOMAS STRATFORD, R.W.M., of Lodge
Glasgow Melrose St. John's, No. 1,
and member of 106, New York and
441, Glasgow.

Glasgow, Jan. 20th 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to remark that the appointment of a non-Mason as Instructor at our Institution, the Boys' School, is an encroachment on our rights, and calls loudly for protest from the Craft. A great many non-Masons are not only prejudiced against the Craft, but even enemies to it. Not wishing to detract in the least from the merit of the nominee, I do think that on principle he ought to be dismissed. We have many valuable and worthy brethren who would be

happy to assume a post, which ought to have been duly advertised for the benefit of the proper candidates:

Yours fraternally,
G.

OPENING OF A MASONIC HALL. AT SEAHAM HARBOUR.

On Tuesday night, 6th January, the opening of the new Masonic Hall was inaugurated by a most successful ball. The Fawcett Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated on the 27th of March, 1856, now nearly 18 years ago, and ever since that time the brethren have held their meetings at the Lord Seaham Inn. For the last four or five years, however, owing to the large increase in the number of members, the want of more commodious premises has been much felt. The members of the lodge, therefore, resolved to form themselves into a limited liability company, and have erected a handsome and substantial building on the North Road, adjoining the Sea View Villas. With his usual liberality, the Most Noble the Marquess of Londonderry, P.M. of the lodge, and Past Grand Warden of England, has come forward in a most handsome manner, and greatly assisted the undertaking. Geo. Elliott, Esq., M.P., W.M. of the Avon Lodge, has also lent considerable aid. The building, which has just been opened, is in the Italian style of architecture, designed by Bro. Wm. Forster, W.M., Architect, having a frontage of 60 feet, with four pilasters, with cement and white glazed brick dressings, carved and moulded architraves round the windows, the whole surrounded with cornice, pediment, and balustrading. The interior of the building consists of—

on the ground floor—a large club-room, billiard-room, cellar, lavatories, residence for the attendants, &c. On the upper floor, the lodge room, forty feet long by twenty-two feet wide and seventeen feet high, with preparing and refreshment rooms. In rear of the building is a plot of ground which it is intended to use as a quoit ground, and for other out-door amusements. The ball on Tuesday night was, as we have said, a great success. The lodge room was used for dancing, the club-room for refreshments, the billiard-room for card tables, and the smoking-room for the ladies' cloak-room. The ball-room was very tastefully decorated with banners, evergreens, mottos, and green-house plants, the latter being most effectively placed no very beautiful brackets in leather work, the work of, and kindly contributed by Bro. Shepherd, and Miss Watson. The ball was opened at nine o'clock by the W.M. and Miss Shepherd. Bro. H. B. Wright, officiated as M.C., assisted by Bros. Shepherd, Armstrong, and Wells. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till a late hour. Mr. Wetherall's band was in attendance, and refreshments of a first-class character were supplied by Mrs. Taylor, of the King's Arm Inn. On Wednesday night a juvenile party was given to the children of those present on the previous night, which afforded the rising generation an opportunity of enjoying themselves.

This being the first regular meeting of this lodge held at the New Masonic Hall, after having been opened by the above-named ball, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Forster, who was well supported by his officers, and a numerous attendance, the lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last general lodge and emergency having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were balloted for and approved of, Mr. Jonathan Pearson and Mr. Jas. Clare, as candidates for initiation, also Bros. Henry Tomkinson, Robert Robertson, Frederick Maddison, Andrew Wickie, and Gerald Bernard were admitted as joining members. The candidates for initiation not being present, Bro. Scofield, a candidate for the F.C. degree, was then questioned respecting his knowledge of the former degree, which proved satisfactory, he was entrusted with the test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened on the square, and Bro. Scorfield was passed to the second degree. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, when two brethren were proposed as joining members, afterwards a vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Bro. W. A. Dawber,

of Hull, for his handsome present of a set of candlesticks, supplied from the establishment of Bro. George Keuning, of London. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and in harmony, and the brethren afterwards retired for refreshment.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S "DRAW."

The novel process of securing subscriptions in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for the Aged, projected by Bro. John Constable, produced its first fruits on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The proceeds of the sale of 2000 shilling tickets were divided into ten life governorships of the institution. These were drawn forth in the presence of a number of brethren at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, held at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., immediately after the usual business had been disposed of. Curiously enough, five of those who had purchased tickets at the last moment in the lodge room, held successful numbers.

The following are the names of those who have been fortunate:—

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" 14, " J. G. B., 70, Church-street, Greenwich.
" 433, " Fitzgerald.
" 478, " R. Limpus, 41, Queen-square.
" 1127, " E. Gottheil, 120, Mile End-rd.
" 1372, " D. Posener, 11, Mansell-st., E.
" 1704, " S. E. Moss, Lodge 185.
" 1692, " Jabez Garret, 79½ Watling-st.
" 1889, " John Greenburgh, Surrey side, Ellesmere Park, Eccles, near Manchester.
" 1998, " Hollands, Leadenhall-st.

The example set by Bro. Constable in this matter seems well worthy of consideration; although "praised by some and blamed by others." He had faith in his idea and pursued his course unflinchingly. With untiring industry and perseverance he brought his task to a successful conclusion.

