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Craft Masonry.

MALTA.—Zetland Lodge (No. 515).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Wednesday, the 4th March, at three in the afternoon, to wish farewell to the W.M., Bro. James Ingram. The lodge being opened, the R.W. District Grand Master (Bro. Kingston) took the chair, and the I.P.M. read an address expressive of the regret felt by the lodge at the W.M.'s departure, and of the warm feelings of affectionate regard entertained by all the brethren towards him. A written testimonial was then presented to him to this effect, which owing to the brief notice received could not be presented in proper form, but it was resolved to have this done and to forward it to him as early as possible. The lodge was then called off for a brief space, and due honour was done to the toast of "The Health and Prosperity of the W.M." The lodge being resumed, was then closed.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The usual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there was a very large muster of the brethren. The chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. F. Evans, and amongst the principals present were—Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.M.; R. Rothwell, S.W.; J. Bell, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treas.; Jos. Jones, Sec.; F. Nickson, J.D.; J. W. Williams, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; C. Costegan, S.; R. Roberts, S., and W. Crawford, Tyler. Amongst the members present were—Bros. W. S. Corris, J. Cliffe, J. A. Foster, R. Riles, W. McVicar, W. Leech, C. H. Olsen, F. Mair, S. H. Michelsen, C. Arden, F. Lewes, W. Fletcher, W. Cain, G. Parry, W. Woolrich, F. Howell, G. Kerry, J. Kenwright, W. Morton, A. Turner, R. Leigh, W. Hagan, R. Fairclough, Keet, F. Morris, W. Morris, J. Robinson, J. Roberts, J. Neill, W. Auders, F. Roberts, J. Horswell, H. Worthington, H. Gibben, A. Jackson, and others. The list of visitors contained the names of Bros. J. Thornton, P.M. 1882; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; A. C. Morrison, Sec. 594; A. D. Hesketh, 182; R. Collings, Sec. 249; J. Jones, 605 and 477; J. B. Mackenzie, 349 and 1182; J. W. Jeffreys, 241; J. Abrams, 1264; F. Roberts, 249; and J. Scott, 594. After the lodge had been duly and solemnly opened by the W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Afterwards, Bro. Evans, W.M., proceeded to initiate Bros. Marshall, George, and Crowther into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working throughout being exceedingly good. The passing and raising of several brethren were also portions of the evening's work, which was highly creditable to all concerned.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—The usual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Gate House Hotel, Highgate, on Monday, the 9th inst. The W.M. opened the lodge at the appointed time, and three candidates being present, the ceremony of raising was performed.

Bro. C. Greyhill announced that his list of subscriptions for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution amounted to exactly £70. A motion having been made to relieve relatives of certain deceased brethren, and sundry other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275), met at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, March 6th. Bro. T. R. Darke, W.M. presided. There were present: Bros. H. Keeble, P.M. as S.W.; G. F. Guest, J.W.; Rev. Colles, P.P.G. Chaplain, Oxfordshire, Chaplain; J. Smith, P.G.P. P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Limebeer, S.D.; W. Kipps, J.D.; S. Homewood, P.M., I.G.; Waugh, P.G.P. P.M., and others. The W.M. initiated Messrs. W. B. Woodman, H. Pratt, and G. Fawn; raised Bros. Ellis, Budgett, 1302, and Appleby, 1309. The lodge being closed, banquet was served, F. Hayward, J.W. 946; W. Waglowe, S.W. 946; F. Frampton, P.M. 17; Budgett, 1309; Appleby, 1309; Dr. Pope, P.M. 946; and J. Baxter Langley, J.W. 1423, responded to the visitors' toast.

ERA LODGE (No. 1423) —On Saturday, March 7th, at Kings Arms Hotel, this prosperous lodge was held. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward Middlesex, W.M., opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. Secretary; J. S. Swcsey, S.D.; M. C. Devereux, (R.N.) J.D.; E. Devereux, I.G.; A. A. F. Crow, C.S.; J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.D., Middlesex, P.M.; T. H. Miller, P.M.; C. Raab, S. Woolf, T. H. Millburn, and others. Bros. R. Liebmann, 160 S.C.; F. W. Rawlinson (better known as Fred Coyne), 219, S.C.; F. J. Boyden, 907; G. Lawson, P.M. 314; were admitted as joining members. Bro. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G. D. Middlesex, P.M., initiated Messrs. J. Johnson, G. W. Malin, F. King, F. B. Joyce, and G. A. Black. F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec., raised Bros. C. B. Robinson, D. Sullivan, and W. A. Simmons. The work was well done. The lodge was closed and banquet served. The only visitor was Bro. Captain G. Andrews, (late 74th Highlanders,) 784.

GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday night, March 14th, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. J. Stevens presided, and most of the officers were present, and about thirty members and visitors. The business consisted of two passings and two raisings, which the W.M. disposed of with his usual ability. The next business was the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice fell unanimously upon Bro. Headon, the present S.W., who was warmly congratulated upon his appointment. An effort was made to alter the bye-laws, or at least to cause their suspension, so as to allow Bro. Headon to be installed on the anniversary of the consecration of the lodge, but this was resisted, and consequently that ceremony cannot take place until the regular meeting of the lodge in October next. This appears an absurdly long period between the election and the installation, as the present W.M. will retain that title for eighteen months. instead of the period usually allotted to the office. Bro. Freeman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. A report was presented, and it was agreed that sanction should be given to holding a lodge of instruction, under the warrant of this lodge. The audit committee was appointed, and after some other business had been disposed of, the lodge adjourned.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The first regular meeting of this new lodge, (the consecration of which was noticed at length in *The Freemason* a fortnight ago), took place at the Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when there was a very large gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. S. E. Ibbs, W.M., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. H. Wyatt, S.W.; J. W. Turley, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, Treas.; T. D. Pearce, Sec.; Richard Roberts, S.D.; T. W. Wills, J.D.; W. S. Barker, I.G.; W. H. Clemmy, S.; W. Hughes, S.; and W. Blake, Tyler. The mem-

bers present were Bros. J. A. Ross, J. Lawson, J. W. Cave-Browne-Cave, J. A. Simpson, G. Turner, W. Humphreys, C. Ewen, J. Sharp, J. Duncan, J. W. McWeare, J. J. Mills, J. Birch, J. C. Caley, G. Parry, T. Grant, D. McLaren, J. C. Patterson, E. Griffiths, A. Bucknall, F. M. Jones, and J. Evans. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. M. Molyneux, Joseph Wood, R. R. Martin, R. H. Evans, H. Jackson, W. Hughes, G. Ellis, and about twenty more. After the minutes of the consecration meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded, in a most masterly and effective manner, to initiate the following candidates, who had been duly elected:—Messrs. R. J. Sprakeling, J. C. Hurbert, William Litt, Robert Roberts, and Owen Jones. The whole of the work was admirably done by the W.M. and officers. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594).—For a number of years this lodge of instruction, under the preceptorship of well-approved and capable brethren, has done good service in spreading and fostering a taste for Masonic education, which would not otherwise have been imparted, nor probably desired, and therefore the annual dinner of the brethren connected with it, which took place at the "Canton" Hotel, Victoria-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., was a pleasant re-union of those who had reaped the advantages of such an excellent institution, which ought to exist in connection with every lodge. Bro. W. D. Rouse, W.M., and Preceptor of No. 594, occupied the chair, Bro. Peter M. Larson, P.M., the vice-chair, and amongst the other members and visitors present were Bros. S. E. Ibbs, P.M., Treas.; T. Dilcock, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M.; A. C. Morrison, Sec.; R. P. France, S.D.; H. Worthington, S.; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; J. Davison, W.M. 724; T. Evans, W.M. 1356; Jos. Jones, Sec., 1356; J. H. Edginton, S.W., 1182; W. G. Veale, Org., 1356; C. Leighton, S.W. 1325; W. E. Catelle, W. H. Moss, J. H. White, J. H. Burch, J. Whitfield, R. J. Wilkinson, R. Williams, P. Askew, J. L. Jones, W. Ferguson, S. Pruce, R. Maddox, N. Ludvigsen, G. Maxwell, J. Le Comber, T. W. Knoop, and others. A dinner of excellent quality was served by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M. 220, and 1299, which gave the most complete satisfaction to every one present. After the cloth had been drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in exceedingly appropriate and happy terms, and in the course of the evening he proposed "The health of Bro. R. Ing, I.P.M., and Immediate Past Preceptor," of whose valuable services he spoke in the highest terms. After an excellent speech, Bro. Rowse presented a very handsome silver tea kettle with stand, formed of the square and compasses, to Bro. Ing, as a mark of the great esteem in which he was held by the members of the Downshire Lodge of Instruction in his capacity of Preceptor. Bro. Ing, in acknowledging the toast and presentation, assured the brethren that his services had always been given gladly, and he would continue to use his utmost endeavours to make the Lodge of Instruction valuable to every one connected with it. Various other toasts were given during the proceedings, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after spending a very enjoyable evening. Several excellent songs were given by Bros. Ibbs, Evans, Veale, Edginton, and others.

Royal Arch.

ISWICH.—Royal Sussex Chapter of Perfect Friendship (No. 376).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. There were present Comps. Stephen Burdett King, M.E.Z.; S. Wright, P.Z., as H.; W. Tracy, J.; Comps. Luff, Scribe E.; Emma Holmes, J. of St. Luke's Chapter, as N.; Fraser, Prin. Soj.; J. A. Pettit, Sen., Dr. Mills, Barfoot, A. Gamman, W. Daking, of the Union Chapter, Nova Scotia, Jack, &c. All below the rank of Principal having retired, the chapter who duly opened, and

the companions then admitted. The minutes were read and confirmed, and four candidates were balloted for and accepted for exaltation, but none being present there was no special business before the meeting. This being the first occasion the companions had met since the lamented death of Comp. J. Franks, P.Z., Scribe E., the M.E.Z., took occasion to remark on the great loss the chapter had sustained through his decease, and dwelt on the death of Comp. Townsend, for many years Treasurer of the chapter. In few, but feeling words, he expressed his own sense of the irreparable loss that he and they had met with in the death of Comp. Franks, of whom, and of whose services to the chapter he spoke in terms of warm eulogy, and he hoped that these losses would make us all think of our latter end. The cup of memory was then passed round in solemn silence, and quaffed to the remembrance of our venerated and esteemed companion. Bro. Mills also spoke very feelingly of Bro. Franks, whose constant companion he had been for thirty-six years, and begged Comp. R. Tracy to accept a medal or jewel, which had belonged to our late brother, and which he felt sure that brother would feel, was placed in proper hands. Bro. Tracy, in responding, said he should never wear that jewel without thinking of all he had done in the furtherance of the objects of Masonry, and his constant endeavour would be to follow in his footsteps. Bro. Pettit and Bro. Wright followed with some suitable remarks commendatory of Bro. Franks. Comp. Emra Holmes said that the first brother who had welcomed him in a Masonic Lodge in Ipswich was Bro. Franks. He (Bro. Holmes) had frequently testified, both here and elsewhere, to the admirable manner in which he had worked in lodge and in Royal Arch Chapter, especially in the latter, where in conjunction with their present esteemed M.E.Z., Comp. King, the ceremonies were so impressively performed, and from all he had seen and from all he had heard of our late excellent and venerable brother, he felt sure that it would be a matter of hope and satisfaction to the brethren to remember that their brother had only gone before to the Grand Lodge above. Comp. Fraser would not harrow up the feelings of the companions by dwelling more on the loss the chapter had sustained in the death of Comp. Franks. Outside the Masonic circle his loss was universally felt, for he carried out the true principles of Masonry in his daily life. He (Comp. Fraser) would tread lightly on the ashes of the dead, but he must bear his testimony to the excellence of our late brother. It was decided to address a letter of condolence to the relatives on behalf of the chapter. At the conclusion of this mournful, but impressive episode in the evening's proceedings, the ordinary business of the chapter was proceeded with. On the initiation of the M.E.Z., Comps. Emra Holmes read to the chapter the famous Masonic poem, King Solomon's Temple, by Duganne, which is published by our learned Bro. Markham Tweddell, of Stokesley, and its exceeding beauty was the subject of much admiring comment. On its conclusion a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Holmes, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and several brethren expressed a wish to procure copies of the poem. The chapter being then closed, and Comp. Luff, Scribe E., having given the beautiful exordium, the companions retired for refreshment. In proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the M.E.Z. regretted that he could not propose that of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, and Prov. Grand Chapter, as unfortunately they had no Prov. Grand Chapter. Now that they had opened the White Rose Chapter at Bury he thought the time had come for a Provincial Chapter. Bro. Wright also expressed a hope that the Royal Arch should be made into a province in Suffolk. Bro. Emra Holmes, in returning thanks for the visitors, dwelt strongly on the beauties and excellencies of the Royal Arch, and remarked that he was surprised at the apathy of many good Craft Masons towards the Royal Arch. No Mason should consider his Masonic career complete until he had been made an R.A., any more than we should be content to stop short at the F.C. He thought with Comp. King, the M.E.Z., that a Prov. Grand Chapter

ought to be formed, and he had no doubt the Prov. Grand Master, if properly approached, would lend the movement every assistance in his power. It is not customary to have the assistance of vocal harmony at these meetings, nevertheless the companions present enjoyed an agreeable albeit a rather sad evening.

