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When and where the P.G. Officers and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, and the Acting Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are hereby convoked to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present.

FREDERICK DELABENE MARSDEN,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Louth, 25th April, 1874.

BUSINESS:—

The Lodges will be called over.
The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers will be called.

The Minutes of the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Louth, on Thursday, the 29th of May, 1873, will be read and put for confirmation.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer will read his Finance Statement.

The Provincial Grand Secretary will read the Report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and an abstract of the accounts to the present time.

The Provincial Grand Registrar will give the Returns for the past year from the several Lodges in the Province.

W. Bro. W. H. Radley, P.M. 838, P.J.G.W. and Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee, will read the Report for the past year, and render an account of the efforts made by the Province in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will proceed to elect a P.G. Treasurer.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will invest the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.

N.B.—Members of the P.G. Lodge may obtain a copy of the Bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge and the Rules of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, on presenting a card with their Name and Masonic rank upon it to the P.G. Treasurer. A History of the P.G. Lodge of Lincolnshire and the Private Lodges in the Province, both past and present, with some interesting Tables showing the rise and progress of the Order in the Province since the year 1792, as well as a List of all the P.G. Officers since its formation, have been bound up in conjunction with the Bye-laws, and may be had by Members of the P.G.L., on payment of Sixpence each, and by Non-members at One Shilling; if sent by post, One Penny extra.

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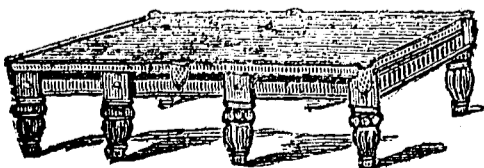
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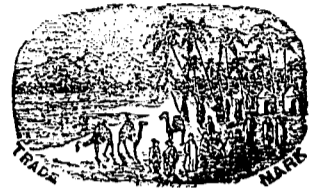
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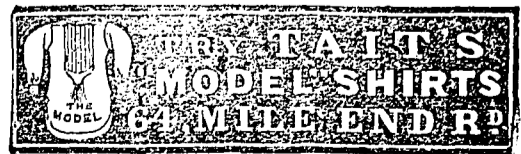
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS

Craft Masonry.

Doncaster.—*St. George's Lodge* (No. 242). The installation of W.M. in connection with this lodge took place on Friday, 8th inst., at the Town Hall, when Bro. Francis Drury Walker, on whose behalf the voice of good report has long been heard, was duly installed, Bro. Ensor Drury, P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire officiating as Installing Master. The W.M. subsequently invested his officers for the ensuing year, these being as follows:—Bros. Hardy, P.M.; Heaton, S.W.; Collins, J.W.; The Rev. S. W. Earnshaw, M.A., Chaplain; C. Mandall Hartley, P.M., Treasurer and Secretary; Shires, S.D.; Alfred Parkin, J.D.; Hawksworth, I.G.; R. Smith and Joseph Hirst. An interesting circumstance may be mentioned as occurring during this ceremony, namely, the presentation to Bro. Hartley of a complimentary jewel of beautiful design and considerable value. The W.M., in a few flattering words, alluded to Bro. Hartley's long connection with *St. George's Lodge*, and the services he had rendered as Secretary and Treasurer, and expressed the gratification it gave him to be the means of presenting him with this mark of the lodge's appreciation of those services. The jewel, he observed, had been specially designed so as to commemorate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, with the seniority of a Past Master—the emblems of each being skilfully united into one design, and had been subscribed to by every member of the lodge. The W.M. then invested Bro. Hartley with the jewel, a singularly chaste decoration worked out in solid gold and blue enamel, and suspended from a blue riband having three clasps of gold. Bro. Hartley briefly returned thanks for the elegant testimonial, which he thought was far more than he had ever deserved, and much more than he had ever expected—indeed, his only ambition had been to see the lodge prosper, and this had already been his sufficient reward for anything he might have done to promote that result. The same evening the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, a most elegantly appointed banquet being provided by Mrs. Pye, to which about fifty of the brethren sat down. The following were the visitors present:—Bros. Dr. Martin de Bartolomé, P.P.J.W. of this province from Sheffield; W. C. Smith, W.M., Phoenix 904, Rotherham; H. J. Bingham, and T. W. Roome, of the same lodge; Jonathan Turner, P.M., and Richard Davison, S.W., Sykes 1040, Driffield; George E. Earnshaw, 587, Birmingham, and Belling, formerly of the Doncaster Lodge. Bro. Drury (Sheffield) is an honorary member of *St. George's Lodge*, and therefore can scarcely be included in the list of visiting brethren. We may add that the usual toasts were given with Masonic honours, and a very pleasant evening was passed, great satisfaction being expressed by several speakers at the progress made by this old respectable lodge during the past year.

FLEETWOOD.—*Hesketh Lodge* (No. 950).—

The installation meeting of this promising lodge was held on Thursday, April 2nd, at the Royal Hotel, when there was a very large attendance of the members. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Dr. Orr. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, and having been opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees, the W.M., in a clear, correct and impressive manner, raised Bro. E. A. Knox to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The ceremony of re-installation was then proceeded with, when Bro. J. A. Orr, P.M., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. C. Hartley, P.M. 281, 1353, the beautiful ceremony being performed in a painstaking and masterly style. The W.M. then appointed as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren:—Bros. Lofthouse, I.P.M.; Burns, S.W.; Capt. Jameson, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Treasurer; William Stewardson, S.D.; Henry Rawes, J.D.; James Willacey, I.G.; James Gibson, Tyler. After three propositions, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared in Mrs. Walker's best style, which consisted of all the delicacies of the season, the brethren expressing their delight at the manner in which it was served. After the cloth was drawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and enthusiastically received, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. The visiting brethren were T. Fare, W.M. 1256; G. C. Purcell, 350; E. Howard, 113; I. B. Robinson, 281; John Jacobson, 1353; R. Wolvenden, J.D. 1353; John Bannister, 1353; R. Parkinson, 1353; Rev. James Pearson, P.M. and P.P.G.C.; E. M. Mutrie, P.M. 163, 189, and 1256; James Urmston, 1021; and A. H. Whitehead, W.M. 113.

THE EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—A meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated last May, was held at the Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth, on the 8th inst., for the transaction of the annual business of the installation of the successor of Bro. Edward Spooner, who had occupied the chair as W.M., by authority under the warrant of Grand Lodge, as the first Master. The other brethren present on this occasion were—Bros. C. Jackson, S.W., W.M. elect; Thomas Buckham, S.W.; Dr. Kempster, J.W.; A. Loutham, S.D.; J. T. Hiscox, I.G. pro tem; J. W. Hiscox, P.M. 209; W. Hudson, P.M. 315, and P.P.G.S.D., Sussex; Charles Estlin, Organist; C. Pulman, Wm. B. Miller, J. Gibson, A. Brown, Frederick Reed, H. Borders, and the following visitors, viz.:—Bros. Dr. Whileman, P.M. No. 256; Coulton, No. 141; Symons, No. 180; Cook, No. 1044; and Pilditch, No. 1257. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed the first duty which devolved upon Bro. E. Spooner was the initiation of three candidates, viz., Mr. Alexander Giles, Mr. Wm. Salter, and Mr. Jas. Jno. Joseph, and the passing of Bro. E. H. Symors, St. James's Union, No. 180, and it is but doing justice to Bro. Spooner to state that he discharged each duty with that efficiency which his long experience in Masonry, and as a Past Master of two other lodges, afforded him ample opportunity of acquiring. Bro. C. Jackson, P.M. 180, having been duly installed by Bro. Spooner as W.M., the following officers were appointed and invested by the Installing Master, viz.:—Bros. Buckham, S.W.; D. Kempster, J.W.; A. Southam, S.D.; Estlin, I.G.; Potter, Tyler, (pro tem). Bro. J. W. Hiscock was re-appointed Secretary, and Bro. Spooner, Treasurer. The lodge being closed the brethren sat down to a well-served and excellent banquet, provided by the host of the tavern, and the evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and the speeches which were made by the several brethren in the course of the evening, met with the applause they merited, especially the kind remarks which the W.M. made in presenting a very handsome Past Master's Jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, to Bro. J. Spooner, which had been unanimously voted to him for his past services, and as a token of the esteem entertained towards him by the members of the lodge;

INSTRUCTION.