Owing to the prevailing excitement, the meeting separated without according a vote of thanks to Bro. Constable, but gratitude is evidently due to that brother from all who subscribed, for the trouble he has taken in this matter, and especially so from those, who by his means have attained to the honour and privilege of being Life Governors of the institution. They at any rate should always be prepared to aid, as is in their power, in any future attempt which may probably be made by him or others in the same direction. For it must be borne in mind that however charitably disposed men are, it generally requires some energetic spirit to keep the sentiment of benevolence from becoming dormant, and guide and direct it into its proper channel.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

The book reported by Bro. W. J. Hugan in your paper of the 24th, is not, I think, correctly nor fully described. In a very carefully compiled catalogue of books on Freemasonry and other kindred subjects, in my possession, it is thus given:—"Cleland (William). The way of things by words, and to words by things; being a sketch of an attempt at the retrieval of the ancient Celtic or Primitive Language of Europe; to which is added a succinct account of the Sanscrit, or learned language of the Brahmins; also two essays, the one on the origin of the musical waits at Christmas, the other on the Real Secret of the Freemasons, 8 vo. pp. 130, London, 1776.

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OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

A very interesting résumé of the past efforts and present position of our Masonic Charities has recently been published by Bro. Henry Watson, S.W. 1386, Lincoln, which deserves to be read and thought over by the Craft.

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Probably before very long the increasing demands of our Order will require enlarged accommodation at the School, and we feel certain that when the time comes, the House Committee will be warmly supported by all the members of our Order.

Some alterations have recently been made to increase the accommodation, but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact, that, with our rapidly augmenting numbers, we shall eventually have more claimants on our fraternal sympathy; and if that be the case, unless, ere long, the accommodation at the Girl's School be increased, very many poor applicants must be "left out in the cold."

The Boys' School, which Bro. Watson next notices, will in April next accommodate 170 boys; but even this number cannot fail to be augmented before long by the constantly increasing demands for admission.

The Boys' School has been enlarged, as many of our readers well know, at a considerable cost, viz.:—£47,116 6s. 4d., the whole of which sum has been defrayed from the original funded property of the School, and from the liberal support of our brethren.

All honour to them!

But in consequence of this large outlay, the Boys' School has now no funded property at

all—no certain income—and depends entirely on the voluntary efforts and liberal support of the brethren annually.

The freehold property may be estimated as representing, we think, about £50,000 in value.

The ordinary expenses of the institution may be estimated at £5,400, in round numbers annually, but there are as a general rule, extraordinary expenses, which may be estimated at £750 more, making in all £6,100.

There can be no doubt, however, that these expenses must somewhat increase, as the numbers of the School increase, and our own belief long has been, that, the School, if its present healthy and improving "status" continue, will before many years have passed away, owing to the wants of our numerous fraternity, have to provide for not less than 300 boys; indeed there is no reason why the School should not eventually take a very high position as an educational Constitution in the country.

Recently a new Master has been elected, and we shall all, as Freemasons, earnestly hope, that, the School under his "régime," will go on and prosper.

There can be no doubt, we are glad to think, that our ever-ready and large-hearted brethren will continue, as heretofore, liberally to support this very useful and needful Institution.

The two Benevolent Funds are lastly adverted to by Bro. Watson. The Male Fund has £23,700 invested in Government stocks. The expenses and annuities amount, in round numbers, to £3,500, and as, therefore, its fixed income is in round numbers £700 a year, nearly £3,300 are required annually to keep this excellent Institution in working order.

In all probability, before very long, the number of annuitants will have to be increased, and the amount of annuities, to meet the increased rise in prices of all kinds, and we have not the slightest fear, but that such increased expenditure will be at once provided for by the members of our kindly brotherhood.

The Female Fund it seems has £14,200 invested, which gives it a fixed income of a little over £300 a year. Its expenses amount to £2,786 15s. 5d. annually, so that £2,300 have annually to be raised from the lodges and brethren.

The asylum at Croydon represents about £5,000 in value.

Bro. Watson shews very conclusively, we think, that, our Charitable Institutions are very economically conducted, and bear a very favourable comparison with like associations.

He points out, that, the whole freehold and funded property of the Order in these four charities, may be estimated at £149,912, which sum has been raised from the munificence of our brethren, in excess of the amount required for their annual maintenance.

It is well known that the contributions received last year for the three charities reached the very noble sum of £21,000, but as Bro. Watson truly says, "we have so far only reached probably the 'minimum' of relief, not the 'maximum.'"

When we remember that the annual grants from Lodge of Benevolence amount to not less than £2,800 annually, and the very large sum which

is voted from our provincial and private lodges, we see what a constant claim there is on our Masonic Charity, and we may feel proud of that good old English Craft of ours, which so unostentatiously exemplifies, what ever has been, and we trust ever will remain, the distinguishing character of a Freemason's heart—Charity.

We feel persuaded that 1874 will witness a notable proof, once again, of the neverchanging sympathies, and undiminished benevolence of our great and prosperous Order.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

In the foregoing article we have called attention to our great Masonic Charities generally, and we have now great pleasure in reporting to our readers the result of the first Anniversary meeting this year, namely of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, the 28th ultimo.

The gathering, which seems to have been most numerous and enthusiastic, and brilliant in the extreme—from the large attendance of our fair sisters, ever foremost in all works of beneficence and usefulness—was presided over by Lord Waveney, P.G.M. for Suffolk, and who made a thoroughly efficient Chairman. We refer our readers to the detailed report of the proceedings and speeches on the occasion.

We beg to congratulate the Order generally, on the remarkable result of this most interesting anniversary of so valued and important an institution.

Bro. Terry announced—and his few simple words—suggest countless, topics of thought and satisfaction that the lists then handed in amounted to £5,063 12s., with thirteen lists yet to come in.

We shall not be far wrong probably in assuming then, that the whole amount will eventually be nearer £6,000 than £5,000.