RIPON.—*Marquess of Ripon Chapter* (No. 837).—On Saturday, 7th inst., a new Royal Arch Chapter was opened at Ripon, in connection with the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837. It is styled "The Marquess of Ripon Chapter." The Marquess of Ripon, as Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, assisted by Excellent Companions the Rev. Dr. Symth and Beck, of Fidelity Chapter, Leeds; H. Smith, Prov. Grand Scribe E.; Mason, Musgrave, and Oates, of the Philanthropic Chapter; and several other companions from Leeds, Wakefield, &c., duly consecrated the chapter, and installed Companions Rev. E. Collinson, Colonel F. W. Ripley, and Joseph W. Bishop, as Principals. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided. The chair was taken by the Marquess of Ripon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 7th inst. In the absence of the Principals the Chairs were filled by Comps. Pendlebury, M.E.Z.; Terry, H.; Longhurst, J.; Bro. Gorman, of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was exalted, the whole of the ceremony being performed in a very able manner; those of the newly-elected Principals who had arrived were then inducted into their exalted positions, the retiring M.E.Z. having been presented with a jewel, and no other business offering, the companions adjourned.

UNIVERSITY CHAPTER (No. 1118), was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 23rd ult., by Comp. J. Hervey, G.S.E., assisted by Comp. Major J. Creaton, P.G.S.B., and Comp. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex, as H. and J., and Comp. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 91, as D.C. The various ceremonies of consecration and installation were rendered to perfection, accompanied on the harmonium by Comp. E. Stanton Jones, as Organist. Comp. S. Leith Tomkins was duly installed as M.E.Z.; Comps. Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, as H.; P. A. Latham, as J.; after which the following officers were invested:—Comps. J. Percy Leith, Treas.; E. Watson, E.; H. Sutherland, N.; H. H. Riach, P.S.; W. Masterman, A.S.; Aretas Akers, A.S. The usual compliments were paid to the consecrating officer and his assistants, after which the chapter was closed. A very enjoyable evening was afterwards passed at the banquet table, where the customary toasts were given and received with the utmost cordiality. The Hon. Judge Gibbs, D.G. Supt., Bombay, responded for the Grand Officers, and Major J. Creaton, for the visitors, and amongst other companions were Comps. S. Tomkins, G. Treas.; J. Whichcord, G.D.C.; Cooper, and Wood. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Lord Balfour, and other companions.

### Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—*Lodge St. Stephen* (No. 145).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 9th inst., in St. James's Hall, Writers' Court. Supporting the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. R. S. Brown, were Bros. D. G. C. Christie, P.M. of St. David's, No. 36; R. Wadler, W.D.M., nearly the whole of the office-bearers, and a goodly number of members. After the minutes were read and confirmed, a report was brought up by the Standing Committee, recommending certain alterations in the Bye-Laws, and by the adoption of which a step has been taken in the right direction, viz:—That the admission of candidates for initiation or affiliation, henceforth be by ballot. (The use of the ballot-box at present is the exception, not the rule, in the Metropolis of the brethren over the border). After the transaction of the ordinary business, the lodge was called

from labour to refreshment, when deputations were received from the Lodge Celtic, No. 291, headed by Bro. J. D. Wormald, R.W.M., and Lodge Edinburgh Mary's Chapel No. 1, headed by Bro. Bailie Muirhead, R.W.M. A number of visiting brethren were also present, amongst whom were Bro. P. Sinclair, R.W.M. of Lodge Journeymen, No. 8; Bro. Serjeant Major T. Willmott, of the Roman Eagle, No. 160, and Bro. D. Kinnear, P.M. No. 291. The evening was spent in love, peace and harmony, and when labour was resumed, the R.W.M. proposed "That to mark the respect which is entertained for two such distinguished Masons, and highly respected citizens as Bailie Muirhead, and Ex-Councillor Wormald, they be affiliated as Honorary Members of this Lodge," this met with the unanimous approval of the members, whereupon the oath de fideli was taken by Bros. Muirhead and Wormald, and they resumed their seats amidst hearty congratulations. Bro. Kinnear proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had carried through the business of the meeting, and that the same be recorded in the minutes; this was carried nem. con. and the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

In accordance with special announcements and public advertisements, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the province of North Wales and Shropshire was held in Holyhead on Friday. Though the local Masonic Lodge, the St. Cybi, No. 597, is holden at the Marine Hotel, on this occasion it was deemed expedient to exchange rooms for the time being, and to occupy the spacious and more commodious rooms at the Royal Hotel, now under the able superintendence of Mrs. Head, as the anticipated number of brethren in attendance would be too numerous to be conveniently, or at all events comfortably entertained at the former place. It proved to be a happy foresight on the part of those brethren whose duty it was to provide suitable accommodation for this auspicious event. A great number of years had elapsed since the last Provincial Assembly met here, and there were, therefore, considerable expectations in the town, more especially as the St. Cybi Lodge, 579, has progressed very materially in numbers and influence of late years. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M.; opened the P.G. Lodge at about 2.40 p.m., assisted by his P.G. Officers. There was a crowded attendance, and the business transacted appeared to fully take up the interest of the brethren. After discussing the various questions brought forward, and closing the P.G. Lodge, the brethren formed into a procession and proceeded to the St. Seiriol Church. The service was ably and distinctly intoned by Bro. the Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, while the musical part was extremely well rendered by the choir of the St. Seiriol Church, under the leadership of Mr. John Williams, Mr. Charles Moran presiding at the organ with his usual skill and ability. At the close of the service, Bro. the Rev. O. Williams Jones, B.A., S.W. and Chaplain to the St. Cybi Lodge, delivered a most impressive and applicable discourse, from the 1st chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, 20th verse. After dwelling on the general purport of the text, the rev. brother confined his remarks to the sacred teachings and excellent principles of Freemasonry, dilating to a considerable extent upon the virtues the mysterious Craft inculcates to the thousands that range under its banners, and winding up his discourse by saying that an opportunity would be given at the close of the service to practice one of the brightest of those virtues—charity, as there was a collection to be made, the proceeds of which would be divided between those excellent institutions in the town—the Sailors' Home, Hospital, and the Lifeboat Fund. After the sermon a collection was made by the vicar's churchwarden, Bro. R. T. Parry, of Bryngoleu, which amounted to £8 2s. The procession was as follows:—Two Tylers, with drawn swords; brethren not members of any lodge, two and two; the lodges of the province according to their num-

bers, and each in the following order, juniors going first: The Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477; Tyler with drawn sword; brethren two and two; Inner Guard with a sword; S. and J. Deacons; Treasurer and Secretary; S. and J. Wardens; W. Master. The Fitz-Alan Lodge, Oswestry, No. 432. The Bala Lodge, No. 1369. The Square and Compass Lodge, Wrexham, No. 1336. The Royal Denbigh Lodge, No. 1142. The St. Oswald Lodge, Oswestry, No. 1124. The St. Millinga Lodge, Ironbridge, No. 1120. The Anglesey Lodge, No. 1113. The Welshpool Lodge, No. 998. St. Tudno Lodge, Llandudno, No. 775. The Lodge of the Marches, Ludlow, No. 611. The Segontium Lodge, Carnarvon, No. 606. The St. John's Lodge, Wellington, No. 601. The St. Cybi Lodge, Holyhead, No. 597. The St. David's Lodge, Bangor, No. 384. The Salopian Lodge, Shrewsbury, No. 262. The Salopian Lodge of Charity, Shrewsbury, No. 117. Tyler, with drawn sword; Past P.G. Pursuivants P.G. Pursuivants; Past P.G. Organists; P.G. Organist; Past P.G. Sword Bearers; Past P.G. Directors of Ceremonies; P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies; P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Past P.G. Superintendents of the Works; P.G. Superintendent of the Works; Past P.G. Deacons; P.G. Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions; Past P.G. Registrars; P.G. Registrar, with his bag; P.G. Treasurer; Past P.G. Chaplains; Past P.G. Wardens; Visiting Provincial Grand Officers, two and two, according to rank, juniors first; the P.J.G. Warden; banner of the P.G. Lodge; P.G. Steward of the year; P.S.G. Warden; P.J.G. Deacon; the Sacred Law, borne by four Master Masons' sons, and opened at the 10th Chapter of Numbers; the P.G. Chaplains; P.G. Steward of the year; Past D.P.G. Masters; the R.W. the D.P.G. Master; the standard of the P.G. Master; P.G. Steward of the year; P.G. Sword Bearer; the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master; P.S.G. Deacon; P.G. Tyler, with drawn sword. Also Brs. John Ellis, the W.M. of the St. Cybi Lodge, 597, who together with his officers, the Rev. O. William Innes, S.W.; James Lloyd, J.W.; John Peters, P.M., Treasurer; John Lloyd Griffith, P.M., Secretary; A. F. Snelson, J.D.; Robert Parry, Organist, William Innes, I.G.; Edward Mellor, P.M.; and William Lewis, P.M., had made ample and effective preparations for the occasion. There was a large muster of the brethren of the St. Cybi Lodge in the procession. The Worthy Chaplain having pronounced the benediction, the procession left the sacred edifice in similar order, towards the Royal Hotel, to partake of a sumptuous banquet, prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Head. Altogether 87 sat at table. After the banquet, the R.W.P.G.M., Sir Watkin, proceeded with the toast list. It must have been pleasing to the brethren assembled at the festive board to see the good humour, and the pure Masonic element shining so brilliantly in the R.W.P. Grand Master on this occasion; and that though he has nobly devoted years of his life to Masonic labours, his energy and zeal have not diminished; but, on the contrary, appear to be expanding, and becoming more prominent day by day. Very suitable addresses were delivered by several of the brethren, among whom we may mention Bros. T. C. Roden, P.M., No. 755; P.G.W., Bulkeley Hughes, P. Prov. G. S.W.; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.M. 597; John Peters, P.G.S.D.; Edward Mellor, P.M.; and several others. Independent of the members of the St. Cybi Lodge, there were in addition to those already named, Bros. F. Jones, 384; R. J. Tipon, 1143; John Ormiston, 1143; Henry Owen, 384; Owen Roberts, 1113; Robert Owen, 384; R. T. Phillips, 755; D. Cameron 384; Meillion Haly, 384; David Wynne Williams, 384; George Higgins, 1113; E. Hood, W.M. 1124; J. Frederick Mason, St. Barnabas, 984; T. Lloyd Kyffin, J.W. 1113; W. W. Hughes, and James Treweek, 1113; James Nevin, 606; R. H. William, P.M. 1113; and others. We may state in conclusion that the meeting proved a great success; every individual brother took special interest in the proceedings and seemed highly gratified and pleased with the effect. It may be mentioned that after the toast for the Prince of Wales, and that of Sir Watkin, Bro. Cletwr Jones' songs were sung with much

eclat, Bro. Robert Parry, presiding with his usual good taste on the excellent harmonium belonging to the lodge.