PRESTONIAN CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—The session of this club being ended, the brethren held their annual banquet on Tuesday the 5th inst., at the King's Head Hotel, 265, Strand, when the veteran President, Bro. Wm. Watson, supported by the working members of the club, and several visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. W. Cook, D. Pope, and Willis, No. 3, sat down to a very excellent dinner, which reflected the greatest credit on the attention bestowed upon it by Bro. Carr. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and responded to, Bro. Sherwill, in proposing "The Health of the worthy President" congratulated him on his recovery from a very severe illness. Bro. Watson replied in appropriate terms, and promised his support to the club and Craft so long as health permitted him. Several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening by their vocal powers, finding a ready and willing accompanist in Bro. W. Cook. The thanks of the brethren having been proposed to the officers of the club, the brethren dispersed to the "Land of Nod," after a very pleasant evening.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Liverpool Conclave* (No. 55).—The usual quarterly meeting of this conclave was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on the 17th ult. Eminent Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, M.P.S., was on the throne, and the other officers and members of the conclave present were Sir Knights T. Clark, V.E.; W. Doyle, S.G.; J. E. Jackson, J.G.; J. Wood, Treas.; R. Young, Rec.; J. Capell, S.B.; J. S. Keaf, O.; P. Ball, S.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.S.; G. Turner, Intendant General, W.H.; J. K. Smith, D.T.G., P.P.S.; P. Armstrong, A. Mitchell, H. Nelson, M.P.S. 71; I. W. Robinson, R. Brown, H. James, Thompson, and others. After the transaction of some routine business, the conclave proceeded with the annual election, when Sir Knight Clark was chosen M.P.S.; W. Doyle, V.E.; and Joseph Wood, re-elected Treasurer for the third time.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Kiltwinning* (No. 4).—This old lodge held its regular monthly meeting May 6th, Bro. A. Thorburn in the chair, supported by nearly all the office-bearers and a fair attendance of members, there was only one candidate in attendance. Who was duly initiated by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73) held their usual meeting on Tuesday, the 5th May, Bro. G. Weston, R.W.M., in the chair; G. MacDonald, I.P.M.; T. Stewart, D.M.; J. Bannerman, S.W.; J. MacGregor, J.W.; J. Richards, Secretary. Some local business occupied the lodge for some time, after which the R.W.M. reported from the Provincial and also the Grand Lodge. Bro. Wheeler gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting, "That this lodge deem it essentially necessary that they should be represented at Grand Lodge, and hereby agree to pay the travelling expenses of the Master and Wardens when they attend at Edinburgh for that purpose." There being two brothers present waiting for the second degree, the lodge was then raised, and P.M. G. Macdonald passed the two brethren into that degree.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union and Crown* (No. 103) held an emergency meeting on the 30th ult., as four members had to leave for America; there were also two brethren of St. Mark's, No. 27, who, as their hall was engaged by the P.G.L. meeting, were desirous of also being passed and raised. This the lodge at once granted. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. A. M. Wright, the chair was taken by that veteran worker, Bro. J. Bain, a P.M. of the lodge, who worked the degrees of passing and raising in a way that is seldom surpassed; he was ably assisted by Bros. G. Muir, S.W.; G. Thomas, J.W.; J. Gillis, Sec.; and Mitchell, of St. Mango, who acted as S.D., and afterwards thanked the lodge for their kindness in putting through the brethren of his

lodge. The acting Master replied that 103 was always glad to act in a friendly spirit to all the sister lodges in the province, and with respect to 27, himself and at least two other P.M.'s were also members of it; so they felt quite at home in doing all that lay in their power to forward its interests.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219,) met on Monday, the 4th inst., Bro. Alston, in the chair. There was a full attendance of the members, but the R.W.M. was away at the Grand Lodge. Bro. Bain, at the request of the acting Master, initiated two members and passed one. Bro. Bain's working is too well known to need comment.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 332) held their regular meeting on Monday, May 4th. In consequence of the absence of the R.W.M. at the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh, the chair was taken by Bro. Poole, D.M., who initiated two candidates in a highly creditable style.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Athol* (No. 413) met on Tuesday, the 24th ult., Bro. J. Wade in the chair. There was a full attendance of officers and members to receive the deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Barrow addressed them at some length, on the necessity of exercising caution at the present time in the admittance of visitors into their lodge. The Provincial Lodge also paid a visit to Mary Hill, No. 510, on Wednesday, and expressed themselves highly pleased with the working of the youngest lodge in the province; in fact in some respects some of their seniors would do well to copy their example.

GLASGOW.—*Cathedral Chapter* (No. 67) met on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at 22, Struthers-street, Comp. J. Duthie, Z., presiding. There were two exaltations, and the committee reported that the sources had proved a success, financially as well as numerically.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Chapter of Unity* (No. 73) met on the 31st ult., Comps. McDonald Z.; G. W. Wheeler, H.; J. Tweed, J.; J. Balfour, S.E.; J. Angus, S.N.; J. Bannerman, T. The chapter having been opened, a deputation from the P.G.C. attended. The P.G.S.E. said as this was his Mother Chapter he would not make any speech, but simply read the minute. The Deputations had proposed Comp. Barrow, P.G.Z., who said it was highly gratifying to him to be able to congratulate the chapter, not only the admirable state of their books, but also the general working of the chapter. All the officers appeared to attend well to their duties, the only thing he had at all to regret was that here as in the other chapters he had visited he did not see so large an attendance of the members themselves as he could wish. He should like to see this remedied if possible; he was now visiting all the lodges as well as the chapters in the province, and he saw the difference in attendance; of course there were not so many in the one body as the other, but he thought if the members of all the chapters would attend at the next Provincial meeting something might be done to stir them up a bit, for he was desirous of seeing Arch Masons taking their proper place, as standing above the Craft Members. He was willing to aid in this, but he must defer any further remarks, having to attend the Caledonian Chapter also to-night. After Comp. McDonald had tendered them the thanks of the chapter, the Deputation then withdrew, and the chapter was closed. Comp. Wheeler, at the request of the Z. opened a Lodge of Mark Masters, J. Stewart, acting S.W.; J. Tweed, J.W. A petition for advancement was then read from Bro. A. Pearman, of Lodge 73, who was then introduced by Comp. McDonald, Z., acting as S.D., when he was duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master by Comp. G. W. Wheeler. Two other brethren wished to be exalted into the Royal Arch, but in consequence of the lateness of the evening it was deferred till the next meeting.