And even, if the amount announced, is not very largely increased by the subsequent lists, it is, it appears, the largest sum yet subscribed at any anniversary of the institution, except the one presided over by our illustrious and R.W.P.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

This, then, is a good beginning, and reflects the highest credit on the liberal efforts and actual benevolence of our brethren, and we trust, that at the Boys' School anniversary, to be held on March 11th, and at the Girls' School anniversary, to be celebrated May 13th, we may have happily to chronicle the same continued interest and the same unflagging energy, as have characterised this very successful gathering of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE GRAND LODGES OF CANADA AND QUEBEC.

By a communication from Montreal, it would seem (and we are very happy to report the fact), that the differences between these two bodies are in a fair way of being healed. A joint committee of 14, 7 from each Grand Lodge will, we are informed, shortly assemble, and all matters in dispute will be submitted entirely to their arbitrament and decision.

Let us hope that this Court of Masonic Arbitration will be entirely successful.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne.

General Count Peroffski arrived at Osborne, from St. Petersburg, being the bearer of an autograph letter from the Emperor of Russia to the Queen, announcing the celebration of the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh to the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh returned to St. Petersburg on Monday, the 26th January, from Zarsko Seloe, to take part in a succession of public festivities, and were to go to Moscow this week, for the same purpose.

The General Elections have begun, and in about a fortnight will be concluded. Some 242 members have been elected.

News from the Gold Coast has arrived, by which it seems, that the King of the Ashantees had sent an embassy of peace, but Sir G. Wolseley's reply was to the effect, that he would treat with the King in person, at Coomassie.

It is reported semi-officially that Dr. Livingstone died of dysentery on his journey, and necrologies have been written of him with that charitable rapidity, which sometimes distinguishes our good English Press. The news may be true, but as his death has been reported before, it requires distinct confirmation, the more so, as at a large meeting of the Geographical Society, Dr. Kirk doubted the fact, and stated that he had heard the same story at Zanzibar months ago. Let us hope that there is still some mistake, and that the kind-hearted traveller is as yet in the land of the living.

Mr. Hawkins has concluded his able address, on the Castro case, and the Lord Chief Justice has commenced his charge to the jury. It is said, that, it is to last ten days, but probably this week will see the end of this terribly protracted trial. The censure of the judges on Dr. Kenealy's recklessness of speech, and above all, disrespect to the judicial bench, will be approved of by every educated Englishman.

Mr. Jean Luie is again remanded. Mr. Whalley has been examined on his behalf, and "Castro" is to be called—what good such examinations can do Jean Luie, is a secret known only to Mr. Lewis. Sir Thomas Henry seems to be exceedingly astonished.

Mr. Guildford Onslow, who has made himself conspicuous in this unhappy case, has not been able to retain his seat for Guildford, but is replaced by a gentleman of the same name, "Denzil Onslow."

A broad there is positively nothing of importance received.

The Carlists seem successful in the north, and to be becoming very strong there.

We have to record the deaths of Lord Colonsay, of Lord St. John, of Sir Walter Palk Carew, of Mr. Levy, director of the Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind, and of an old retired officer, Major Dennis Dunn.

Reviews.

"Keystone Masonic Almanack."

We have received this useful little publication for 1874, forwarded by our excellent Bro. Clifford Mc Calla, of Philadelphia.

We were very glad to receive it, as we always hail any little matter which serves to connect us with our brethren in America, and to make us feel that the spirit of Masonry can pass over "dividing waters" and distant lands, and unite in fraternal interest and sympathy, American and English Freemasons.

The little volume is well got up, and contains a great deal of useful information. We would venture to suggest, that, another year, the advertisements should be relegated to the end of the little pamphlet, and nothing but what is purely Masonic should appear in the pages of the Calendar.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

On Wednesday, 28th ult., the annual festival in aid of Benevolent Fund for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, was held at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, when the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. for Suffolk, presided, supported, on his immediate right by the R.W. Bro. Capt. Wm. Platt, J.G.W., P.M., of 6, and on his immediate left by V.W. Bro. Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Vice-president of the Institution, P.G. Chaplain, and W.M. of 1224. Among the many eminent members of the Craft present, we observed the following:— Bros. Major Creaton, B. Head, Raynham Stewart, C. A. Cottebrune, T. Cubitt, William Ough, John Boyd, Dr. Strong, Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, Thomas Wylie, John Hervey, Grand Sec., J. B. Monckton, R. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; Dr. J. D. Moore, M.D., A. A. Richards, F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, R. W. Little, Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart.; Major Whithead, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, H. Smith, William Hills, Prov. J.W. Suffolk, William Boby, Esq., P.G.S.W. Suffolk, and W. H. Lucia.

There was a very large gathering of the brethren to do honour to the presidency of Lord Waveney, and the end of the banquet hall was brilliant indeed with a large assemblage of ladies. All the arrangements for dining were excellent, and as the noble Chairman afterwards remarked, the assembled hundreds were enabled to enjoy the banquet with the same quiet and comfort as they might have had in private life. After ample justice had been done to the viands, however, the real business of the evening commenced, and was conducted to its close very pleasantly by Lord Waveney, who spoke well and very much to the purpose. The following is a detailed report of the speeches.

Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Worshipful Officers and brethren, the toast which I now rise to propose is one which, given thousands and thousands of times in this country, comes always as fresh to the ears of Englishman, and is received with as warm a welcome as it was seven and thirty years ago, when it was new to the country. It boots not to tell the often repeated tale which has been so well told, of the virtues of the illustrious lady who is the subject of the toast, of the sympathy which she ever evinces with our sorrows and our joys, of the same influences which she has gathered round her throne, of the dignity with which she has supported that throne and established it firmly and solidly in the affections of her people. I give you "The Health of the First Lady of England, her Majesty the Queen."