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The Chairman then continued:—In looking over the list of subscribers, and when I do so, I see the same men time after time coming forward nobly, with generous subscriptions to maintain these great Institutions; but I have heard an estimate made that after all there is not above one-sixth of the members of the Craft who are subscribers to these Institutions. I hope that there is some error about that calculation.

I am very well aware that there are many men in the Craft who with the best intentions have not the means of subscribing; but I am very well aware that there are very many men who might subscribe and who do not. What I want to impress upon you to-night is this, that it is far better that these institutions should be supported by small subscriptions from large numbers, than that they should be supported by large subscriptions from a few. You who do not subscribe and cannot, have no right to say that the Boys' School is a credit to Freemasonry; it is a credit to its members; it is no credit, but a discredit to those who do not subscribe. And I earnestly beg you to think these things are doubtless truly the proofs which are held up and which we may hold up to our fellow-countrymen of the advantages of the spirit by which the Craft in this country is animated; but they are only proofs in that degree, in which they are supported throughout the length and breadth of the Craft, by everyone who can give any support at all. Do not let any brother be ashamed to give a small subscription. A great many small subscriptions will in the end come, as you well know, to a great deal more than a few large ones, and what you want is that these institutions should rest upon the widest possible basis, that they should be truly representatives of the spirit of this ancient fraternity, that what we say after dinner we may say deliberately at all times without fear of contradiction, that the spirit of the Craft is to be judged by the points which it bears in institutions like this, because these institutions do not rest upon the generosity of the few, but because they are founded upon the general and broad and stable basis of the general support of the Craft. I beg to couple with this toast the name of one of "The Vice-Presidents, Bro. Raynham Stewart."

Bro. Raynham Stewart, in returning thanks, entirely concurred in the views of the Grand Master that it was more desirable that they should obtain small contributions from a large number than large contributions from a small one. Beginning operations in a very small building, the Craft had had the courage to get into debt to increase it, and now they had had the courage to get out of debt; and he added that the managers of the Institution were perfectly ready to carry out the views of the brethren as regarded extending the usefulness of the Institution if only the brethren would provide them with the means for so doing.

Bro. Binckes presented two of the boys from the Institution to the Grand Master, to receive the silver medals awarded, the one for general good conduct, and the other for popularity among the scholars. These tests of merit are somewhat peculiar, and the Grand Master wisely reminded the recipient of the popularity medal that there were many things in this world more worthy of being striven after than popularity.

Bro. Binckes then proceeded to read a list of the monies brought up by the various Stewards on this occasion, showing contributions from Town Lodges, £2,951 17s., and from the country £4,060 3s., making together £7,031. Of this sum Bro. John Sutcliffe, of East Lincolnshire, had contributed a very considerable sum. Having devoted some eight months to this cause, he had, after setting a noble example by himself contributing 250 guineas, collected in his Province in all a sum of £1,030. Bro. Binckes

concluded by announcing that there were eight lists still to come in.

In proposing the health of the Vice-Presidents, Auditors, and Committee of the Institution, the Chairman remarked that no Institution can flourish unless it is well managed; and if they were satisfied that the Boys' School was in a prosperous condition, that was the best proof that the managers had done their duty. He added, that he congratulated the brethren heartily on the results of this evening; and he was proud to say that he was connected with the Province of Lincolnshire, which had sent so noble a contribution to the funds.

Bro. Philbrick having returned thanks, the Chairman rose to propose "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." He was sure that those who had assembled there in such numbers to contribute to the prosperity of the Boys' School; must also have warmly at heart the prosperity of the other Masonic Charities.

This toast was responded to by Bro. Little, who made a short but able address on behalf of the Girls' School, and hoped that the brethren present would support that Institution at the forthcoming festival.

The health of the Stewards was then proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Capt. Platt, and the health of "The Ladies," which followed, was acknowledged in a neat speech by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

The more serious business of the evening being now ended, the company adjourned to the Temple, where an admirable concert, under the direction of Bro. W. Ganz, G.O., was held, the principal performers being Miss Rose Hersee, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Alice Fairman, Bro. Geo. Perren, Mr. Trelawny Cobham, Mr. Maybrick, Bro. Caravoglia, Bro. Paque, and Bro. Lehmyer.

[By the courtesy of Bro. Binckes we have received a full list of the subscriptions handed in by the several Stewards, which we are unable to find space for this week, but which will be found in next week's impression.]

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### FATHER CUFFE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent "H.C.L.," appears as an apologist for Father Cuffe in his recent refusal to bury a Roman Catholic soldier who was a Freemason. He argues that the reverend gentleman was simply acting in accordance with the laws of his Church, and says "we must not too hastily . . . condemn as unwarrantable the conduct of a priest who is bound to obey his ecclesiastical superiors."

Now, Sir, "H.C.L.," (as well as some of your other correspondents) seems to miss the vital point in the matter at issue. Father Cuffe, as a Romish priest, may be perfectly justified in refusing to bury an excommunicated person. We may deplore the intolerance, the bigotry, and the want of charity of the Pope in excommunicating any one, and of the priest in obeying such a senseless and wicked order. We may rejoice that the increased enlightenment of the age renders almost harmless all these papal threats, anathemas, and excommunications, and causes them to fall upon the world as empty words, "full of sound and fury, yet signifying nothing." We may rejoice that the curses launched against Freemasons do not deter thousands of Roman Catholics from joining the Order. We may rejoice to observe that the passionate breathings of the most infallible of Popes are less regarded than the *dicta* of any of his predecessors. We may rejoice that there is now no chance of a revival of those days when men trembled at the Pope's anger, when children were refused baptism at his command, and when the excommunicated dead lay unburied in the land. Yes, we may thank God that those days of grovelling superstition are gone. Beyond this mere expression of opinion, however,

we have no right to interfere in the internal discipline of the Romish Church, and, so far, "H.C.L." is right.

But, sir, as a Roman Catholic Army Chaplain, Father Cuffe owes an allegiance beyond that due to the Pope of Rome. He is a paid servant of the English State; paid by the money of Protestant and Romanist alike; paid to render to our Roman Catholic soldiers the services of their church. In his capacity of State servant, of what avail is it to prate of his duty to the Pope? We have nought to do with the Pope! The Pope has no sovereignty in these dominions. If, then, Father Cuffe says that his allegiance to the Pope will not allow him to perform the duties for which he is paid by the State, we reply, "Get you gone; resign your State Office and your salary to some one who will. There are now plenty of Catholic priests, fortunately, who have cast off the degrading fetters of an infallible Pope.

The case stands thus: Father Cuffe, as an officer of the British Army, has refused to discharge his duty; let him then be called to account by his military superiors, and be made to understand that such conduct must not and shall not be repeated.

I am, yours fraternally,  
WILLIAM DATE, W.M., 814.

#### MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

After all that has been said, and written upon this subject, it is quite amusing to read such remarks as those by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, at page 139. Were he some newly made brother his ignorance might be excused, but for Bro. Paton now to pretend not to know that the old operative Masons before last century were at liberty to take their mark with either an even or an odd number of points just as they chose is inexcusable. As a proof of this, he has only to turn to page 67 of Bro. Lyons splendid new Masonic work, "Freemasonry in Scotland," where a large number of Masonic marks from buildings and old Masonic records are so beautifully lithographed, and counting the points in the marks there shown, he will find about one half of them with an even number of points. He must also remember, as shown at page 550 of *The Freemason*, for September 2, 1871, that it was the rule among the old operative Masons to give to every apprentice his mark when being entered as an apprentice. The idea of confining the mark to Fellow Crafts was a new style of doing things, introduced when the mark degree was first instituted about the middle of the last century. The rule that the mark was to be always of an odd number of points was a new rule introduced when the mark degree was started. The reference which Bro. Paton makes to Bro. A. Kerr is rather unfortunate, one might as well bring Ptolemy forward to prove that Sir Isaac Newton was wrong as bringing Bro. Kerr forward to prove Bro. Hughan wrong. Those who desire more light upon Masons' marks, and upon the mark degree, may find some at pages 474, 489, and 522 of *The Freemason* for July 29th, and August 5th, and 19th, 1871.

I am, yours fraternally,  
W. P. BUCHAN.

#### FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT AT SHANGHAI.)

We have very interesting news of the progress of British Masonry in China, and an energetic old Mason once more appears to the front. We need only mention the name of Past Master Sidford to remind China Masons of the founder of the Tuscan Lodge, 1027 E.C., at Shanghai in 1864.

A new lodge has been established at Chin-Kiang, a rising port on the great Yang-tze River during last year, and has been very favourably mentioned as doing useful work amongst the community at that place, and from what we hear there is still plenty of work before it. We have been favoured with a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the D.G.L. of China, from which we make some extracts relative to the final con-

stitution and consecration of the Doric Lodge of Chin-Kiang No. 1433, E.C., and wish the lodge and its members "God speed," a wish that will be generally expressed amongst all our Masonic readers.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Doric Lodge No. 1433, E.C., held at the lodge-room, Chin-Kiang on Monday, 15th December, 1873, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating the lodge, and installing its first Worshipful Master and Wardens.

Present—Worshipful Bros. Thos. W. Kingsmill, P.D.G. Superintendent of Works, acting for D.D.G.M., J. H. P. Parker, P.D.G.S.B.; Henry H. Sidford, Bros. Gearing, Abbott, Menzies, Goldspink, Nunn, Middleton, Walker, Camajee, Sanders, Moore, and Williamson.

The lodge was opened in ancient form and with solemn prayer at 9.30 a.m.

The circular convening the meeting was read as follows:—

"Doric Lodge No. 1433, E.C.,  
Chin-Kiang, 13th Dec., 1873.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"You are requested to attend a special meeting of your lodge, to be held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 15th Dec., 1873, at 9.30 a.m. precisely.

"By order of the W.M.

"Yours fraternally,

"(Signed) G. WILLIAMSON.

"Secretary.

"Business—The consecration of the lodge and installation of W.M. and officers."

The representatives of the District Grand Lodge, Wor. Bro. Thos. W. Kingsmill, P.M., No. 570, P.D.G. Superintendent of Works, &c., &c., and Worshipful Bro. J. H. P. Parker P.M. No. 501, P.D.G.S.B., were then announced as desiring admission, and were received with Grand honours, they were then conducted to the East, Wor. Bro. Sidford offering the chair to Wor. Bro. Kingsmill, who desired the W.M. to continue the work.

The lodge was passed to the F.C.'s degree, and all brethren below the rank of M.M. having retired, the lodge was opened in the third degree.

Wor. Bro. Sidford, then vacated the chair and handed the gavel to Wor. Bro. Kingsmill, soliciting at the hands of the delegates of the District Grand Lodge the constitution and consecration of the Doric Lodge. The delegates were also placed in possession of the charter, furniture, jewels, Regalia, and minute book of the lodge.

Wor. Bro. Kingsmill opened a District Grand Lodge in form with solemn prayer at 10. a.m.

The ceremony of constituting, and consecrating the Doric Lodge, No. 1433, E.C., was then gone through.

The minutes of the meeting of the lodge held under the Provincial Dispensation were read by the W.M. Elect, the same being approved, Wor. Bro. Kingsmill in the name of the District Grand Lodge declared them fully confirmed.

The District Grand Lodge was closed in form and with solemn prayer at 10.40, the Doric Lodge resuming labour in the third and second degrees respectively.