GLASGOW.—*Thetis Chapter* (No. 122) held their usual meeting on Monday, March 30th. Comps. I. O. Park, Z.; G. W. Wheeler, acting H.; J. Scott, J.; J. Gunn, T.; the S.E. was absent in consequence of the death of his brother, but his place was ably filled by Comp. J. Clatworthy. Shortly after the chapter was opened, a deputation from the Provincial Grand Chapter was announced, and were received with

chapter honours; it consisted of Comps. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Scribe E.; T. Halket, P.G.T.; G. B. Adams and W. Philyss, P.G.S.'s. The P.G. Superintendent said it was a source of gratification to him to endorse the excellent report the Grand Scribe had given. He was very desirous of seeing all the chapters in the Province as near perfection as possible, and the one slight defect the Scribe E. had pointed out was only a proof of kind-heartedness of the chapter, and that was a better feeling than had been exhibited by some other parties. He did not say that a Mason could not go to law with a brother, for the law is above Masonry, but this he would say, that the taking of a brother into a law-court, before exhausting all Masonic modes of settling the dispute, proved that the person so acting was not a good Mason. Now, whether these remarks did not apply to them as a chapter, they did to circumstances in their neighbourhood, and he thought it desirable to allude to it, as a line of conduct they should not only shun themselves, but reprobate and condemn in others with whom they might come in contact. Comp. Park thanked the P.G.Z. for the kind remarks he had made—he would only ask the visitors to remember that the strictures made by Comp. Barrow, though just in themselves, did not apply to Chap. 122. The deputation then retired, and there being no other business, the chapter was closed.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—This chapter met in their hall, Garngad-road, on Tuesday, 10th ult. Comp. R. Bell, 1st P. presided, assisted by G. W. Wheeler, acting H.; J. Annand acting J.; and D. Reid, Scribe E. After the usual business of the chapter was concluded the Scribe E. intimated his intention of resigning his office, as since he had been elected as R.W.M. of St. Andrew Lodge he had found he could not give the necessary time to the duties. Comp. Annand called attention to the continued absence of two other officers, and moved that they be written to, and if not present at the next meeting that the chapter proceed to elect others in their place; carried, and the chapter was then closed.

GLASGOW.—*Saint Mungo Encampment K.T.*, held their usual monthly meeting at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on Monday April 20th, Sir Knight R. Bell, M.N.C. presiding. He was assisted by F. Tweed, D.; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; M. Clanachan, S.C.; and G. MacAllister, J.C. Two gentlemen were duly introduced and received into the Order. A Priory of the Knights of Malta was then opened, and four of the Knights were admitted to a participation in the secrets of that degree. Sir Knight R. Bell was Prior, and G. W. Wheeler, Prelate. Arrangements were then made for the annual festival, to take place next month. A petition was then presented from the widow of an old member of the encampment, when a sum was voted from the funds to meet her present necessities.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual visit of the Chairman of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to the School was paid on Monday afternoon by the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, who was accompanied by the Countess, a firm and enthusiastic admirer of the Institution. On reaching the building they were met by the House Committee and Colonel Burdett, and Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Raynham W. Stewart, and other members of the Board of Stewards, which was strongly represented on the occasion, and by Miss Davis, Head Mistress, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary. By them they were conducted over the building, and had all the arrangements for the health and comfort of the pupils explained. The beautiful new infirmary was also inspected, and the principle of isolating cases of sickness from the healthy portion of the inmates of the school fully delineated. The inspection, which lasted a considerable time, and appeared to be thoroughly appreciated by the Earl and Countess, having been brought to a close, the girls were put

through their calisthenic exercises, and marching and drilling, all of which were warmly approved of by the noble visitors, and applauded by the general company, numbering some four or five hundred ladies and gentlemen. The Earl and Countess were then conducted as before to the school-room, where the girls were ranged in order on a dais, from which they were to play selections of music and recite, but before doing so Lord Shrewsbury requested Bro. Thos. Taylor, P.G.S.W. Staff, Bro. Derry, P.G.J.W. Staff, and Bro. Jacobs, P.P.G. Reg. Staff, to step forward and present to the Countess of Shrewsbury the complete set of table ware given by the potteries to the Girls' School for its use. His Lordship's request having been complied with, Lady Shrewsbury in the name of the province of Staffordshire and the three brethren deputed to attend, handed over this very useful and handsome gift to the Institution; thereupon great cheering was raised, and the pupils afterwards proceeded with the programme above-mentioned. When this had been completed. His Lordship rose and said that as his presence was required in the House of Lords, he was unable to stay sufficiently long to distribute the whole of the prizes. It was his pleasant duty to offer a few words of congratulation to the children and the brethren on what they had just witnessed. He was anxious to be cautious in what he was about to say, and he did not mean to speak with flattery when he said it was that the impression his mind had received was very favourable. He had the honour to hold a commission in Her Majesty's Army, but he never had seen a regiment before that day go through its drill without a word of command. It certainly indicated the superior intelligence of women; whether if woman suffrage became the law men would become the inferior sex was a matter he would not venture to decide; but he must compliment Miss Davis on the results she had obtained. Passing from these results to Freemasonry, he was proud to say that Masonry was the greatest institution in the world, because the brethren endeavoured to unite in every possible way in doing charity. This was their first and greatest object, and with regard to the Girls' School they prided themselves on sending out into the world girls capable of getting their own living. He was glad to say that ever since the Institution had been started, the Girls' School and the Boys' School had been a credit to Freemasons. He was no great musician himself, but the style in which the pupils had performed the selections that had been made had greatly pleased him. To have performed with the taste and the accuracy of time that they had was a very great accomplishment. Those young ladies would not only gain pleasure from what they had learned, but they would find it desirable too in their future lives.

His Lordship having distributed the chief prizes, a vote of thanks was passed to him and Lady Shrewsbury, and they took their departure amidst the hearty greetings of the assembled company.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart concluded the distribution, which, as will be seen from the following list, was a work of considerable magnitude.

The following pupils received prizes, presented by the Earl of Shrewsbury:—

Maria Louisa Flintoft, the Gold Medal for General Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Kate Isabella Barrett, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Elizabeth J. Baxter, Cara B. Fletcher, and Leila Lucy Caparn, each a third of Five Guineas, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

The following prizes, given annually by the Institution, were presented by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart:—

Elizabeth Hutchinson for taking honours Senior Cambridge Institution, Maria Louisa Flintoft for passing Cambridge Examination, Elizabeth J. Baxter for passing Cambridge Examination, Cara B. Fletcher for passing Cambridge Examination, Leila Lucy Caparn for passing Cambridge Examination, Mary Theresa Claisen for Music, Jane P. Paterson for

French, Mary Eliza Earle for Calisthenics and Deportment, Kate Isabella Barrett for General Usefulness, Constance Louise Moores for General Usefulness, Clara Whitely for Needlework, Catherine M. Gregory for Needlework, Clari R. A. Bindon for Marking, Mary Alice Eastham for Machine Work, Emma Louisa Harvey for Machine Work, Martha Stone for General Proficiency lower 1st Class, Lily Octavia Hiron for General Proficiency, lower 2nd Class, Annie Mary Pattison for General Proficiency, lower 3rd Class, Melora F. Goodridge for Music.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work, Martha Stone.