Two verses of the national anthem were then sung, the solo being admirably rendered by Miss Banks.

The Chairman: The toast I am about to give you is one always warmly received and highly appreciated, though varied from time to time, as the happy years go by, with changes in the relations of those truly illustrious persons who are the subjects of the toast. I have to give "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family;" and before entrusting this to your welcome I would remark upon the happy example of united love which it sets to the country. Of the Princess of Wales no one can speak too highly, for coming amongst us as a stranger, she has by her amiability and other admirable qualities enshrined herself in the affections of the people. Of the Prince of Wales I need not particularly speak here to those who have worked with him in Grand Lodge and who know so well how energetic he is in the cause of Freemasonry generally. Then as to the other members of the Royal Family, there is that illustrious lady who has left her country for another; of some of these ladies who still remain to contribute to form that admirable domestic circle round our Sovereign; they have all their merits, you are well aware, but, as I said, circumstances vary from year to year, the toast that I now had to call upon you to honour, and I have to recall to your minds that a new member has been added to the Royal Family by the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh—(cheers)—

and when he brings his bride from beyond the seas you all know what a welcome she will receive. (Immense cheering.) "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, of those members of that illustrious family whose duty it is to seek homes elsewhere, and of those with whom they are united."

This toast was honoured enthusiastically, and the professional ladies and gentlemen present having joined in Brinley Richards' pretty part song, the "Cambrian Plume," the Chairman again rose and said,

On such an occasion as this the toast that I am about to give will command itself especially to your favourable reception, the distinguished member of the Masonic body whose health I am about to propose is well known to you for his continued exertions, and his energy in the extension of the Craft which he has shown under particularly trying circumstances whenever he could at all find time from the public duties which have devoted his hours to the State, he has come amongst us brethren to assist, and perform, and to preside. Such devotion to the Craft merits acknowledgment from you. Placed at the head of the Masonic body of England his duties are no slight obligation. I believe that you will agree with me that he has fulfilled those duties in a complete and perfect manner, as a good Craftsman putting in good work, and maintaining good work in the way in which it should be done. I give you "The Health of the Marquess of Ripon, President of this Institution."

At the close of this speech the song, "Our Chosen King," was admirably sung by Bro. Frank Elmore, in the chorus of which all present joined very heartily.

The Chairman: Of all professions and employments of civil and civilized life, it is well indeed that men should be found willing and prepared to devote themselves to the duties in whatever degree of the Craft or profession to which they belong. All cannot of course rise to the highest and the guiding point, but all can contribute their efforts, and all such efforts are honourable, and especially in most cases where by continual exertions and labour brethren have brought themselves to distinguished positions in the Craft. And it is of such that I am about to speak. Honour and respect should always wait upon service, and that gradual ascent in the Craft should be, as it is practically, the reward of those exertions. Next to our Most Worshipful Grand Master comes his Deputy, who assists him in his labours for the public good, and none but those who have had occasion to profit by his excellent advice and support, only those who came next to these in rank, can form an opinion how valuable that support and those services are. That those services are most valuable to the Most Worshipful Grand Master I am well aware. That the services of the Present and Past Grand Officers are most valuable we know; I give the "Health of the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers."

This toast was honoured with three times three, and was followed by Bishop's song "The Ray of Hope," beautifully sung by Miss Banks, to an obligato accompaniment on the clarionet by Bro. Lazarus.

Bro. Captain Platt, J.G.W.: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and brethren, on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master, I beg to offer sincere and hearty thanks for the manner in which this toast has been received. High and honourable as the position of the officers of the Masonic year may be, the honour of their office is circumscribed. Thirteen lunar months embrace the full period of our high estate, we come like shadows, so depart, our reign may be short, but with the poet we can with pride proclaim "One crowded hour of useful life is worth an age without an aim."

The Chairman: Brethren, I now approach what I may term in an especial case the toast of the evening. It is with reference to this that this noble hall is filled with the hundreds of brethren whom I now address, men who have been brought here in furtherance of the great guiding principle which actuates and pervades all Masonic effort, that is, of charity to our brother

man. And indeed, I fear I speak with personal ignorance of the merits of the Institutions which are now in question, an ignorance, however, which will be well supplied by the better knowledge of those who have laboured in promoting this festival. But there are some points which must strike every one, appreciation of this great charity written in letters which, in truth, he who runs may read. And first of all, it has struck me with an overpowering and a consoling sense of the association of charitable effort, to find that one of these institutions, which barely reckons five and twenty years of life, and one which reckons some five or six more, have in that time sprung from small shrubs into goodly trees, under whose shade the sick, the needy and the aged find comfort, relief, and rest. Nor in a careless or heedless manner are alms here given, as alms may sometimes be given, from mere weariness of supplication, but with that thought which makes a sustained charity, so to speak, more valuable. I learn what care has been taken in organizing the dwellings for the reception of the aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons; and, again, it has struck me with how noble a courage charity fills those who design to carry out her behests. We know how it is well said, and approved as a moral fact, which comes home to us at every turn of our lives, that if with such a purpose we cast our bread upon the water surely we shall find it after many days, and you (for I speak not of myself, except as one remotely connected with you in this work) have the courage to encounter the risks of such an undertaking in the hope and the belief that the Providence that has smiled upon your efforts will always continue to smile upon them. With regard to the numbers I find that there are 115 brethren, and 82 feeble and aged women who receive the advantages of these institutions, nigh upon 200 human souls, enabled to tread the path that leads to the last bourne of all in that comfort and self respect that Christian men and women of the whole world of humanity are entitled to. I find this also, and it is very striking indeed, that of these nigh upon 200, the average age is no less than 69, within one year of the appointed age of man. Think of how many there must be beyond that limit whose feeble efforts scarcely enable them to feel the warmth of the sun that you give them the means to bask in, that scarcely appreciate the taste, perhaps, of the food with which your generosity provides them, and then you may say indeed with modest pride that you have entered upon a task from which your hand shall not turn back. I speak of the bold daring with which you have taken the risks of the large funds that are required. When you found that the sum allotted to aged Freemasons was not enough, you did not hesitate to add one third to the annual allowance, and with regard to the widows to add the like, and I therefore stand here to tell you, as your Secretary will repeat to you, that you have engaged yourselves to furnish £6,000, for these noble efforts during the next year, and looking upon you and seeing your earnestness in the good cause I have no doubt that you will accomplish that astonishing amount.