The W.M. Elect, Wor. Bro. P.M., Sidford was then presented for installation.

The ceremony of installation followed, the W.M., P.M. Henry Æneas Sidford, receiving the salutations of the brethren.

The lodge closed in the third, opened in the second, closed in the second, and resumed labour in the first degree at 11.15.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the delegates of the District Grand Lodge in the following terms:—

"Worshipful and dear brethren, as the mouth-piece of the brethren of the Doric Lodge, I beg most heartily and gratefully to return our sincere thanks to you for your kind assistance in coming up to Chin-kiang and constituting and consecrating our lodge, confirming our previous work, and installing myself and the other officers. Looking forward to this auspicious occasion, seemed at one time a long, almost a faltering expectation, but those times of anxiety and weakness are numbered amongst the things of the past, and we now go forward with renewed strength, vitality, and hopefulness. The work already cemented by your approval and confirmation has done good amongst the community

of this port; our minutes have shown you that there is still plenty of labour before us, and we promise as far as lies in our humble power to continue faithful in the discharge of the Masonic duties which still await us. Worshipful Sirs, I may safely say you can never receive a more hearty expression of thanks than that which I now propose to offer to you."

Bro. S. W. Gearing gladly seconded the thanks of the Worshipful Master, and the brethren carried it with acclamation.

Worshipful Bro. Kingsmill acknowledged the pleasure it had given him in being the fortunate witness of the real prosperity of the Doric lodge, and trusted that when the time came round for Worshipful Bro. Sidford to vacate the chair, his successor would worthily follow his predecessor's successful example. He, Worshipful Bro. Kingsmill, would have great pleasure in testifying to the District Grand Lodge that the working of her youngest offshoots was worthy of all commendation.

The W.M. proposed, Wor. Bro. Kingsmill, seconded, and the lodge carried unanimously, a cordial vote of thanks to the visiting brethren from Shanghai, coupled with the name of Bro. Camajee, whose presence amongst us was a proof in itself of our universality and non-sectarian principles.

Bro. Camajee and also Bro. Saunders acknowledged the vote with a few suitable observations

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or this lodge in particular, it closed in due and ancient form with solemn prayer at 11.35 a.m., the brethren separating in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

(Signed) GEORGE WILLIAMSON.

Secretary.

A new Worshipful Master, R. J. Abbot, was installed as W.M. (by W.P. Master H. E. Sidford) for 1874 early in January, and at the next regular meeting, 13th January, a vote of thanks was proposed by the J.W. Bro. George Williamson, seconded by the Worshipful Master, and carried with acclamation:—

"Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

"Being one of the first to be o—g—ted upon the volume of the Sacred Law now before you, I have peculiar pleasure in proposing a cordial vote of thanks to our Immediate Past Master Wor. Bro. Henry Æneas Sidford for presenting that handsome volume, with the square and compasses, to this lodge.

I am sure all these who are privileged to call this their "Mother Lodge" will join me in supplementing this proposal by gratefully acknowledging his kind and patient exertions to thoroughly fit us each and all for the several degrees he has been pleased to confer upon us. May he hereafter have the satisfaction of knowing that those whom he has placed in the N.E. corner of this lodge, not only tend to strengthen and adorn this edifice (in the rearing of which he has displayed so much ability and zeal), but that through his instructions they have also been rendered better members of that vast lodge by which we are surrounded, in which, as here, each individual has an influence for the better or the worse. And may he, and we, by acting in conformity with that Sacred Law, meet again in that Grand lodge above, where T.G.A.O.T.U. lives and reigns for evermore."

Chin-Kiang, 16th January, 1874.

Worshipful and Dear Bro. Abbot, Dear Wardens, and Brethren,

The flattering and unexpected vote of thanks that I was so undeservedly honoured with at our last regular meeting, took me so much by surprise that I was unable at the moment adequately to give utterance to all I then felt, and do still feel. You will therefore allow me now, more explicitly to record my gratitude to, and Masonic love for, all who joined in those expressions of fraternal regard. May the time never come, Worshipful Sir, that you alluded to, where remarking, that the Volume of the Sacred Law shall be returned to my hands. Allow me, most earnestly and lovingly, to impress on your minds, that with unity in your lodge you possess strength, attain and command success, and permit of one word, and only one, of fraternal caution. Let the remarks and observations of an unenlightened—possibly invidious, if not envious

—outside world pass, on almost every occasion, unnoticed, in short, as if they had not been heard. This is our only danger—an insignificant one perhaps, but still a danger, that it is necessary to provide against. I am sensible of my own shortcomings, but with the unanimity and concord that now obtains amongst you, I entertain no doubt but that your lodge, and mine, will continue on her path of duty and usefulness, to a greater attainment of success under her present officers than I could have anticipated during my first year of Mastership. May the Almighty, our Guide, our Comforter, be ever with you, bless and prosper you as a lodge, as Masons, and as His children.

Your loving fraternal servant,

HENRY E. SIDFORD,

P.M. 1027 and 1433.

The Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren,  
Doric Lodge 1433, Chin-Kiang.

Worshipful Bro. Sidford will have the satisfaction on leaving Chin-Kiang as, we are informed, he shortly intends, of knowing he has left a good work behind him.

#### MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Among some looks which came into my hands the other day there is bound up with another treatise a copy of a little work mentioned by Kloss, page 22, No. 251.

This is, it seems, a defence of Freemasonry by the Chevalier Ramsay, according to Kloss, and it had the high honour of being burnt at Rome by order of the Inquisition in 1783.

This little work is written in French, and is alleged to be printed at Dublin by Patrick O'Donoho, 1738. Kloss mentions a copy printed at London, 1749, but does not say whether any English translation of it ever existed. German translations of it do exist.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

I see that Kloss mentions "Clypeum Veritatis" at page 185, No. 2523, and "Speck auf der Fall," at the same page No. 2526. While at page 188, No. 2554, he mentions the "Rosea crucis Frater Thrasionico Mendax," the book to which I alluded, as all written by Christopheri Filius Mundus.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Let me call attention to the "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry and its kindred sciences, comprising the whole range of arts, sciences and literature, as connected with the institution by Albert G. Mackey, M.D., author of "Lexicon of Freemasonry," "A Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence," "Symbolism of Freemasonry," &c., &c., with illustrations."

Bro. George Kenning having been appointed sole agent for the United Kingdom for the above work, is now prepared to supply the same at his Masonic Depots, London, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Edinburgh.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

#### THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

We are much pleased to inform our readers that the excellent pamphlet by our Brother Henry Watson, W.M. 1386, Lincoln, on our "Masonic Charities" has been reprinted in the *Masonic Magazine* for March, 1874. (George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, London, 7d., postage free).

We beg again to express our warm appreciation of Bro. Watson's valuable little book, and wish most ardently that every Freemason in this country had a copy thereof to carefully study.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTICE.

Messrs. Moses and Son have published two very good and wonderfully cheap photographic "artes de Visite" of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and H.I.H. the Duchess. We were not previously aware that these enterprising "entrepreneurs" of modern habiliments were turning their attention also to photographic art. We were well acquainted with the fact indeed, that they were prepared to clothe completely even Lord Macaulay's famous New Zealander at the shortest notice, on the easiest terms, and in the most satisfactory and fashionable manner, so that that interesting personage would no longer shock the feelings of those respectable members of the M.P.F. who patrol Westminster Bridge. At still, as the specimens of photography

they have sent us are very good in themselves, we think them deserving both of notice and commendation. Any of our brethren who want these two portraits for their photographic albums, as most probably all do, cannot do better than apply for them forthwith.

#### SURREY MASONIC HALL.

The Directors of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company have at length completed all preliminary matters, and the excavations for the foundations for the new building are in course of progress. To such of our readers who may be interested in this undertaking, we recommend an inspection of the new plans and drawings which we have authority for stating can be seen at the offices of the architects to the Company, Messrs. Pain and Clark, Essex-street, Strand. The builder, Mr. John Oliver, signed his contract for the work on Monday last, and has engaged to have the most important portion of the building complete and ready for occupation by the 1st of September in this year. At the Board meeting on Monday it was resolved to make almost immediate preparation for the laying of the foundation stone, and it is anticipated that that ceremony will be performed by a high Masonic personage, whose convenience will, of course, have to be studied before a date can be absolutely fixed.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, OF HOLYHEAD.

The deeds of the brave and self-sacrificing brethren who have, from time to time, taken their place in the Masonic ranks are worthy of a place in a journal which is peculiarly for the Craft; and, therefore, notice is this week due to the obituary of a worthy brother, who for many years has been well-known and highly esteemed in Holyhead. The funeral ceremony of Bro. William Henry Smith, proprietor of the Marine Hotel, a member of St. Cybi Lodge, No. 527, which took place on Saturday week, was an event of more than ordinary interest, and the brethren of that and other lodges showed their respect for the deceased by attending on the occasion in large numbers. Amongst those present were:—Bros. John Ellis, W.M.; the Rev. O. W. Jones, M.A., S.W., and Chaplain; J. Peters, P.M., P.G.S.D., Treasurer; J. Lloyd, J.W.; A. F. Snelson, J.D.; R. Parry, Organist; W. Jones, I.G.; E. Mellor, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; O. R. Ellis, 597; J. M. Harden, I.G. 755; and about 20 other brethren. The funeral service was impressively read by Bro. Rev. O. W. Jones, S.W., Chaplain, and at the proper time the brethren went round the grave, each dropping a sprig of acacia on the mortal remains of the departed brother, all evidently feeling the loss which had been sustained. Bro. W. H. Smith served in Her Majesty's customs for nearly 26 years, and in 1853 he was appointed collector for Beaumaris and its dependencies, from which he retired in 1866 with a well-earned pension. He was not only well known throughout the counties of Carnarvon and Anglesey, where his official duties lay, but also by repute beyond the United Kingdom, in consequence of his noble exertions in 1859 in succouring those saved from the wreck of the ill-fated Royal Charter, superintending, on behalf of the Crown, all the operations for recovering the bodies, as well as the specie and cargo. His zeal was most indefatigable; and so much were his services appreciated by the friends of those who perished, that a nobleman started a subscription for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to him. Bro. Smith, on hearing of the movement, at once declined to receive anything, stating that if he had done more than his duty he had only done what humanity dictated. The Treasury, however, were so highly pleased with his services that a special allowance was voted to him, the secretary being instructed to write acknowledging his great zeal and the satisfactory way in which he had carried out his painful and irksome duties. Exposure to the weather and his unwearied exertions laid the seeds of rheumatism, which compelled him to accept a pension in 1866. The deceased who was 52 years of age, died somewhat suddenly on the 5th inst.

As a mark of respect, the tradespeople in Holyhead closed their places of business during the hour of interment.

#### SOC : ROSICRUC : IN SCOTIA.

EDINBURGH.—*Edinburgh College of the East of Scotland*.—A special meeting of this College was held in Freemasons' Hall, George-st., on Saturday, the 14th inst., presided over by O. Frater John Laurie, Primus Adeptus, VIII., when the following brethren were admitted, members viz. J. M. Coventry, W.S.; H. J. Dickson, and John A. L. Barnett.

#### GRAND LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence, met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. M. Clabon, President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, S.V.P., and Bro. James Brett, J.V.P. There was a very large attendance of brethren. There were twenty-one cases relieved with a total of £463. Of this sum two cases were relieved with £50 each, three with £40, and two with £30; the remainder were relieved with smaller sums. The lodge sat for three hours. Six cases were deferred for further consideration, not being complete.

#### MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

The rank of Queen's Counsel has been conferred on Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Grand Junior Deacon.

Bro. Mackey's new work has just reached us, and we propose to call the attention of our brethren to it fully, next week.