By Bro. Raynham Stewart, for Dictation, Eliza Ellen Holland 1st Class, Frances Harryman 2nd Class, Charlotte Jay 3rd Class, Louisa Christine Oates 4th Class.

By Henry F. Bowker, Esq., for Good Conduct, Cara B. Fletcher.

By Bro. Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French, Maria Louisa Flintoft.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music, Mary Nina Fraüelle Pratt.

By Bro. H. W. Hemsworth, for Amiability, as voted by her Schoolfellows, Mary Alice Eastham, a Silver Watch.

From the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, for Drawing, Henrietta Featherstone and Florence S. Groves, for Geometry—Compasses; Alice M. M. Batley, Melora F. Goodridge, Caroline Harr, Mary Young; for Freehand—Drawing Boards and Rulers; Elizabeth J. Baxter, Mary T. Claisen, Cara B. Fletcher, Mary N. F. Pratt, for Model—Colours.

By Mrs. Brette, for Music, Florence Sara Groves.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution, Maria L. Flintoft, Letitia D. Whalley, and Bessie L. Morris.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct, Clara M. Wicks.

By Bro. Joseph Starkey, for Drawing, Maria Louisa Flintoft and Elizabeth J. Baxter.

After this distribution the company adjourned to an excellent repast, and finished the evening with dancing.

Among the brethren and ladies present we observed Bros. Col. Burdett, Raynham W. Stewart, J. C. Parkinson, Major Creaton, J. A. Rucker, H. Browne, P. Matthews, Joshua Nunn, Griffiths Smith, W. Pinn, T. Cubitt, T. Mortlock J. W. White, Dr. Wharton, P. Hood, Rev. C. Woodward, Sir Gilbert Campbell, and Lady Campbell, Thomas Taylor, P.G.S.W. Staff; Deray, P.G.J.W.S.; Jacobs, P. Prov. G. Reg. Staff; F. Binckes, Thomas Hill, West Yorkshire; Henry Bigg Smith, P. G. Sec., West Yorkshire; Ernest Brette, D.D.; D. J. Drakeford, J. M. Vaughan, H. A. Dubois, J. T. Moss, C. Lacey, J. Tanner, George Albert, W.M. 192; S. Morris, Little, H. Muggeridge, S. Muggeridge, and E. B. Hedges.

The 86th anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, presided, and was supported by a numerous and distinguished body of Freemasons. Among them was a large body of brethren from his lordship's own Province, who celebrated his presidency by the useful and valuable present which is fully described in another portion of our present impression. On the dais were Bros. Bentley Shaw, Deputy Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex; Capt. Platt, Past Grand Junior Warden; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain; H. Browne, Past Grand Deacon; Joseph C. Parkinson, Grand Deacon; J. A. Rucker, Grand Deacon; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Joshua Nunn, Past Grand Sword Bearer; Dr. Barrington; Dr. Rinsay; Peter Matthews; Major Creaton, Past Grand Deacon, Trustee of the School; W. Wain; T. Fenn, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; S. Rosenthal; J. Cooper Wyld; Tyde Pullen, Past Grand Sword Bearer; Edward Cox; W. E. Gumbleton; J. Gumbleton; Fred. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School; James Terry, Sec. Benevolent Institution; while Staffordshire was represented by Bros. T. Taylor, Prov. G.S.W.; F. Derry,

P. J. G. W.; J. Jacobs, P.P.G.R.; Bodenham, P.G.T.; Marsh, P.P.S.G.W.; B. Love, 539; Alfred Jacob, 482; J. D. Henson, 726, and Longley, 726. There were also present the Rev. C. Woodward; W. Perrett, Head Master Boys' School; H. C. Levander; H. G. Buss; A. A. Pendlebury; W. Dodd; H. R. Williams; H. Kimber; F. Adlard; H. M. Levy; T. Mortlock; T. Cubitt, G.P.; and John Boyd, P.G.P. The company numbered altogether over 500, including a great many ladies.

The proceedings commenced with an admirable banquet, which was provided and personally superintended by Bro. C. E. Francatelli, the excellent manager of the Freemasons' Tavern Company. At the conclusion of the repast, grace was well rendered by the musical brethren and ladies, and Bro. Harker, the Toast Master, then demanded silence for the noble chairman, in his well-known sonorous accents.

The Chairman in proposing "The Health of her Majesty the Queen" said it would be impertinent in him to dilate upon the virtues of her Majesty as exhibited either in her public or her private life, but he was sure he might say they were as thoroughly recognised by the nation at large as they were by the Craft.

The Chairman, after the National Anthem had been sung, said that the next toast would be equally acceptable to the notice of the brethren, for "The Prince of Wales," who was the subject of it, was always enthusiastically received by his brother Masons. His Royal Highness was no show Mason, but felt a deep interest in all the proceedings of the Order. He had met his Royal Highness the night before, and mentioning the Girls' School, wished him (the Chairman) every success at this festival. The toast would not be the less acceptable if he joined in it "The Health of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh." He was glad to say that the anxiety of the Duchess of Edinburgh for her father's safety as his yacht had met with an accident that day, had been allayed by a telegram to say he had reached Dover and was now safe in Windsor. They would all greet the Czar's arrival in this country with the pleasure which her Royal Highness would display, for they entertained for her an affection no less sincere than that they felt for the Princess of Wales. They would all remember the differences which this country had some time ago with Russia, and they now looked upon the intimate relations we had with the empire with delight. Masonry had nothing to do with politics, but the brethren would hope, as Masons always did, to be at peace with all the world. It was their principle and they would endeavour to carry it out.

The Chairman said the next toast was an equally pleasurable one, the Grand Master's health would always be received with delight, because they all knew he was anxious for the good of the Craft. As President of this Institution, he had special claims on their good wishes that evening. He was glad to say he had also seen his Lordship the evening before. The Grand Master said to him, "I understand you are in the chair of the School of the Girls this year;" to which I replied, "I am my Lord, and I believe I shall have a bigger subscription than even you had." He hoped that presentment would not come amiss, and he also hoped that as the Girls' School increased, his successors in the chair would have even a bigger subscription than he had this year.

The Chairman then said that for the fourth time he rose to ask them to join him in cordially drinking another toast, "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master of the Craft, and the past and present Officers." What he had said of the Marquess of Ripon was also applicable to the Earl of Carnarvon. It was the pride of Freemasonry that it should have at its head two such distinguished noblemen on opposite sides in politics. They had, thank God, no politics in Masonry, but he thought they might congratulate themselves that in no country in the world could they have two eminent statesmen holding various views in politics, and so cordially united in carrying out the great objects which as Masons they had in view. It was a great thing to be able to sink their individual differences,

and please God, they might maintain with integrity and firmness their political and religious opinions.

Capt. Platt responded. He said for this complimentary manifestation of your good wishes I beg to offer my sincere and hearty thanks on behalf of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers past and present. The patrons and supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have ample reason to congratulate themselves on such a brilliant array of brother Masons assembled together to put into practice the virtue which is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. The Grand Officers who happened to be present on this occasion salute you with a truly fraternal greeting, and rejoice to meet so many fellow labourers in the good cause, each one according to his means contributing his quota towards the maintenance and education of orphans and fatherless children. Thrice blessed, thrice honoured be they

"Who pity with a parent's mind

The helpless orphan that is left behind."