Then again it appears that there are thirty approved female candidates and only four vacancies. I leave the consideration hopefully in your hands, and with regard to the male candidates there are at present thirty-four approved and only eight vacancies. I doubt not that when your Secretary reads the list of subscriptions this evening you will be able to rejoice in the statement that he will be able to give you, and I am sure that you have abundant cause for thankfulness to Him who has put into your hearts to do such good deeds, and the means to carry them out. I give "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." (Great applause)

The toast was drank with enthusiasm. Bro. Major Creaton: My lord and brethren, on behalf of the Institution, of which I am a Trustee, I beg to tender you my heartfelt thanks for the manner in which you have proposed and received this toast. Our noble Chairman has stated that we have a large number of candidates and very few vacancies. I as a trustee of this

Institution thank you most heartily for the support you have given it in the past, and trust that it will be continued in the future, and if you will only supply us with the means we shall be happy to place more candidates upon the list of our annuitants.

Bro. Terry, the worthy and energetic Secretary of the Institution, then proceeded to announce the totals of the lists brought up by the various Stewards, and stated that this was almost the largest collection of funds that had been made at any festival of this Institution, the only occasion in which it had been exceeded in amount was that in which His Royal Highness presided.

The following are the amounts on the lists of the several Stewards:—

	£ s. d.
The Chairman	50 0 0
Dorset, I. M. P. Montagu	217 10 0
Oxford, Aretas Akers	12 0 0
Northants and Hunts, J. U. Stanton	31 10 0
Hants and I. of W., J. R. Stebbing	66 5 0
<i>Lodge</i>	
1 Geo. N. Johnson	10 10 0
2 Thos. Greetham	51 2 0
4 A. A. Smith	14 14 0
5 John Cory Havers	67 0 0
6 Captain Wm. Platt	15 15 0
7 Chas. E. Davidson	29 10 0
8 A. A. Richards	42 0 0
9 Thos. Moring	26 5 0
10 Rev. Thos. Cochrane	59 0 0
13 John Graydon	63 0 0
21 Thos. Davies Sewell	37 12 0
22 R. H. Townend	40 0 0
28 Joseph Farmaner	45 10 0
33 Arthur G. Browning	35 15 0
34 Henry Dubosc, sen.	10 0 0
51 Colchet	52 10 0
40 John Skinner	50 0 0
55 Thos. Catherwood	38 18 0
58 F. Sumner Kynnett	16 0 0
65 F. Statham Hobson	24 10 0
73 J. N. Butten	50 0 0
86 Thomas Wylie	90 0 0
91 Henry Norman	35 0 0
99 William Leask	61 2 0
108 John W. Dennison	29 17 0
148 William Sharp	15 5 0
173 W. P. Cecil	25 10 0
174 E. J. Moore	71 6 0
<i>SUFFOLK</i> :—Bro. W. H. Lucia	55 10 0
114 Peter de Lande Long	36 3 0
376 Arthur Gamman	23 0 0
376 Robert Charles Woodward	7 5 0
516 F. B. Marriot	10 0 3
936 John S. Banning	21 1 0
936 William Hayward	21 1 0
959 Moses Cohen	30 5 0
1008 W. E. Bailey	21 15 0
1224 Rev. C. J. Martyn	26 1 0
From Doric Lodge, No. 81	12 5 0
179 Thomas Munro	31 12 0
180 A. Stoner	42 16 0
181 Edwin Howard	39 14 0
183 R. H. Groombridge	30 13 0
185 Nathan Moss	35 10 0
185 John Constable	339 2 0
185 John H. Ross	14 19 0
188 Solomon Davis	12 2 0
192 Edward Jones	41 5 0
197 Jonah Oastler	34 3 0
205 Charles Coote	27 15 0
215 Thomas Hargreaves	26 0 0
221 William Green	10 0 0
228 Robt. H. Halford	62 4 0
256 Reuben A. Davis	34 10 0
275 Bentley Shaw	10 10 0
306 Thomas Schofield	10 0 0
337 J. H. Hirstjunr., and L. Mayall	40 0 0
340 Walter Thompson	25 10 0
345 Thomas Bramley	34 4 0
346 Thos. S. Ainsworth	11 0 0
382 E. C. Woodward	28 0 0
403 C. D. Wagner	33 16 0
435 James Spilling	16 6 0
483 William Hicks	32 0 0
511 Asher Barfield	40 18 0
506 H. M. Brentnall	10 0 0
657 John Johnasson	104 0 0
708 Octavius H. Pearson	23 16 0
731 Henry Fowkes	18 0 0
742 Henry Cox	45 11 0