#### A COMPREHENSIVE CURSE FOR THE FREEMASONS.

A Leeds correspondent sends us the *Valparaiso Mail*, of Jan. 2, and calls our attention to this paragraph in it:—

"The Bishop of Rio Grande and the Masons.—The Bishop of Rio Grande, says the *Opinion Nationale* of Rosario, excommunicated and anathematized the Masons of that province, cursing them in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, of St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Andrew, of all the Apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ, of the four Evangelists, of all the Martyrs from the beginning of the world to the end of time; he cursed them all by the heavens and the earth, all the things therein, in their houses, when travelling on land and on water, in church, coming, going, eating, drinking, playing, when courting sleep, asleep and awake, walking, riding, sitting, working, and resting. He cursed all the power of their bodies, interior and exterior, their hair, eyes, head, ears, jaws nose, teeth, throat, shoulders, arms, legs, feet, all the joints, and finally wound up as follows:— Curse them, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, with all the power of thy majesty, and may they be delivered up to eternal condemnation if they do not repent' and confess their faults. Amen. Amen."

That is as bad a curse as that of Ingoldsby—*vide* "The Jackdaw of Rheims"—and approaches that quoted by Sterne in "Tristram Shandy." This was the curse on the thievish Jackdaw—

"He cursed him at board, he cursed him in bed; From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head;

He cursed him in sleeping, that every night He should dream of the devil, and wake in a fright;

He cursed him in eating, he cursed him in drinking,

He cursed him in coughing, in sneezing, in winking;

He cursed him in sitting, in standing, in lying; He cursed him in walking, in riding, in flying, He cursed him in living, he cursed him in dying!"

As to the curse of Bishop Ernulfus, of which Mr. Shandy obtained a copy from "the Chapter-Clerk of the Dean and Chapter of Rochester," some parts could not be reproduced in the columns of the *Chatham News*—readers of "Tristram Shandy" will know why. But all three excommunications are tolerably alike in the main—they are of a "common form." "Our army swore terribly in Flanders," cried my uncle Toby—"but nothing to this." We hope not.—*Chatham News*.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

Geo. Petty—The 19s. 4d., to hand, pays your subscription from April 11th 1874, to May 15th, 1875.

ERRATA.—P. 162, column 1, for Bro. Captain Platt, G.P.W., read J.G.W.

Page 164, column 2, line 2, for "1874," read "1872," line 15, after "Melrose" read "Lodge."

The following communications stand over, unavoidably, till next week. Whittington Lodge, St. James's Union, Lodge Glasgow, 441, Bro. Thomas Stratford's communicated anent, a lodge consecrated, Bro. Darby's letter, and Bro Legg's, Bro. W. Viner Bedolfe's Knights Templar, &c., Bury-St.-Edmunds.

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## THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The second of our great Charity Anniversary Festivals has passed away, amid circumstances of singular interest and great success.

Under the Presidency of our Grand Master, we need hardly say, that full justice was done to the claims of the institution, as there are few more effective or powerful chairmen than our exalted brother.

We beg to commend his most admirable and truthful remarks to the notice of all thoughtful members of our Order, as they serve to express more forcibly and eloquently, what we for some time have been seeking to impress upon our many readers.

Bro. F. Binckes's untiring exertions have been rewarded with the liberal return of £7,004 7s., and we think such a fact in itself redounds not only to his credit, but to that of the numerous and active Stewards, and the many large-hearted members of our Order, who have again rallied round the Boys' School.

The simple fact, that the first two anniversary meetings of our charities have produced the total sum of over £13,000, is not only full of gratifying reflections, but must be a subject of some little pride to those who have worked so heartily in so good a cause, and to English Freemasons everywhere.

And so we conclude to-day with the good old adage, "Verbum sat sapienti."

THE GRAND LODGES OF CANADA  
AND QUEBEC.

We are happy, in being able to announce the adjustment of all existing differences between the Grand Lodge of the province of Quebec, and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has consented in a very fraternal spirit, we understand, to withdraw her claim of jurisdiction over the province of Quebec and all the lodges therein, which are to be duly enrolled in the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge of Canada also formally recognizes the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and will establish a fraternal communication with her. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has, it appears, already been acknowledged by nearly all the Grand Lodges in the United States, and by several Grand Lodges elsewhere.

We are, then, glad to be able to announce a Masonic peace.

THE EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT  
AND THE P. G. LODGE OF GLASGOW.

We have carefully perused the letter of "Fiat Justitia," in our last issue, and assuming the writer's statement of facts to be correct, we do not profess to understand, what jurisdiction the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow has in the matter at all, or how it can interfere with the undoubted rights and privileges of a private lodge. It is quite clear, that, as a Craft Provincial Grand

Lodge, it has nothing to do with Templar Masonry, and has no locus standi whatever, in seeking to pronounce an opinion, as to the comparative value of two rival Templar orders, of which as a Craft body it does know nothing, and can know nothing whatever. If the lodge, thus unwisely and illegally interfered with, according to our Craft Regulations, had let its rooms to a spurious body of Craft Masons, then undoubtedly the Craft authorities could intervene.

But in this case, a Craft Provincial Grand Lodge, professes to interfere with a Craft Lodge, because it has let its room to a body of Templars not in union with some Templar body, which commends itself to the Craft Provincial Grand Lodge.

Anything more injurious to Craft Masonry, than this tendency of some of our Craft authorities to interfere with or take cognizance of Templary, cannot be well conceived, and it furnishes another argument, if argument be needed, to our Irish Brethren, to get rid at once of any connection with any bodies or organizations whatever, extern to Craft Masonry. We shall await with much curiosity the defence, if any, of the Glasgow Provincial Grand Lodge.

## WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty has returned to Windsor Castle, after holding a Court at Buckingham Palace on Friday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Marlborough House.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh remain at Buckingham Palace, for the present. The entry of Her Majesty with the august couple into London, on Thursday, the 12th inst., and her passage through the streets of the metropolis, afforded unmixed gratification to thronging masses of her people. Despite the falling snow and the prevailing cold, the warmth and loyalty of those vast crowds knew no bounds, and seldom, if ever, has there been evidenced a more striking proof of the unchanged loyalty and hearty attachment of all ranks and conditions, in our industrious and well affected nation, to the person of the sovereign, and the great constituted authority of these realms. No doubt there was a good deal of honest English feeling for the newly-married couple, and of hearty welcome to the daughter of the Czar, but the mainspring of all the remarkable pleasure and joyous welcome proclaimed by the long and dense fringe of patient bystanders on Thursday list, was a devoted attachment to the Sovereign personally, and to our English Royal Family generally. Her Majesty and her children seemed most sensible of the loyal manifestations of sympathy and goodwill, which they beheld and received from first to last, and all the arrangements alike of the military and of the police seem to have given the greatest satisfaction. The loyalty of Englishmen had changed our dingy streets "for the nonce," into gay avenues of flags, and carpeting and colour, and nothing was more remarkable than the cheerful good humour and orderly proceedings of the surging and congregated masses! It was, in fact, a people's rejoicing with their Queen, and a people's welcome to a gentle stranger.

Parliament is adjourned to the 19th, when the business of the Session will commence.

Some remarkable correspondence has taken place between Mr. Charles Orton and the *Globe* newspaper, as regards his brother in Newgate, and both Mrs. Jury and Mrs. Pittendriugh have appeared on the scene. Mrs. Jury, who was not examined at the trial, maintains that the "gentleman" in Newgate is not her brother. Mrs. Pittendriugh seems to say that he is undoubtedly Orton in propria persona. One is reminded of Box and Cox, and the strawberry leaf of the long lost brother.

The best opinion probably in the whole matter would be that of Mr. Inspector Whicher, though, we cannot expect that very cautious and skilful personage to condescend ever to write to the papers. We think that it is a great pity any more attention should be paid to a convicted criminal, and though we are daily assured that fresh proceedings are to be taken to set aside the judgment, we believe that they will turn out to be utterly futile. It seems very hard indeed to the rate-payers, and a great scandal to society, (relaxed undoubtedly as the moral feeling now is), that any persons should be associated to raise funds to continue such proceedings. Indeed it may be a fair question, whether, others besides Captain Brown, who is still "up" before Sir Thomas Henry, should not be made answerable to the laws of this country, for the part they have taken in this stupendous conspiracy.

The Bengal Famine Fund at the Mansion House, is now over £50,000 and it seems unfortunately as if a large sum would yet be needed to help the famishing multitudes in Bengal. The Government authorities are manfully straining every nerve to meet the terrible exigency; but it is, we think, clear without dispute, that their energetic efforts must be largely supplemented by our wonted English liberality, and kindly feeling at home.

Our fine troops are on their way back from Coomassie, and loyal Portsmouth is preparing to give them a right good hearty English welcome. They are expected almost daily, and may probably arrive before we go to press.

There is but little news from abroad. France is tranquil. Prince Bismarck is suffering from acute neuralgia. The Bishop of Treves is in prison, and the Bishop of Pernambuco sentenced to four years' imprisonment. This last energetic prelate could not, and would not, leave peaceable Freemasons alone, "hinc illæ lachrymæ."

From Spain we have nothing decisive. Marshal Serrano, who has taken the command, vice Moriones, is collecting a large army. Any day may bring important intelligence. Saballs has in the meantime fallen upon, and utterly routed, General Nouvilas.

We have to record the death of the Dowager Duchess of Richmond, of Augustus Chatham Strode, C.B., Captain R.N., of Col. Henry Salwey, formerly Coldstream Guards, of Sub-lieuts. R. Mundy, Victor Bradshaw, and Thos. Ficklin, on the march down from Coomassie, of Commander John Budgen, R.N., and of a military veteran, Charles Schaw, who carried the colours of a London Corps of Volunteers, being then an Eton boy, when George III. reviewed in Hyde Park 100,000 men.

The deaths of Col. the Hon. Richard Charteris, of Brownlow North Garnier, late Major 53rd Regiment, of Captain Alfred Abercromby Dick, late Commandant of the 11th Bengal Lancers, and of the Rev. R. Demaus, principal of Whitelands Training College are also announced.

**SPEECH OF BRO. J. C. PARKINSON, D.P.G.M., MIDDLESEX, ON HIS INSTALLATION AS W.M. OF ST. DAVID'S LODGE, NO. 679, ABERDARE.**