Colonel Burdett—Brethren, it is with more than ordinary pleasure that I rise now to propose the health of one whom I know you will receive in the most kind and enthusiastic manner. We have now amongst us a brother who has shown himself in every possible way a good and earnest Mason. You have had him here to night as your Chairman, and you know very well, at least as well as I do, what he has done before for Freemasonry. I am quite certain from what I have heard that he is not only a good working Mason, that is, a man who can do his work in the lodge as well as in the province, that he has set an example, I may say, to the Provincial Grand Masters of England. He has set to work in a way that we should consider most praiseworthy in every possible way, and you, I am quite certain will be able to appreciate his efforts when you know the exertions he has made for the good of his province. He is not only known himself to the members of his province, but I am happy to say, it speaks a good deal in his favour when he is able to appreciate and know the members of his own Province individually. (His Lordship had, in the course of the evening, challenged the different members of his Province who were present, by name.) He has been amongst them; he is constantly with them; he has worked with them; he works not only for the benefit of the Province, but he works the Province for the benefit of the charities; and I believe that to be one of the principal duties of the Provincial Grand Master. He has also not only made himself well known amongst us, but in the Province which he has the pleasure to reign over. I may only mention—I will not trespass on your time, because I know that nothing I can say will enhance his lordship's merits. If he had not been present, I might have said a good deal more than I do of the way he has carried Masonry out, he is not only an excellent brother and a good working Mason, but he has the highest social position in the kingdom, as he is the premier earl of the country. We are proud to have him amongst us, and I know you will drink his health most heartily.

The Chairman—Brethren, for a moment, I confess I feel somewhat bashful in returning thanks for the very kind reception which you have given to the most flattering utterances that have been offered to you, in coupling my name as Chairman of this evening, by the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. I trust that I deserve part of what he has said. I trust that his kind adulation of me will stir me to further efforts, but if I may venture to be so far egotistical as to say this, that not only as a Mason, but as an humble member of a high assembly, and also, I trust, as a man, I hold, it behoves every man to endeavour to do his duty in that station of life to which it has pleased God to call him; and I venture to say, that though I have had pride as a working Mason, which I cordially desire, as regards the carrying out of our ritual, yet I trust that in the short time that I have presided over the province of my own county, I may say that I may claim the privilege of calling myself a working Mason—(hear, hear)—because it is not for the sake of egotism, it is for the sake of Masonry that I tell you this, that those who preside over provinces

should throw themselves heartily in the work, and if there is any compliment that I appreciate it is this, that I have endeavoured to know the various lodges in it, to visit them all, to look up what is amiss, to encourage what is good, and to find fault with them when there is anything ill. I am glad to say there are no ills; but we are all capable of improvement, and I have endeavoured to inculcate in my province that we should not use those very solemn words of our ceremonial without meaning what we say. I am glad my province has come out nobly, not only on this occasion—and I hope you will be pleased with what they have done. I hope you will never meet for enjoyment without thinking of the principles of Masonry. I venture to say in a colloquial manner, not formal, that it is an advantageous system I have instituted, of having Quarterly Provincial Grand Lodges; because it is impossible for a Provincial Grand Master to know the working of the lodges by his visiting them only once a year. Therefore I have proposed that we should meet once a quarter. There are eighteen lodges in the province, we visit a lodge and we get a great deal of information as to what are the requirements of the lodge. On one of these occasions I took the liberty to tell my brethren this—Brethren, I hope I am not a glutton, but I hope if you come to enjoy yourselves you will support the charities. I will not come to you at all unless you give me a rattling good income to maintain the charities, and I put it in this way—if you will drink a bottle of champagne which costs 10s. 6d. you should put 10s. 6d. into the box; if you drink a glass of gin and water, which costs 3d. you should put 3d. into the box. We do not wish the affluent only to support our principles, but that every one should give according to his means, and that the left hand should not know what the right hand has given. I should be glad if we could do away with the announcing of names and only give the aggregate amount. I hate and detest that a man should put down his name to be hollaed out at a public table afterwards. If he does not do that which he conscientiously can do he is not a Mason, and ought to be ashamed to have his name called out. The subscriptions should be collected from lodges in the province and not from the individuals who are subscribing brethren. I pass from this. I have always been in the habit of saying what I think for the good of the cause. I now pass to a pleasanter subject, viz., the claims of this institution to your charitable consideration; and I must say in the first instance that I had the pleasure of being able to take rather a severe critic with me, no less than in the person of my good wife, to your school (cheers), because she said she had seen this collar and this apron, and it is all very fine, but it is a capital excuse to go out for a pleasant dinner. I said the time will come when I shall show you we not only enjoy ourselves but do a great deal of good, and the brethren from Staffordshire asked her ladyship to present the pottery to the Institution which was given by them on Monday. Her ladyship will excuse me observing that whenever she does a good thing she goes into it thoroughly, and she went into the institution with a critical eye to frighten me to death. I am glad to hear to-day she gave no offence. She gave, I will not say valuable hints, because we do not want any, but she called the attention of the matron and mistress to matters that are about to be adopted, and I am glad she made the inspection of the school, because her ladyship told me some years ago when I first entered the Craft that if there was anything good to be known in Masonry she would have known it long since. Well, I am sure what she saw on Monday was worth knowing; she was delighted and pleased. I venture to add my testimony to what was a great pride to her, and it induces me to bring the claims of the Institution more strongly before you. First of all there seems to be some excellent management somewhere, and though I have, as I said on Monday, the honour of being a soldier, I cannot well understand how Miss Davis manages to get those children in such perfect order without a single syllable escaping her lips, or word of command or direction. If I have any powers of observation I would say that those

children are not intimidated by fear, but ruled by affection. The lady that presides over that establishment, and the many brethren who have a share in its management, and the ladies who assist, are giving the right sort of instruction; because where you find so orderly, so regular, and yet so cheerful a set of girls, you may be convinced we are doing our duty as Masons—we are bringing up girls, who will, I hope some day be the mothers, and happy mothers of families, the kind of people who bring credit to the great Craft to which we have the honour to belong. We have made certain improvements. The large hall was opened on Monday. The year before I believe our worthy Bro. Lord Skelmersdale opened the Infirmary. We are glad to hear it proved most efficacious this year. There were 62 young ladies who had been in it, but knowing I was coming to see them they managed to get perfectly well. (Laughter.) A nicer looking set of girls I have never seen. I do not know whether it would be improper, but I think it would be a very nice thing some day to let the boys have a look at them in case they should like to associate together. (Laughter.) When we think that we have educated upwards of 1000 girls since the institution was started, I think we may congratulate ourselves. There are printed reports on the table, which I commend to your notice, because they go into detail, and I will not weary you with that. On these occasions there is always a treat for the brethren in our excellent programme of music, at which the ladies expect us to join them. I ask you to pardon all imperfections in my chairmanship to-night, I have before presided for the boys, I now preside for the girls, and I hope to complete the circle by presiding for the old people. All our Institutions rule over our affections. We are not jealous of each other. You know the order in which the festivals are held, and I tell you whilst they endeavour to do good you should unite in your endeavours to assist them. I give you "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. Samuel Tomkins acknowledged it. It was a great pleasure to Masons to find that their annual charitable festivals commanded not only as much interest as ever, but the interest in them seemed rather to increase. Whilst they had such a Chairman as the noble Earl, and such admirable followers in the Craft generally, there could be no fear that the interest of past years would fall off in the future. It was a great duty and a great advantage in Freemasonry that there were three objects of charity on which to concentrate their exertions. The first and oldest was the Girls' School, which had ever been dear to the Masonic body. The noble Chairman had drawn attention to the interesting exhibition he had witnessed at that School on Monday, but the facts he had mentioned were very well known to a great many, and this was one of the reasons that all who could should come forward to support it.