Lodge	£ s. d.
749 Edwin J. Scott	45 15 0
765 R. Pawson Hooton	29 10 0
771 Jesse Owens	55 10 0
778 F. W. Ramsay	15 5 0
780 Thomas Brown	26 10 0
781 John W. Reeves,	42 5 0
788 J. M. Stedwell	37 5 0
813 Thomas Bartlett	104 15 0
822 Robert Ellis Pixley	51 1 0
827 M. Newsome	75 0 0
861 R. Spooner Hart	30 0 0
871 Lemon Lemon	21 16 0
871 Benjamin J. Cole	10 10 0
907 J. Hastings Miller,	62 0 0
910 John Simpson	10 10 0
933 John G. Stevens	212 0 0
957 Mark Edersheim	29 0 0
1051 J. Daniel Moore	16 6 0
1124 Ephraim Wood	10 10 0
1155 Samuel Hose	19 0 0
1205 Daniel Cross	15 0 0
1237 H. A. Bown	32 4 0
1275 Alfred Stevens	22 1 0
1278 Charles Kerr Crouch	62 10 0
1288 J. T. Smith	18 0 0
1298 Harry Wolfe Cattlin	25 0 0
1305 N. Stringer	45 0 0
1309 Richard Limpus	21 5 0
1326 John Hurst	18 10 0
1326 John Newton	16 11 0
1328 John Henry Leggett	104 5 0
1335 William Leader	10 0 0
1351 William Hilton	42 2 0
1364 Louis A. Leins	51 9 0
1365 William Stephens	44 0 0
1366 Charles Grey Hill	69 1 0
1385 John Lowthin, jun.	22 0 0
1415 Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart.	19 4 0
1415 Lieut.-Col. James Peters	10 0 0
1423 John H. Sweasey, jun.	13 13 0
1426 James Stevens	130 0 0
1437 J. Tydeman	50 6 0
1446 William Ough	50 0 0
From Bristol	10 0 0
174 E. C. Mather	26 10 0
720 H. C. Levander	24 10 0
619 John Howard King	27 10 0
1008 J. N. York	31 10 0
<i>Chapter</i>	
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons—Thomas J. Sabine	213 10 0

The grand total amounted to £5,063 11s.; and Bro. Terry stated that thirteen lists, not included in that amount, had still to come in. (Great cheering.)

Bro. Capt. Platt: A sense of gratitude, if no other reason existed, calls upon us to drink the health of a brother whose constant endeavours are to promote the welfare of Freemasonry. The toast I wish to propose is "The Health of Lord Waveney, P.G.M. for Suffolk." By presiding over us at this meeting of benevolence he has won golden opinions from all, and by his influential presence has lent a charm and lustre to a charitable gathering. In grateful acknowledgment of his support let us charge our glasses to the brim, wishing that health and happiness and every blessing may be accorded to our brother during the remaining term of his natural life.

In returning thanks the Chairman said:— This last passage of my Masonic life has been honoured with a degree of kind reception by you for which I confess I was in no wise prepared. I do not speak in the language of self-depreciation, which I hold a very bad compliment to those I address; but indeed I was not prepared to believe that the duties of Chairman merited the kind reception which you have given me. I have done what I can for the benefit of the Craft and I hold that it is a great happiness to preside on this occasion when the enlarged bonds of your charity show, as I learn from your Secretary, a larger amount than in any year except that which was under the presidency of His Royal Highness, the P.G.M., and believe me those who are placed in trust in the Masonic body find their greatest reward in such kind receptions of their efforts as you have shown this evening. I thank you heartily and drink "Health and Prosperity to the Charity."

And now brethren I will thank you to drink prosperity to the other Masonic charities. The Boys' School, of which the festival is on the 11th

March, and the Girls' School, whose festival will be held on the 13th May. I trust they will be equally fortunate with this charity. Of this I am sure, that you will find in the annual improvement of those children whose education and instruction you have undertaken, a sure proof of the value of the system under which those schools are conducted. With respect to the reproach that I have not made myself acquainted with the working of the Institution, perhaps the reason was that I could gather that the results were so satisfactory that I did not see the necessity of inquiring into the details; I was content to leave the schools to their able managers. I give you "The Masonic Institutions, the Boys' and Girls' Schools, coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School."

Bro. Binckes, in returning thanks, said that it was very characteristic of these associations for the success of the Masonic institutions, that at each meeting the prosperity of the others was never forgotten, and a toast for their prosperity never omitted. On these occasions it was always usual for the officer attached to the Institution whose festival was nearest to be called upon to reply, and as the Festival of the Boys' School was to be held on the 11th March, it was therefore that, he being attached particularly to that Institution, returned thanks on the present occasion. He went on to say that though for the next three weeks men's minds would be greatly occupied with the engrossing business of the parliamentary elections, be trusted that before the festival of the Boys' School came round, people would have had time to get over that excitement and that the success of the Festival would not be endangered thereby. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received.

The health of the ladies was then proposed in a few effective words from Bro. Capt. Platt, and duly honoured.