In presiding for the first time as your Master, I have to tender you my best thanks for unanimously electing me to that position. The handsome memorial, signed by the Past Masters, Wardens, and members of this St. David's Lodge of Aberdare, and the promises of diligent support contained in it, made it impossible to refuse the honour they were good enough to propose. It is, no doubt, an uncommon circumstance for the Deputy Grand Master of one province to accept this office in another; but my connection with South Wales brings me frequently amongst you, and it is incumbent on us all to lend such influence as we possess to the local development of national institutions. Experience has taught me that the institution of Freemasonry is a moral and a social power, and I rejoice to have the opportunity of taking this leading position amongst the Freemasons of the Aberdare Valley, and of testifying publicly to my belief in the

usefulness and potentiality of the Craft. I have proved its value in the four quarters of the globe, and whether at home in Europe, or on the burning shores of Africa, or by the crumbling tombs and palaces of venerable Asian races, or amidst the new theories, new ideas, and vigorous stirring life of the great Republic of the West, I have found our mystic bond of fraternity strong and valid, and the right hand of Masonic fellowship held out with unflinching cordiality. There has been so much nonsense written for and against Freemasonry; there are so few people, even amongst its members, who understand the full import of its working, and silent influence, that the outer world is not unnaturally confused between the denunciations of ecclesiastics who proclaim the works of Masonry to be evil, and irreligion, revolution, and social anarchy to follow in its wake, and the sneers of literary cynics who proclaim it to be a gorgeous game of make-believe, in which the weak, the credulous, and the vain exult in gay trappings over imaginary labours, and in titles of honour which, though full of sound and fury, signify—nothing! In the one case, Freemasons are portrayed as dark conspirators, whose machinations are dangerous to the common weal. In the other, as self-glorifying noodles, who indulge in harmless foolery with cap and bells, and whose pinchbeck symbolism and spurious claims are unworthy the attention of serious men. It is obvious that these assailants confute each other. Freemasonry cannot be—as the Romish Church would have men believe—a deep plot against religion and society, and also be a mere idle excuse for conviviality, or for male millinery tempered by alms-giving. The parts of Robespierre and Danton, of Jack Pudding, and Belphegor, the mountebank, are not played by the same men at the same instant of time. It seems almost a waste of words to say this, but as it happened only the other day that the rites of burial were refused in England to a British soldier, because he was a Freemason, and as all the Freemasons in a neighbouring kingdom (Belgium) were excommunicated at a blow on the day of my last visit here, it is expedient to let the wholesome air of truth blow through these fallacies, and never more so than on an occasion like this, when a decent respect for the opinion of neighbours and friends impels one to explain the grounds upon which we are willing to give personal support to an institution so deeply maligned. Two things are indisputable, the reality of the tie which binds Freemasons together, and their profound allegiance to Order and Law. The rulers they appoint, by an elaborate system of representation, they are bound by tenets and obligations, which are never violated, to honour and obey. And this brings me to what is little understood by the world at large, Masonic titles and ranks, the high value set upon them by, and their universal recognition within the fraternity. I venture to say that the distinctions of the outer world are not more highly prized than are Masonic honours by those within the circle in which they apply. Let us see how these honours are acquired. Freemasonry is a microcosm of constitutional government. A limited Monarchy; Lords, and Commons have in it their exact parallels. The Grand Master of the Order is a ruler, elected and loyally obeyed by subjects whose rights are clearly defined; and he governs by a Constitution which every Freemason can refer to, and which is never strained. The grand officers of England are life peers, a limited number of whom—never more than from eight to twelve—are created in acknowledgment of distinguished services by the Grand Master every year, and the Commons consist of all subscribing members, each of whom has a vote for the representatives composing the supreme Parliament, called Grand Lodge. This Parliament passes laws for the government of the Craft, and decides upon the disposal of its surplus wealth. Besides this, the whole kingdom is divided into Masonic provinces, each with its own Grand Master, who rules within it; the whole being represented in and subordinate to the central authority, and governed by laws which are clearly laid down and strictly enforced. The rank conferred by a Provincial Grand Master is only really valid in the province to which

it relates, but the holder of it wears his insignia at all Masonic meetings, and courteously awards him the title he bears at home. The Grand Officers of England—the peers—carry their rank for life, and thanks to that reverence for constituted authority, which is the keynote of our system, find their position acknowledged and respected by Masons all over the world. Masonic rank then, once won, gives its possessor influence over his fellows wherever Masons are. But as it is admitted that this rank only holds good among the initiated, the question may very naturally be put, "Do Freemasons include classes over whom influence is valuable, and with whom a reasonable man would wish to stand well?" This is a most pertinent query, and upon the answer to be given to it depends the value or worthlessness of that masonic rank which only a few can attain, but to which I should like to see every member of this lodge aspire. Lord Bacon said, two hundred and fifty years ago, "He that seeketh to be eminent amongst able men hath a great task; but one that is ever good for the public. But he that tries to be the only figure amongst cyphers helps to the decay of a whole age." It would not do, of course, to apply this sweeping saying too literally to an organisation like ours. —

In man this blunder still you find,  
Each thinks his little set mankind.

But avoiding that error, we may fairly grapple with the question, "Does eminence in Freemasonry mean eminence amongst able men, or cutting a figure amongst cyphers?" We will not revert to the wisdom of King Solomon, nor bring forward proofs to-night that Shakespeare was a Freemason. Our reply shall be drawn from those whose life histories are indisputable, and if time permitted it would not be difficult to show that the eminent men who have been and who are Freemasons include every shade of opinion, every variety of talent, and diversity of avocation. To quote a few names almost at random, Sir Christopher Wren presided over Freemasons' lodges throughout the building of St. Paul's, and his gavel is preserved to this day by the Lodge of Antiquity, now meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London. George Washington, one of the purest patriots the world has seen, held Masonic Lodges during the War of Independence, presided as Master while President of the United States, when he initiated Lafayette, and was buried with full Masonic honours. Sir Walter Scott, Goethe (the great German), and Robert Burns (the sweetest and most natural of our own poets), were all faithful Freemasons. The most chivalrous of our great generals—the heroic Napiers—and the most successful, the Duke of Wellington, were active Freemasons; as was that commanding genius in the art of war, Napoleon the First, who, it is well known was indebted to the Masonic organisation and his position in it for much of his marvellous power over the hearts and wills of his soldiers. Fox and Sheridan, brilliant orators and statesmen, both were Masons. The most eloquent prelate at this time on the English bench—the Bishop of Peterborough—is one of us; and from the Church, the State, the Bench, the Bar, literature, science, and the arts, lists might be compiled which would be positively startling in the intellectual wealth and lofty public service they would include. The only difficulty in drawing up the catalogue would be one of selection, owing to the abundance of rich material at our disposal. Moreover, opinion necessarily varies as to what constitutes eminence in the fields of intellect. There are often two opinions about science, and always two about literature. Discoveries are said to be not discoveries, but mistakes; books not to be good writing for which the author should be admired, but bad for which he should be despised. I, therefore propose to quote to you a list drawn from an assembly concerning which there can be no dispute as to whether a man is a member of it or is not, or as to the precise position it confers—I mean the House of Lords, which contains at this time the following Freemasons:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (Past Grand Master of England, and Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge), the Duke of Cumberland, King of Hanover (Grand Master of Han-

over), the Duke of St. Albans (Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire), the Duke of Marlborough, the Duke of Manchester (Provincial Grand Master of Northampton and Huntingdon), the Duke of Newcastle (Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire), the Duke of Abercorn, the Duke of Leinster (Grand Master of Ireland), the Marquis of Ripon (Grand Master of England), the Marquis of Townsend, the Marquis of Downshire, the Marquis of Headfort, the Marquis of Donegal (Provincial Grand Master of Antrim), the Marquis of Waterford, the Marquis of Kildare, the Marquis of Londonderry (Past Grand Warden of England), Earl of Carnarvon (Deputy Grand Master of England), Earl of Zetland, Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot (Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire); Earl of Sandwich (a Past Master), Earl of Shaftesbury, Earl of Jersey (Past Grand Warden of England), Earl Ferrers (Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Leicestershire and Rutland), Earl Cowper, Earl Mount-Edgcumbe (a Past Master), Earl of Rosslyn (Grand Master of Scotland), Earl of Durham (Past Grand Warden of England), Earl of Yarborough, Earl of Donoughmore, Earl of Limerick (Provincial Grand Master of Bristol), Earl of Dalhousie (Past Deputy Grand Master of England), Earl of Fife, Viscount Combermere (Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire), Viscount Hardinge, Viscount Gough, Lord Eliot (Past Grand Warden of England), Lord Sherborne (Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire), Lord Northwick, Lord Lilford, Lord Erskine (Past Grand Deacon of Scotland), Lord de Tabley (Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire), Lord Wharnclyffe, Lord Tenterden (Senior Grand Warden of England), the Very Rev. Dean Lord Plunkett (Past Grand Chaplain), Lord Skelmersdale (Past Grand Warden of England), Lord Abinger, Lord Leigh (Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire), Lord Londeshorough, Lord Annaly (Past Grand Warden of Ireland), Lord Henniker (a Worshipful Master), Lord Lytton, Lord Methuen (Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire), the Right Rev. the Bishop of Peterborough, Viscount Powerscourt, Viscount Dunboyne (Provincial Grand Master of Limerick), Viscount Blayney, Lord Colville. The following sons of peers are Freemasons:—The Marquis of Hartington (Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire), Lord Maldon, Lord Royston (Provincial Grand Master of Cambridge), Lord Pelham (Provincial Grand Master of Sussex), Lord Holmesdale (Provincial Grand Master of Kent), Lord Amberley, Lord Lindsay (Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, and Past Grand Warden of England), the Earl of Bective (Provincial Grand Master, Cumberland and Westmoreland), Lord Kilworth, Lord Bernard (a Past Master), Earl Percy (Provincial Grand Master, Northumberland). This is a remarkable roll of names, and not the less so that it will take Freemasons generally by surprise. The prudent reserve of the Masonic body is so great that no list of our members has ever been printed; and while it is certain that the nobles I have quoted are Masons, it is equally certain that there are many more members of the Upper House who belong to us than I am able to name. Will anyone pretend that a Society numbering in its ranks more peers than there were in all England when the peerage was most powerful—more than wrung Magna Charta from John—more than swayed the destinies of the country, and overshadowed the throne itself during the Wars of the Roses—more than secured to us Protestant succession and the Declaration of Rights—that such a Society is dangerous to the Commonwealth, or that the importance claimed for it is factitious? And if, as was wisely written long ago, “the dignity of commandment is according to the dignity of the commanded; to have commandment over beasts, as herdsmen have, is a thing contemptible; to have commandment over children as schoolmasters have is a thing of small honour; to have commandment over galley-slaves is a disparagement rather than an honour.” If this be true, as it undoubtedly is, then, by a parity of reasoning the dignity and rank of those submitting to the commandment and obligations of Freemasonry must be taken into account when estimating its authority and weight in this country. It is even more interesting to turn to the new House of

Commons and to note the number of Freemasons who have been just returned there. Again, I must ask you to remember that this is the first time it has been attempted to discover the Freemasons who are in Parliament, that the list I am about to quote is based upon personal knowledge and such partial information as could be obtained, and that it is necessarily incomplete. As in the case of the House of Lords, there are doubtless many members of the new Parliament who are Freemasons who have not been met or recognised as such either by me or by the friends whom I have been able to consult. The only mode of determining their numbers accurately would be to stand in the House of Commons itself on a field-night and to challenge every member there by signs—a proceeding which, even if it were practicable, might be attended with inconvenience. Taking them in alphabetical order, I submit to you the following list of members of the new Parliament who are also members of the Craft, giving you, as the joint-stock companies say, “power to add to their number,” as your information becomes more complete:—Capt. P. Arkwright, (Derbyshire), Sir E. Antrobus (Wilton), Mr. James Ashbury (Brighton) Lord E. A. Bruce (Marlborough), Sir M. H. Beach, (Gloucestershire), Mr. T. Brassey (Hastings), Mr. H. A. Brassey, (Sandwich), Mr. M. Bathurst, (Cirencester), Hon. R. Bourke, (King’s Lynn), Mr. Bristowe (Newark), Sir R. Buxton (Norfolk, South), Mr. M. Bass (Derby), Mr. A. Bass (Staffordshire, East), Earl of Bective (Westmoreland), Mr. W. T. Boord (Greenwich), Romaine Callender, (Manchester), Mr. J. G. Dodson (Chester), Mr. W. H. Dyke (Kent, Mid), Mr. J. Dodds (Stockton), Hon. W. Egerton (Mid Cheshire), Mr. Eaton (Coventry), Mr. G. W. Elliot (Northallerton), R. Gardner (Windsor), Sir Daniel Gooch (Crickdale), Lord R. Grosvenor (Flintshire), Edward Green (Wakefield), G. Goldne (Chippenham), A. L. Goddard (Crickdale), G. Greenall (Warrington), Lord George Hamilton (Middlesex), G. Ward Hunt (Northamptonshire, N.), Marquis of Hartington (Radnor Boroughs), Hon. Col. Wood (Somersetshire, W.), A. S. Hill (Staffordshire W.), W. B. Hughes (Carnarvon Boroughs), J. Henderson (Durham), Viscount Holmesdale (Kent, Mid.), Marquis of Hamilton (Donegal), Mr. T. F. Halsey, (Hertfordshire), Lord C. Hamilton (King’s Lynn), Lieut. Col. Hogg (Truro), Mr. S. Isaac (Nottingham), Mr. H. A. Johnstone (Canterbury), Sir. H. Jonstone (Scarborough), Mr. Johnstone (Belfast), Sir F. Johnstone (Weymouth), Sir C. Knightley (Northamptonshire), Sir E. H. R. Lacon (Norfolk North), Colonel Loyd Lindsay (Berkshire), Colonel Egerton Legh (Cheshire, Mid.), Lord Lindsay (Wigan), Lord Muncaster (Cumberland, West), Viscount Mahon (East Suffolk), Viscount Macduff (Elgin and Nairn), Sir Lawrence Palk (Devonshire, East), A. Pell (Leicestershire, South), Earl Percy (Northumberland), Hon. D. Plunket (Dublin University), Sir F. Perkins, Southampton; Sir J. St. Aubyn, Cornwall; H. B. Sheridan, Dudley; Abel Smith, Hertfordshire; Hon. F. A. Stanley, Lancashire North; Mr. J. P. Starkie, Lancashire, North-East; Mr. C. Sykes, Yorkshire, East Riding; Sergeant Simon, Dewsbury; Mr. A. C. Sheriff, Worcester; Mr. MacCullagh Torrens, Finsbury; Mr. Cowper Temple, Hampshire South; Lord H. F. Thynne, Wiltshire South; Lord A. Hill Trevor, Down; Sir W. Wynn, Denbigh; Mr. J. Whitwell, Kendal; Mr. J. Walpole, Norfolk North; Sir F. M. Williams, Truro; Sir H. D. Wolff, Christchurch; Mr. G. H. Whalley, Peterborough. If proof were wanting that Freemasonry is not, in this country, a political institution, it would be found in the nearly even balance of parties shown in the foregoing lists. If you analyse the names comprised in them, you will find that they include a nearly equal number of Conservatives and Liberals; and all we need care to congratulate ourselves upon as Freemasons is the number and influence of our brethren in both Houses of Parliament. Yes; there is one other point to rejoice over—the rarity of rejection amongst members of the Craft who have appealed to the constituencies. So far as I have been able to discover, out of the eleven or twelve hundred candidates who have