The Secretary (Bro. Little) then read the lists, which amounted in the whole to £8,022, with several lists yet to come in. (Immense applause.)

Bro. John Hervey proposed "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees and Medical Officers," who were all zealous workers for the success of the Institution.

Bro. H. Browse responded. There was a strong administration at the head; but then it was necessary to have, under their superintendence and guidance, a body of persons who would carry out their wishes, and the principles on which the Institution was founded. These brethren merited general approbation, and he was glad to say that the Medical Officers performed their duty admirably. They were never wanting in it, and they deserved the best thanks of the subscribers. The Institution had been most fortunate in securing good Medical Superintendents, and to them it was greatly indebted. (Cheers.)

The Chairman proposed "The other Masonic Charities, and success to them, viz.—The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." The three Institutions were *tria juncta in uno*, and would all be served in their turn. He

would couple the name of Bro. Terry with the toast, because he had been in communication with him for taking the chair at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and that brother would, of course, speak well in hopes of favour to come. Gratitude had been said to be a lively sense of favours to come, and he was in fear that if he called on Bro. Binckes to respond, he would not throw much energy into his reply, because, as he, the Chairman, had already presided at the Boys' School, Bro. Binckes had, of course, lost all feelings of gratitude. (Great laughter.)

Bro. James Terry said that as his lordship had coupled his name with the toast, in hopes of favours to come, he trusted that in January, when his Lordship would preside, there might be a no less magnificent result obtained than there had been that evening. He could only wish and sincerely trust that the brethren would carry out the duty his lordship had laid upon them, that that every brother should give according to his means. If that was done throughout the Craft generally he had not the slightest doubt that an enormous amount of anxiety would be taken off the shoulders of the Secretaries of the three institutions as well as of the Committees. In the Masonic recess he would wish the brethren in London and the provinces would not forget the duties that would devolve upon them, but would wake up their lodges to renewed energy on behalf of the institutions.

Bro. Binckes said he stood before his Lordship a melancholy and a disappointed man. (Laughter.) Ingratitude was "as the sin of witchcraft," and he had no idea that he should be charged with it in any meeting of Masons, least of all did he ever believe that a noble and distinguished brother like my Lord Shrewsbury would stand forward and point to him and say he was an ungrateful man. (Cheers.) On the first visit his Lordship paid to the Boys' School he pledged him (Bro. Binckes) with the cold water of ingratitude, but he forgave him for the misfortune he then suffered, and his Lordship had more than compensated for it by the admirable manner in which he presided at the meeting that night. To allude to him (Bro. Binckes), and to couple his name with the sin of ingratitude was to him one of the bitterest regrets he should ever feel in the whole course of his life, whether he looked back upon his past experience, or regarded the present, or looked forward to the future. But he knew the noble lord's kindness, and that he must have his joke; and they could all allow for jokes, when they looked at the amazing success of that evening. He was one of those who never envied any one the success he achieved. He loved the race of life. It was being run now, certainly, at a very severe pace; competition never was so severe as now. They were doing all they possibly could in their own Order to advance the interests of these various Institutions. Talent was enlisted on behalf of them year after year, and he would appeal to the Craft throughout the world to tell him where they would find three festivals so successfully carried out. What was the aggregate of subscriptions this year? Nearly £6,000 the first; £7,000 the second, and now they were told £8,000 the third. But this did not end the year. They had their balance sheets to produce up to the 31st of next December, and there ought to be large additions made to these festival announcements by that time, or else they who were charged with their responsibilities were idle and unworthy stewards. Let them see what additions were made, what they were doing after the festivals, and up to the time when their accounts were closed. Do not let the brethren be satisfied with giving their donations, but let them do all they could to induce others to come forward to aid the institutions, to get brethren to subscribe, even though they were not Stewards. He must congratulate the G-Is' School on the superb and magnificent result of this festival. There was an honest and honourable rivalry between the institutions, his lordship felt that the more they did to stimulate the brethren to generosity the more they were doing to relieve distress and mitigate the great mass of misfortune which unhappily was growing year by year.

The toast of "The Stewards of the Day" was

responded to by Bro. Parkinson, after which the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a choice concert was given, conducted by Bro. R. Limpus, Grand Organist for Middlesex. The executants were Mesdames Ashton, Thaddeus Wells, and Poole, Miss Emmeline Cole. Bros. Geo. Perren, T. Pearson, G. Mellor, Lester, Albert Hubbard, Henry Nicholson, and Henry Parker.

The Toastmaster of the evening, as we have said above, was Bro. Harker.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

On Monday, the 4th inst., the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Scotland was held in their hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance, especially of members of the Craft from the west of Scotland.

In the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master (Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart.), the throne was occupied by Bro. J. T. Oswald of Dunnikie, R.W. Substitute Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. William Mann, Past Grand Warden, acting R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Captain G. R. Harriott of Killimore, Provincial Grand Master of Wigtownshire; John Laurie, Grand Secretary; F. A. Barrow, V.W. Senior Grand Deacon; William Hay of Rabbithall, V.W. Junior Grand Deacon; William Officer, Past Grand Deacon; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies, C. W. M. Muller, Grand Director of Music; R. Davidson, Grand Organist; M. Mackenzie, Chief Grand Marshal; Albert T. Apthorpe, Grand Marshal; Wm. Bryce, Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge having been opened, apologies for absence were read from the M.W.G.M., Sir Michael Shaw Stewart; the Earl of Roslyn, R.W. Past G. Master; the Right Hon. James C. P. Murray, R.W. Depute Grand Master; &c.

After the usual preliminary business, several presents were laid on the table, including those of "Proceedings" from Grand Lodges of France, Egypt, Virginia, North Carolina, California, Massachusetts, Illinois, &c.; also from Bro. Colonel Kinloch of Kilrie, "Histoire de la Franc-Maçonnerie."

Petitions for charters for new lodges were disposed of as follows:—Those from Clydesdale, Larkhall; St. Vincent, Sandyford, Glasgow; Caledonia, Jamaica; St. Andrew, Adelaide; Clydesdale, Glasgow; and Blantyre Kilwinning, Blantyre, were granted; St. Andrew, Coatbridge, remitted to Grand Committee, with powers; Kirn Clyde, Kirn, and Ardgowan, Greenock, delayed, in order to the petitions being put in proper form; and Kennmuir, Balgray, Glasgow, was remitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be reported on.

Bro. Hugh A. Mackay was appointed representative at the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Bro. Alex. K. Smith, Provincial Grand Master for Victoria.

The following motions, tabled at last quarterly communication, were severally agreed to, viz:—

1. Moved by Bro. Alexander Hay, V.W. Grand Jeweller, and seconded by Bro. David Kinnear, P.M. 105, and Grand Steward—

"After the words 'Eligibility of the Candidate' in Sec. IV. Chap. XX., the following words be inserted, 'three black balls being necessary to exclude.'"