The Chairman: Brethren, the end of a very pleasant evening has come at last, an evening we shall all of us recollect with much pleasure, I am sure, but it would be strange indeed if we closed these proceedings without recollecting how much the success, the comfort, and the splendour of the reception and this banquet is dependent upon the exertions of those officers whose health I am about to give you. I give you the toast of "The Stewards." The Stewards is a wide word, and I take it in its widest acceptation, the Stewards who have in the first instance represented their provinces here, and those Stewards who have so thoroughly organised all that is satisfactory in this evening's feast. I have had occasion to remark for the first time how perfect the arrangement has been, to see indeed so great a number meet together for purposes of conviviality with the same quiet and comfort as at similar meetings in their own houses, is a marvel for which we owe service and obligation. The health of the Stewards, coupled with the name of Bro. the Rev. Charles Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain.

Bro. the Rev. C. Martyn having responded to the toast, the brethren adjourned to the Grand Lodge room, where they were entertained with some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental. The professional ladies and gentlemen who performed on the occasion were Miss Banks, Miss Marion Severn, Miss Matilda Scott, Bro. Frank Elmore, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Bro. Lazarus, Bro. W. Dawson, and Bro. F. H. Cozens, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, to whom great credit is due for his successful management. The banquet was all that could be desired, even from Bro. Franzatelli, the Manager of the Tavern. We must not omit to mention that the brethren had the advantage of the services of Bro. Harker, the Civic Toast Master, whose fine metallic voice rang from end to end of the great banquet room.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES, &c., RECEIVED.

The Gentleman's Magazine (Grant and Co.) Dictionary of Languages (Hall and Co.). Westminster Papers (Morgan). Onward (Partridge). The Millennium (Bro. Hughes). England and Russia (Willey and Co.). The Lifeboat. Book of Masonic Meetings in East Lancashire.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL, AT BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.

Friday, 30th January, 1874, was a day of great interest and importance in the history of Freemasonry in Berwick-upon-Tweed, and, in fact, in the north of England, the occasion being the opening and dedication, according to Masonic rule, with all the appointed solemnities, of the beautiful new Masonic Hall, which has been erected, facing the parade, by the members of the Lodge St. David, No. 393, English Constitution. The new hall is a building highly ornamental to the town, and its erection is honourable to the lodge. It is so situated as to be seen to great advantage, and at once to command the attention of strangers. It is not too much to say that it is the neatest Masonic building in Britain of its size. The foundation stone was laid whilst Bro. Chalmers I. Paton filled the office of W.M. of the lodge, and it was during his reign that the brethren took up the idea that such a hall ought to be erected, and the energy with which they prosecuted the design is very creditable to the Freemasons of Berwick and its neighbourhood.

The members of the lodge, with many brethren, members of other lodges both in England and Scotland, among whom were not a few of high social position and high Masonic rank, assembled at the hall at half-past two o'clock p.m., and having clothed in the cloak-room, took their seats in the grand hall under the direction of a committee of Stewards, wearing blue rosettes; except the Grand and Grand Provincial officers and visitors of distinction present, who assembled in the library, and were conducted to their seats on the dais by a committee of Stewards wearing red rosettes, this committee being composed of Past Masters of the Province of Northumberland, and formed under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Among those present were—The Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master of the province of Northumberland, Brother Cockcroft; Brothers Hubert Laws, G.S.W.; William Foulsham, J.W.; the Rev. E. L. Marrett, Chaplain; Thomas Anderson, Registrar; T. Y. Strachan, Secretary; Thomas Gillespie, S.D.; Edward Thew Turnbull, J.D.; George R. Brewis, G.S.W.; Edward D. Davies, D.C.; Richard Henry Holmes, A.D.C.; J. R. D. Lynn, B.B.; Richard Watson, S.B.; Adam Wilson, O.; J. S. Trotter, P. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland. The Past Masters present of the Lodges of Northumberland were—Brothers G. Moore, J. Ridsdale, R. Towerson, G. R. Brewis, R. H. Holland, E. Thomson, E. Besley, G. J. A. Hoyre, J. C. Chanoler, C. Hopper, C. I. Paton, H. Gibson, J. S. Macgregor, T. Strother, &c. And the visitors were—Brothers Lord James Murray, Sir Dudley Coutts Majoribanks, Lord Bury, T. Allan, E.C., and W. G. Russel, No. 291; J. Wetherhead, Lamberton; R. Dickson, No. 70; W. Steel, P.M., No. 261 S.C. Nearly the whole of the subscribing members of the Lodge St. David, No. 393 E.C., were present.

The procession was formed in the library at three o'clock, and proceeded in order along the corridor up to the Grand Hall. On the procession entering the hall, all the brethren present stood up and received the Provincial Grand Lodge according to ancient custom, whilst a Grand March was performed on the organ, the procession being conducted by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies once round the hall, halting in the east and facing inwards, after which the Acting Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Brother Cockcroft, took his place on the throne, and the other Provincial Grand Officers took their appropriate places, as did also the visitors of distinction present, under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Committee of Stewards already mentioned. The Provincial Grand Lodge being opened in the third degree, the Most Worshipful Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomson, then addressing the Provincial Grand Master briefly stated the objects of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. G. R. Brewis, presented the plans of the building to the Provincial Grand Master,

who, having expressed his satisfaction, requested the brethren to assist him in the ceremony of dedication.

The Chairman of the Building Committee, Brother A. B. Visick, W.M. No. 393, then addressing the most Worshipful Grand Master, made an explanatory statement in reference to the progress and completion of the building, giving great credit to the various brethren who had made presents to the lodge, and complimenting Bro. C. Hopper, P.M., No. 393, for his great attention while the building was in process of erection. After this the Lodge Board was uncovered, a soft interlude meanwhile being played on the organ. The ceremony of dedication was then begun by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother Rev. E. L. Marrett, giving an appropriate prayer.