been before the country during the last few weeks, and who have gone to the poll, there have been only sixteen Freemasons who have been unsuccessful, from which it seems reasonable to infer that while we are strictly non-political, it is not precisely a drawback even at election time to be one of a powerful society which binds its members together by secret and indissoluble bonds of mutual helpfulness and goodwill. Freemasonry, whatever it may be in less favoured lands, is not political with us, because England is free. Liberty of the subject has been secured here by many a bitter sacrifice and many a gallant struggle. But if it were possible for this nation to again undergo such throbs and throes as one of the old Puritan generals graphically described when the question in dispute was whether the king should govern as a god by his will and the nation by force as beasts? or whether the people should be governed by laws made by themselves, and live under a government derived from their own consent; it is not to be doubted that the teaching and organisation of Freemasonry, with its sound doctrine of natural equality and mutual dependence, would bear gallant and substantial fruit. It is only spiritual tyranny or civil oppression that that can have ought to fear from an Institution which is powerful in its unity, and in its skilful adaptation of varied means to given ends, but every principle of which is based on an inherent reverence for Constitutional law on a profound respect for the rights of the ruler no less than the ruled, and on that common ground of religious toleration and civil liberty which makes communities happy and nations great. In conclusion, let me say that it has seemed to me to be expedient upon an occasion of this importance to state plainly our grounds for upholding an organisation which is a power in the country for good or evil, and which may, perhaps take a deeper root in this portion of South Wales for the events of this evening. I, then, maintain that a well-ordered Freemasons’ Lodge cannot flourish in a district without presenting valuable constitutional lessons in an attractive form, nor without fostering that unity of feeling and that cordial attachment between men of different degree which it is sound policy and true religion to encourage and support. And further, to those whose knowledge of life has taught them that mere personal aims, when not purified by high purpose, are of all earthly things the most unsatisfying—disappointing on attainment, and ignoble in pursuit; who cherish an inner life which is as far removed from common place surroundings as the glory of the sun is above the scenes it shines upon; who see in mankind and their pursuits puppets moved by an unseen Hand, and passing, some slowly, some rapidly, all surely off the stage to be no more seen—in a word, to the thoughtful few. Symbolism has in all ages possessed a deep attraction, when it has conserved purity of worship, lessons to humanity, faith in the Unseen, and lofty conceptions of a life to come. Advancement in Freemasonry, which is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, undoubtedly gives dominion of many hearts, but beyond this, it preserves an ideal which is revealed in proportion as it is sought for patiently, of happiness pure and high, because rooted in and inseparable from the happiness of others.

Who are the blest?

They who have kept their sympathies awake,  
And scatter’d joy for more than custom’s sake.  
Steadfast and tender in the hour of need,  
Gentle in thought, benevolent in deed;  
Whose looks have power to make dissension  
cease—  
Whose smiles are pleasant, and whose words are  
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## MASONIC BALLS AT GIBRALTAR.

The Balls given by the Freemasons of Gibraltar have invariably taken a high stand amongst the enjoyments of the place, and when it was announced that the members of the Lodge of Friendship intended to entertain their friends, a pleasant evening was confidently anticipated. Never was public expectation more thoroughly realised than last night, when the lodge sustained its title by opening the doors of the Theatre Royal to about 300 guests. It is almost unnecessary to mention the theatre by name, seeing that so complete a transformation had been effected within its walls that, except for the presence of the well-known boxes, its very oldest acquaintances might have been forgiven for cutting the grimy edifice dead.

We are quite aware that we shall succeed only in conveying a faint idea of the elegance and beauty of the decorations, each one appropriate in itself and in keeping with the rest, but we must do our best, premising that in a long experience of Gibraltar we have never seen the Theatre so admirably arranged, whether for comfort or for effect, as was the case on that night.

The 'unsightly passage which leads to the body of the House was draped with gay bunting, and unwonted carpet rendered the staircases pleasant, the eye and the foot being impartially benefited thereby. Over the entrance door of the ball room drooped the British and Russian Standards, their union a "happy thought" in reference to that recent matrimonial alliance between the two nations which has so particularly attracted the notice of the world at large. The upper end of the room had been converted into a canopy of glowing colours, beneath and at the termination of which stood, on a dais, the throne destined later on to be occupied by H.E. the Governor. On either side were the Wardens' pedestals, on one of which rested the Bible, betokening Christian Masonry, and on the other the Book of the Constitutions of the celebrated Craft. To the right and left below the dais were pillars bearing two globes, the celestial and terrestrial, and beyond those again were other emblems, from which none but the initiated may raise the veil. Behind all was a mirror, which as the evening wore on reflected the beauties of the room in every sense of the word, as well as those beings of sterner stuff, who, if not so elegant, are quite as necessary in a ball room as the fairer half of the human race. From the ceiling were festooned huge Union Jacks, and along the front of the boxes hung the banners of the various Christian Orders of Masonry, interspersed, with admirable taste, with numerous Masonic emblems, including our domestic friends, the ox and the cock, those more ferocious representatives of the inhabitants of the world, the eagle and the lion and, last but not least of tamed animals, man himself. Mingled at intervals amongst these were devices representing the jewels of the officers of the Lodge, and at the extreme end, facing the canopy, was a complete suit of armour, with the spurs and sword of a Knight Templar. Underneath the Governor's box was an illuminated scroll "Friendship, 278." The *coup d'œil*, of which we have given but a scanty idea, must have been seen to be appreciated, and the effect produced at the expense of so much exertion and trouble, reflects the highest credit upon the Ball Committee, under the invaluable personal superintendence of Bro. J. B. Imossi.

At a quarter past nine the arrival was announced of H. E. the Governor, attended by Lieut.-Colonel Smith, Gren. Guards, Assistant Military Secretary, and Lieuts. Lake and Warde, Aides-de-Camp, and accompanied by Major de Winton, R.A., and Mrs. de Winton, and Earl Grosvenor.

At the door His Excellency was received by the Director of the Ceremonies, Bro. W. Henry, and the Deacons, Bros. Evjenth and J. B. Imossi, by whom he was conducted to his box.

H. E. the Governor was now conducted into the Ball-Room and led up between the two lines of Masons, where the following address was read and presented by the Worshipful Master:—

"Gibraltar, 18th February, 1874.

"Your Excellency,

"It is with feelings of great gratification that the officers and members of the Lodge of Friend-

ship, whom I have the honour so represent as their Master, beg to welcome you to their festivities this evening, and at the same time to express their sense of the honour you confer upon them by your presence.

"It is the sincere hope of the members of this Lodge that Your Excellency, while kindly accepting their efforts for your entertainment to-night, will also excuse such short-comings as the small numbers of our honoured and ancient fraternity may unavoidably occasion. And it is in this hope, as well as in the firm assurance that our ancient Craft will receive from Your Excellency the support and regard which it has ever experienced from your predecessors in Gibraltar, that we have the honour to unite in bidding Your Excellency, and those who accompany you, a cordial and fraternal welcome this evening."

His Excellency briefly replied, expressing the pleasure he experienced in accepting the invitation of the lodge, and the gratification which he felt at meeting the ancient Order for the first time since his appointment as Governor. Anticipating a genuinely successful ball, he trusted that this would not be the last time he should meet them, and he sincerely hoped that their enjoyment would be commensurate with their efforts to ensure it.

His Excellency was then conducted to the throne at the upper end of the room and presented to the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Bro. G. P. Cornwell, after which he took his seat on the throne. The brethren having joined hands and given their chief guests a welcome after the true Masonic fashion, dancing commenced with the Masonic Quadrille and was kept up with unflinching spirit and evident enjoyment till an early hour of the morning, interrupted about midnight by a sumptuous supper, the most conspicuous items of which were two cakes, most tastefully decorated with Masonic signs, from the establishment of Mr. Parody, the Esmeralda, in the Main-street. The elegant appointments of the ball room were supplied by Mr. James Benatar.

The Ball Committee, headed by their indefatigable Secretary, Mr. W. Glassford, worked incessantly for the comfort and enjoyment of their guests, and right well they succeeded—so thoroughly indeed that the Ball given by the Lodge of Friendship will be remembered by all present as one of the greatest successes of its kind.

## CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT WARMINSTER.

The Consecration of the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478, and installation of Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., as first W.M. took place at the Warminster on Friday, the 27th ult., when a large number of Masons from all parts of the provinces of Wilts, Somerset, and Hants were present, as well as many brethren from more distant provinces. Amongst those present were noticed—V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Gabriel Goldney, M.P.; Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P.; Bro. V. Fane Benett Stanford, M.P.; Bro. Terry, W. Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Masons; Bro. C. W. Wyndham, P.P.J.G.W. Wilts; Bro. R. Bradford, P.G. Treasurer, Wilts; Bro. H. C. Tombs, P.G. Secretary, Wilts; Bro. R. Stokes, P.P.G.S.W., Wilts; Bro. H. Ward, P.P.G.J.W., Wilts; Bro. C. J. Marshall, P.P.G.J.W., Wilts and Somerset; Bro. W. Nott, P.P.G. Reg. Wilts; Bro. S. Gauntlett, P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. General Doherty, P.S.G.D., Wilts; Bro. E. White, P.P.G.W.; Bro. J. S. Turner, P.P.S.D., Somerset; Bro. J. Whatley, P.G.D.C., P.P.G.R., Somerset; Bro. T. E. S. Jolley, P.P.D.C., Wilts, P.P.S.D.G., Somerset; Bro. F. Lord, P.P.G.D., Wilts; Bro. J. L. Stothert, P.P.G.S.W., Somerset; Bro. W. Parham, P.P.G.R., Somerset; Bro. M. Messiter, P.P.G.J.D., Somerset; Bro. John Chandler, P.G.S.W., Wilts; Bro. Rev. F. King, Prov. Grand Chaplain. The Lodge was formed at the Town Hall, where it is intended to be regularly held. The V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Gabriel Goldney, M.P., was received by a goodly gathering of Provincial Grand Officers, and, after forming in procession, proceeded to the new lodge room, where the V.W. the D.P.G.M.

opened the lodge in the usual Masonic form. It was hoped and expected that the R.W. the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Methuen, would have been present, but he was compelled to go to London, consequent on the disastrous intelligence received from Ashantee, and the uncertainty as to any ill having befallen his only son, who had gallantly volunteered his services to act under Sir Garnet Wolseley. The ceremony of consecration was then very impressively performed by Bro. Terry, the Worthy Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons. The ceremony of installation of Bro. Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., as the First Master of the Lodge, was then performed by the D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Terry. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year—Bros. John Toone, S.W.; G. Pike, J.W.; Henry Hardick, Treasurer; G. Bush, Secretary; T. Ponting, S.D.; S. J. Haden, J.D.; S. Cross, I.G.; John Tew, Tyler. Bro. F. King, Prov. Grand Chaplain, performed his part of the ceremony, and Bro. H. Taylor, P.P.G.O., Wilts, presided at the organ, and, aided by the musical brethren, added much to the impressiveness of the services. We have good ground for believing a large number of brethren and gentlemen of rank and position in the county are likely immediately to become members of the lodge, and we doubt not, under the able rule of such a truly Masonic and generous-hearted W.M. as Lord Henry Thynne is known to be, assisted by such active and discreet officers as he has been pleased to appoint, the lodge will speedily rank as one of the first in the province with regard not only to numbers, but especially as to influence and liberality towards the Masonic charities. After the labours of the day the brethren adjourned to the large room of the Town Hall, where a most *récherché* and substantial banquet had been laid. About 100 brethren sat down to do full justice to the excellent catering of Mrs. Pike, of the Bath Arms, to whom every credit is due for the sumptuous entertainment. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given and responded to, and the harmony, under the management of Bro. Taylor, conducted much to the happiness of the brethren. We may add that a collection in aid of the Masonic charities was made during the evening, and realised £10 5s. We are informed that Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P. for Bath, has been pleased to present to the lodge the requisite firing glasses. We will only add, in conclusion, that we wish—as we are sure all our readers will do—"Long life and success to the Longleat Lodge." Bro. Geo Kenning supplied the furniture.

## CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT CUCKFIELD.

Wednesday, the 11th March, was a red letter day in connection with Freemasonry in the province of Sussex, it being the day set apart for consecrating a new lodge, entitled the Ockenden Lodge, at the Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield. There was a very large gathering of brethren from all parts of Sussex, including the Worshipful D.P.G.M. Bro. Furner (the Right W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Lord Pelham was prevented by ill health from attending), Bros. Tatham, P.G. Treasurer; Dixon, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; Bransley Roberts, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Turner, Grand Steward; and T. Hughes, P. Grand Tyler. In addition to the above officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, we observed the following brethren:—Bros. W. W. Burrell, W.M. designate of the new lodge, Major Meek (High Sheriff of Sussex), T. S. Byass, R. Mead, McCorrogher, Chaplain, Sergison, C. R. Burrell, Gallop, E. Bright, G. Ford, Eberall, Stride, Robinson, James Curtis, Devin, Broadbridge, W. R. Wood, P. Nicholson, W. Hudson, P. R. Wilkinson, G. Day, F. Noakes, Molyneux, R. Ellman, W. Reade, E. Lafneat, E. Locock, C. Vaughan, C. Lloyd, E. Carpenter, George Smith, Walter Smith, H. Davey, Golding, Reed, J. Fabian, V. P. Freeman, W. Kane, J. M. Cunningham, R. G. Clutton, R. Croskey, G. W. Willer, C. E. Saunders, &c.

The W. Prov. D.G.M., Bro. Furner presided at the opening of the lodge, Bro. W. R. Wood, acting as S.W., and Bro. Molyneux as J.W. The varied and interesting ceremony of conse-

cration was performed most ably, and a most eloquent, practical, original and truly Masonic address was delivered by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. T. McCorrogher. Bro. W. W. Burrell was installed as W.M., and proceeded to install his officers as under: Bros. Byass, S.W.; Sergison, J.W.; Gallop, Secretary; Meek, S.D.; C. R. Burrell, J.D.; Rev. Mead, Chaplain; and Hughes, O.G.; subsequently Bro. J. H. Scott volunteered his valuable services, and was installed as Immediate Past Master.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the adjacent large room, about 70 sitting down to a repast of a most sumptuous character, provided, in a style which did them every credit, by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of the Western-road, Brighton.

The wines (of which a very liberal supply was placed upon the table, by Bro. W. W. Burrell), were of excellent quality, reflecting credit on the choice of Mr. Dumsday, host of the Talbot, who supplied them.

In the course of the after-dinner proceedings Bro. Furner proposed the health of Bro. W. W. Burrell, the W.M. of the lodge, observing that he never felt greater pleasure than on this occasion in attending the opening of a lodge. He believed the Ockenden Lodge would be found to be a comfort and a blessing to the neighbourhood. It was most gratifying to find Bro. Burrell devoting his energies to its success; than Bro. Burrell, no man was better known, appreciated and beloved in the County of Sussex, and there could be no doubt of the prosperity of the lodge so long as his spirit pervaded it.

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, and responded to by Bro. Burrell, where marked that he feared Bro. Furner had sung his praises too highly. He felt, as first Master of the Ockenden Lodge, that he had undertaken a very heavy responsibility, one that he was barely capable of undertaking, still he would do his best, no man could do more. With his Bro. Meek and others he had for long talked over the subject of establishing this lodge, and he had no doubt from the happy auspices under which it had been established it would make a thorough good lodge, a honour to the Province and the country. He thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and trusted, when they again met in that room, the Ockenden Lodge would be found to have proved an acceptable offering to the Province:

A number of other toasts, appropriate to the Craft and to the occasion, were given before the company separated, highly pleased with a most enjoyable entertainment. Bro. Geo. Kenning supplied the furniture.

#### CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, 9th inst., an interesting event in the annals of local Freemasonry took place at the Masonic Hall, Severn-street, the occasion being the consecration of the Lodge of Israel, 1474, and the installation of the W.M. designate Bro. Michael Davis, P.M. 74. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Leigh, the ceremony was performed by the V.W. Bro. Colonel Machen, D.P.G.M., who was assisted by nearly the whole of Provincial Grand Lodge. There was also an unusually large attendance of P.M.'s and other brethren eminent in the Craft (every local lodge being well represented), and the room was completely filled. After the consecration by the D.P.G.M., and an oration by Bro. Rev. Dickenson, Bro. Michael Davis was duly installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. Jno. Pursall, P.M., P.P.G.W., in his usually impressive style. The new W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. J. Myers, S.W.; Bro. S. Lyons, J.W.; Bro. E. Marks, S.D.; Bro. M. Silvertown, J.W.; Bro. Rev. G. J. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain; Bro. Philip Wm. Newmann, J.G.; Bro. John Davis, Sec.; J. Silverston, Treas.; Bro. J. Brown, D.C.; Bro. Vigers, Org.; and Bros. J. Heilbron, A. Jacob, and E. Abrahams, Stewards.

The lodge being closed, about 110 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

The musical part of the ceremonial was under the efficient care of Bro. Stimpson, Past G.O. This lodge, though formed under Jewish auspices, is by no means a sectarian lodge, as in fact it could not be. Several propositions for initiation were made, including the names of non-Jewish candidates.

#### Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I cannot confess at once, that, I do not profess to understand Bro. Paton's last remarkable communication "Ancient" Mason's Marks. If Bro. Paton's statement be correct as to the Scottish Mark Ritual, it would to my mind at least only prove this fact, that such a rule belongs to speculative Mark Masonry and not to operative. Both Bro. Hughan and myself were treating on operative Mark Masonry, but could not of course know anything of such a rule, which I believe is utterly unknown to English Mark Masons.

Though Bro. Paton forbids the use of the equilateral triangle, and denies the use of the double triangle, they are most familiar marks to all who have studied a collection of Marks on the actual walls and stones of old buildings.

Indeed Bro. Paton has only to turn to the Collection of Scottish Mark contained in the pages between 424 and 425 of Laurie's History to find how utterly erroneous such a dictum as he quotes is and must be.

Bro. Laurie then gives us later marks from "St. Vinian's Masonic Lodge Book," and from "Journeymen Mason's Lodge Book," which entirely overthrows the "points" of Bro. Paton's argument. If the rule alluded to by Bro. Paton really be the ritual of Scottish Mark Masonry, I fear it only shows, how far that ritual differs from the customs and tokens that happily survive of the old Operative Masons, those too who built Brechin Cathedral and raised Holyrood Chapel.

#### A MASONIC STUDENT.

#### MASONS' MARKS.

I do not think it needful to refer to the remarks of Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, made some time since as to Freemasons' marks, but will rest satisfied by noticing his communication in *The Freemason* of the 7th inst. 1. It has been the custom for years in England for candidates on being "advanced" in lodges under the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, to select Marks with an even or odd number of points. 2. Such a custom was sanctioned by the members in Grand Mark Lodge assembled, because in accordance with the ancient custom, as confirmed by an examination of the marks still existing on many old buildings. 3. The custom is of course, "sanctioned" by the great number of lodges on the roll of the Mark Grand Lodge, one of the most numerous and influential bodies in this country, apart from "Craft" Masonry. On these grounds, I object to the statements made by Bro. Paton, P.M., and unless to disprove similar statements, it is not my intention to continue the correspondence on the subject, especially as any Masonic student can see for himself, marks on old buildings with even points, and can consult the rolls of members of Mark Lodges, with similar marks. I have advanced over two hundred candidates myself, and each chose marks according to their tastes, and all were accepted in London.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 27, 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, March 21.

Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 " 1320, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 " 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, 1, Craven-road, W.  
 Red Cross Conclave, 9, Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.

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, March 23.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms St. James's-st.  
 " 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
 " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.  
 Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
 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, March 24.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
 " 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.  
 " Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.  
 " 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
 Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 167, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 Yarlborough 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), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

#### Wednesday, March 25.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.  
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St John Hotel, St. John's-wood.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham, N.  
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.  
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.  
 Red Cross Conclave, 15, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue.  
 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.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8 Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 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.  
 Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 26.  
 General Committee, Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.  
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 766, William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, E.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 " 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 " 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.  
 Great City Lodge of Instruction (862), Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor (See Advertisement.)  
 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, Pensonby-st., Millbank.  
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 Friday, March 27.  
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.  
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.  
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.  
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 Knight Templar Preceptory, 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.  
 Emulation Lodge of Instruction, 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.  
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 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, March 28, 1874.  
 Monday, March 23.  
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.  
 Tuesday, March 24.  
 Lodge 1393, Hamer, 2a, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.  
 Wednesday, March 25.  
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.  
 " 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.  
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.  
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.  
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.  
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.  
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.  
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.  
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool.  
 Thursday, March 26.  
 Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.  
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.  
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.  
 " 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.  
 " 292, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Chap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.  
 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.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.**  
 For the week ending Saturday, March 28, 1874.  
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, March 23.  
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.  
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.  
 Tuesday, March 24.  
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.  
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.  
 Wednesday, March 25.  
 Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.  
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.  
 Friday, March 27.  
 Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.  
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
 Saturday, March 26.  
 Lodge 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.**  
 For the Week ending Saturday, March 28, 1874.

Monday, March 23.  
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, at 8.30.  
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.  
 Tuesday, March 24.  
 Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street.  
 Red Cross Conclave, 4, Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.  
 Wednesday, March 25.  
 Lodge 112, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Bridge-street, Fisher-row, at 8.  
 Thursday, March 26.  
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.  
 Friday, March 27.  
 Lodge 223, Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street, Leith, at 8.

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