2. Moved by Bro. Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Officer, P.M. 11, and Past Grand Deacon—

"That copies of all notices of motions given in Grand Lodge be sent at once to Provincial Grand Lodges, and that they be requested to circulate them in their provinces."

3. Moved by Bro. Wm. Officer, P.M. 11, and Past Grand Deacon, seconded by Bro. Kinnear, P.M. 105, and Grand Steward—

"That it shall be competent for subordinate lodges abroad to nominate any three Master Masons to represent its Master and Wardens at all meetings of any Foreign and Colonial Provincial Grand Lodge of which the Master and Wardens of such subordinate lodges are members, with all their powers."

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT EPSWORTH.

On Monday last, 11th inst., a most interesting and impressive ceremony was performed in this town, which has attained something of historic note as being the birth-place of John Wesley, and the hotbed of that peculiar form of dissent which bears his name.

Several brethren of the "mystic tie" having resolved to form a lodge of their own in the town, the assistance of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was claimed in order to duly consecrate the new lodge, under the title of the "Isle of Axholme." It had been arranged that Major W. H. Smyth, D.P.G.M., in the absence of His Grace the Duke of St. Alban's, D.G.M., should undertake the ceremony, but the unhappy consequences of domestic bereavement prevented his attendance. His place however, was ably filled by W. Bro. Fowler, 712, P.G.S.W., assisted by several of the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Among the brethren present were:—W. Bros. James Fowler, 712, P.G.W.; W. G. Moore, 270, P. G. Reg.; C. M. Nesbitt, 712, P.G. Treasurer; A. Kirk, P. Prov. G.S.; Rev. D. Ace, P.G.C.; George Robinson, P. Prov. G.C.; James Laughton, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. E. Howlett, P. Prov. G.A.D. of C.; J. Moxon, P. Prov. J.G.D.; John Hadfield, J.G.D.; T. B. Hamlyn, W.M. 422; F. D. Walker, W.M. 242; F. H. Fosdick, 114; Thomas Morris, 1282, P.G.P.; H. H. Cave, 1282; Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, W.M. 1286; F. D. Marsden, P.G. Secretary, W.M. 712; and many others. A most convenient lodge-room had been already prepared for the occasion by the energy of the Epsworth brethren, and the kind assistance of Bro. Alfred Parkin (Minson and Parkin), W.M. elect.

The always impressive ceremony of consecration was rendered more so on this occasion by a soul-stirring address delivered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., 423, in which he took occasion to allude to the similarity of Freemasonry, to the great work which John Wesley had in view, viz., the acknowledgment of one vast brotherhood under one Common Father.

At the close of the ceremony, a congratulatory address was delivered by the Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, W.M. 1286. Afterwards the W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Parkin, was duly installed, and proceeded to invest his officers—Bros. the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., as S.W.; John K. Johnstone, J.W.; Alfred Taylor, Secretary, and others.

A cold collation, admirably served by the charming hostess of the Red Lion Hotel, was done ample justice to by the brethren assembled.

Bro. George Kenning furnished the lodge.

This will be a day long remembered by the people of Epsworth, and we trust ere long to report the consecration of another lodge in this already influential province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be holden at Grantham on the 28th inst.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT ST. ALBANS.

The consecration of the Halsey Lodge No. 1479 (so named in compliment to the Prov. G. Master), took place at the Town Hall, St. Alban's, on Wednesday, 29th ult. About forty brethren were present; among those were the R. W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M.; V.W. Bro. O. H. Wagner, Prov. G.S. Warden; V.W. Bros. J. R. Cocks, H. L. Thomas, J. R. T. Andrews, P.P.G.J. Wardens; V.W. Bro. Wilson Iles, M.D., Prov. G. Sec.; V.W. Bro. T. S. Carter, P.G. Senior Deacon; V.W. Bro. W. Cutbush, P.G. Supt. of Works; V.W. Bro. J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; V.W. Bro. M. Heywood, P.G. Org.; Bros. J. Lowthin, P.M. 506, and 1385, W.M. Designate; Hayward Edwards, S.W. Designate; G. Askew, J.W. Designate; S. Harding, P.M. 449; F. J. Searancke; H. Edwards; H. T. Lamb.

The R. W. Prov. G.M. acted as Consecrating and Installing Officer, who was ably assisted by V.W. Bro. Terry, P.G.D.C.; V.W. Bro. Heywood, Prov. G. Org., presided at the

harmonium. The whole of the ceremonies were performed in a faultless and impressive manner; it has seldom been our lot to witness such perfect working.

Bro. J. Lowthin was installed W.M.; Bro. Hayward Edwards was appointed and invested S.W.; Bro. G. Askew, J.W.; Bro. W. Cutbush, W.M. 1385, Hon. Sec.; Bro. A. Godson, S.D.; Bro. W. Morgan, J.D.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., V.W. Bro. Terry, and V.W. Bro. Wilson Iles, were elected honorary members.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Lamb for lending the Consecrating Vessels, and to Bro. M. Heywood for conducting the musical portion of the ceremonies.

Seven gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and six brethren as joining members, which augurs well for the success of the new lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Peahen Inn, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared by the host; a most agreeable evening was spent.

At the last monthly meeting of the Royal Lodge, 643, Bro. Walter Fisher, P.M., P.G.S., the celebrated photographic artist, at Filey, presented to his brethren of the above lodge, an enlarged photograph (painted in oil) of the late lamented Bro. Farthing, who was so well known, and so highly esteemed within the Province. As a work of art, the above photograph is faultless, and as a truthful likeness, it could not be surpassed. It is enclosed in a massive Alhambra gold frame, and will form a cherished and highly valued ornament to the lodge-room. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to Bro. Fisher for his kind, thoughtful, and generous gift. The presentation was made through the hands of P.M. Bro. Charles Scrivener, M.D., who, in a speech replete with eloquence and artistic remarks, pointed out the various beauties of the portrait, and, at the same time, passed a high and well merited eulogium to the memory of the departed brother.

YARBOROUGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 554), held at Bro. T. Walters, the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.—We have pleasure in acquainting our Masonic brethren in East London that the fifteen sections will be worked in this lodge on the evening of Tuesday next, 19th inst., by Bro. G. W. Verry, P.M. The meeting is convened for seven o'clock precisely, and the favour of the attendance of the brotherhood is invited.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1874.

THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

We have reason to believe, that, some objection is still entertained among the rulers of the Irish Grand Lodge, to the report of Grand Lodge proceedings and private lodge business altogether.

The Freemason is printed and published with the sanction of our own Grand Master, and the approval of the Grand Master of Scotland, but has never yet received the formal "imprimatur" of the Grand Master of Ireland.

It has been said, that, a technical objection has been taken, that, we have never formally applied for the formal granting of such "leave and license."

If that is the only difficulty, if that is the unique fault we have committed, we are quite ready to cry "peccavi," and apply formally for the permission and patronage of the much respected chief of Irish Masonry, our venerable brother the Duke of Leinster.

But the truth is, we believe the objection lies a little deeper, and is based on an entirely different foundation.