The prayer being ended, the 133rd Psalm was sung as an anthem. A procession was then formed, the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. Marrett, walking first, carrying on a cushion the Holy Bible, with square and compass; then the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Laws, carrying the cornucopia, in which was corn; then the Prov. J.G.W., Bro. Foulsham, carrying a silver cup, in which was wine; and then the Acting Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Thomson, carrying a similar cup containing oil. The procession having walked round the hall, the Prov. G. Chaplain read the 16th verse of the 72nd Psalm. The Deputy Prov. G.M. then proceeded to pour oil and wine upon the altar, with the customary ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain took the censer three times round the lodge board, solemn music being played during his progress; and this being completed, he offered up the second consecration prayer.

Haydn's anthem, "The spacious firmament on high," was sung.

The Provincial Grand Master then said:—"In the name of the Most High, I declare this temple dedicated and consecrated to Masonry." Grand honours followed the utterance of these words, and the anthem "Hail! immortal Lord!" was sung.

After the anthem the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies made proclamation in the east, north, and west that the hall was now dedicated and consecrated to ancient Freemasonry, upon which followed a flourish of trumpets and music played on the organ. The anthem "Praise God in His holiness," was then sung, the Stewards covering the lodge board and extinguishing the lesser lights, and the lodge was closed as it was opened, in the three degrees.

The whole ceremony was very imposing, and could not but give delight to the heart of every Freemason present, particularly to the members of the lodge to which the hall belongs, and whose meetings are henceforth to be held in it. As the very fact that such a hall was in course of erection has already given new life to Freemasonry in Berwick and its neighbourhood, it may confidently be expected that now when the hall is opened the number of candidates for admission into the ancient and honourable Order of Freemasons will be greater than ever before.

A dinner was afterwards held in the King's Arms Assembly Room, and a ball in the Corn Exchange.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. J. H. WOODWORTH, ON NEW CONSTITUTIONS, GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

As the question respecting Grand Lodge legislation for the "Hautes grades" is likely soon to be discussed at Dublin, and we warmly sympathise with our excellent Bro. Woodworth, and his numerous friends, in their opposition to such legislation, we think it advisable to give a copy of the proposed law No. 30, which he only alludes to, and yet to our mind it is still more repugnant to Freemasons than even the one particularised (133). What Grand Lodge has to do with the degrees of knighthood, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, so long as its jurisdiction is not infringed by them, we cannot imagine, and so far as we are concerned in England, we feel quite certain neither No. 30, nor No. 133, would be entertained for one moment. Bro.

Woodworth may safely take the articles of late which we have noticed in the *Freemason* as a true index of the views of the brethren across the channel. It will be seen that No. 30 is so definite and sweeping in its character that should our brethren decide to introduce the "Royal Order of Scotland" into Ireland, they would *ipso facto* be liable to suspension, though it is more Masonic than a number of degrees worked under the sheltering wings of the Craft. Is it fair then for the Grand Lodge to constitute itself virtually the oracle of degrees entirely beyond, above, or beneath its knowledge?

W. J. HUGHAN.

"30. The Grand Lodge strictly prohibits as unlawful, all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, under any title whatever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a warrant or constitution from the Grand Lodge, or from one of the other Masonic grand bodies recognised by and acting in Masonic union with it." "Any brother being a member of any lodge on the Registry of Ireland, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, who shall take any part in such unlawful assembly, or shall join or become a member of any body or society, purporting to be Masonic, and not in connection with or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge or other Masonic grand body recognised by it, shall be liable to suspension, or such other penalty as Grand Lodge may think fit."

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties will meet in Council on the 12th of February, at 3.45 p.m. There are 19 names on the list for promotion.

The Temple Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 174, will be consecrated by Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, at the Green Dragon, Stepney, on Monday next, Feb. 9, 1874.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, February, 14, 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, February 7.
General Committee, Boys' School.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
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, February 9.
Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Horns' Tavern, Kennington.
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, February 10.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.
 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. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. 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, February 11.
 Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham Green.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping.
 Mark Lodge Kent, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 Red Cross Ball, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons' Tavern.
 Supreme Grand Council 33°, Golden-square.
 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, February 12.
 Lodge 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.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
 Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 " 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 K. T. Preceptor 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.
 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.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Friday, February 13.
 Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Hotel, Clapton. (Annual Ball.)
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
 Rose Croix Chapter Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoynes Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, For the Week ending Saturday, February 14, 1874.

Monday, February 9.
 Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.
 " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

Tuesday, February 10.
 Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
 Chap. 537, Lion, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, February 11.
 Lodge 281, Fortitude, the Atheneum, Lancaster.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, February 12.
 Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

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

Friday, February 13.
 Lodge 155, Perseverance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW. For the week ending Saturday, February 14, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, February 9.
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

Tuesday, February 10.
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-street.
 " 440, Robert Burns, Bailliestown.
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill, Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, February 11.
 Lodge 123, St. John, Shettleston.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.

Thursday, February 12.
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, February 13.
 Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garnet-gate-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH. For the Week ending Saturday, February 14, 1874.

Monday, February 9.
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, February 10.
 Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.
 " 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, February 11.
 Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, at 8.
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, February 12.
 Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

Friday, February 13.
 Chapter 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's-street, at 8.

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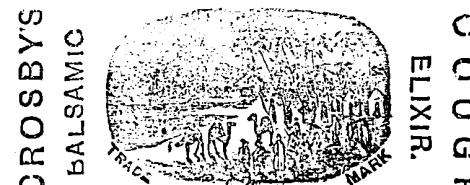
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