There is, we fear, a *primâ facie* opposition to all reporting, and practically to all printing of Masonic proceedings, except, such as take place in public, and all reporting of lodge work, under all circumstances, and yet with a curious inconsistency, while *The Freemason*, the only Masonic journal at present existing, or circulating in Ireland, is objected to for reporting at all, and receives neither aid nor information, we see from time to time long reports of Masonic proceedings alike in Grand and private lodge, both in *Saunders's News Letter*, and several other non-Masonic papers, which though they do not emanate from authority professedly, yet seem what the foreign papers would term practically "communiqués" of some well-informed and gifted brother! Why then is this?

What has *The Freemason* done to be left out in the cold? or why should its enterprising publisher not be able to print from time to time properly authenticated reports of the Irish Grand Lodge and private lodge proceedings?

The Freemason is intended to be the one leading Craft organ alike for England, Scotland, and Ireland, and why should we not be able to tell

of the doings of our warm-hearted brethren across the channel, where, as we know, the very best feeling really exists between the brethren of the two jurisdictions, and only wants to be cultivated to be both warm and enduring:

The attitude of some good friends of ours in Dublin, on things Masonic, puts one in mind of the story of the Irish widow, who said to a rather backward admirer, who was somewhat hesitating, "Ye are mighty particular, come, spake out your mind like a man, I've got my answer riddy!" Why cannot the Irish authorities imitate her large-heartedness and open-mindedness?

We believe, that the little "impedimentum" to a full and fraternal approval of *The Freemason*, in all three jurisdictions arises from the fact, that the authorities, excellent and worthy as they are in Ireland, somewhat object to innovations, and are a little afraid of change.

Yet in 1874, it seems too late, in the history of Freemasonry and the world, to stand in the way of the progress and expansion of the Masonic Press.

The Inquisition of old, tried to silence Gallico, but for all that the earth moved, and the world has moved on, despite that "Institutio detestabilis."

And so to day, on every side of us we see, that the Masonic Press and Masonic Literature are happily on the increase, and that the Masonic Schoolmaster is abroad.

Who will take the responsibility of impeding the spread of the former, or marring the work of the latter?

When we in good old cautious, sober, slow-going England, remember, that the permission to print our Masonic proceedings, was granted by the most careful of rulers, and vigilant of Grand Masters, Lord Zetland, that, it certainly has done no harm to English Masonry, that, the same privilege has been conceded in Scotland, by that able ruler, Lord Dalhousie, and has been since confirmed by Lord Rosslyn, and is maintained by its worthy occupier of the Scottish chair, we see, how little fear any need entertain that we are in any way departing really from our ancient landmarks or from our old and cherished constitutions.

We feel sure of this, that Irish Masonry itself would receive an impetus and encouragement, if we could receive proper reports of the proceedings, and were not left to the chance columns of non-Masonic papers.

We say this in all good feeling and regard to the authorities of the Irish Grand Lodge.

The Irish Grand Lodge in itself is a very distinguished body, under its venerable chief, and represents a large, and worthy, and intelligent body of Freemasons. To it we wish all possible success, and with it we are most anxious to announce an entire "entente cordiale." Our worthy publisher is most anxious to give all Irish news of those many lodges, which do so much good work yearly, and we sincerely hope in conclusion that our remarks will be accepted in the spirit in which they are penned, namely, in all fraternal goodwill and respect to the constituted authorities of the Irish Grand Lodge, and all heartfelt aspirations, for the honour and development of Irish Craft Masonry.

THE CEREMONY OF THE DEDICATION OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

Freemasons have always been patrons of all æsthetic influences, and our Bro. Albert Mackey, wrote a very able article not long ago to prove that, Freemasonry was the conservator of the arts.

Indeed, as the true history of Freemasonry is to be found invariably linked, with perhaps the noblest of all the handicraft and artistic works of man, architecture, we shall not do wrong in asserting that our benevolent brotherhood of to-day, is still, as ever, uniformly ready and willing to encourage those genial and graceful labours which tend to expand civilization, and to elevate humanity.

We are led into this train of thought by the reception of a programme and prospectus placed in our hands by Bro. Ashton.

He is the possessor, it seems, of a picture painted by Morris Lewis Hermann, painter to Peter the Great, representing the ceremony of the dedication of King Solomon's temple.

The picture is a large one in itself, and alike unsuited from its size and subject for a private collection of paintings, and far more fitting, for every reason, for the adornment of a public gallery, or a corporate building. The picture is interesting in itself, and was formerly in the collection of Lord Moira, a distinguished member of our Order, we believe, as it came from a collection of paintings belonging to a descendant.

It has seemed to Bro. Ashton, that, the best and most suitable place for its reception, was Freemasons' Hall, and he has with that object in view professed himself ready to part with it for a sum of £2,000, of which £1,000 shall be divided among the Charities, in such proportions as a Committee, consisting of Bro. Nathaniel G. Phillips, J. M. P. Montague, Frederick Binckes, George Kenning, and E. P. Paraire, shall think fit.

Such is the original proposal of Bro. Ashton, and his first plan, for the surrender of the picture to the Craft and Freemasons' Hall. We think the idea is in itself most commendable, and the offer of Bro. Ashton most fraternal and praiseworthy. But naturally such a plan is not proposed by him as a "sine qua non" or without any possible modifications.

It is just possible as the subscription progresses, it may become apparent to Bro. Ashton, that it is after all more advisable for him, to make the transaction a simple matter of business arrangement, as between him and the Committee. In that case, we are warranted in saying, that, he will probably be found perfectly willing to accept a fair sum from the Committee, for the purchase itself, leaving out the question of the charities, and to hand the picture over to Grand Lodge, at the request of the subscribers, under such conditions as Grand Lodge itself shall see fit to lay down.

It is but fair to Bro. Ashton, to bear in mind that the picture originally cost 1200 guineas.

We subjoin a very able and artistic account of the picture itself to which we beg to call the attention of our many readers. It is written by Bro. Paraire.

A very interesting picture is now exhibited in Freemasons' Hall, the production of Francis

Lewis Hermann, who was painter to Peter the Great. The subject chosen by the artist is the feast of the dedication of the Temple, the moment that of King Solomon's prayer. The attributes and accessories which constitute the groundwork of the picture are taken from the first Book of Kings, the 7th and 8th chapters.

The architectural details of the great court are well designed, and the appearance of space produced by careful attention to the laws of perspective, assisted by the very delicate warm tone of the colouring, produce a pleasing effect. As the far end and sides of the court fade into obscure indistinctness, they form a well studied back ground to the Inner Court of the house of the Lord, which thus relieved stands out in bold prominence and forms the centre of the picture. The effect of the whole is considerably enhanced by the distinct though apparently unlaboured attributes. The two pillars of brass with the chapters concentrate the view on the porch of the temple; in front of which is the altar for the sacrifice of peace offerings. The details of this extraordinary work are so minutely studied in design and portrayed by the artist, and are brought together in such an able manner, that the mind is sensibly affected, and left to wonder at the amount of time and care that must have been bestowed on the design of the various implements, lavers, and vessels with which the picture abounds.

No less extraordinary is the general grouping of the numerous figures, that, fill every part of the canvass. The assemblage of all the heads and chief fathers with the banners of the various tribes and their retainers, the variety of costume, the attitude, and the anxiety manifested by all, the expression portrayed by each, the position and colour, all tend to strike the mind of the observer, while memory calls back the various details of that portion of history so clearly set forth in the biblical record of the construction and dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

We have only further to add that our Grand Master has given his full approbation to the plan and proposal, and has himself become a subscriber.

Our Bro. George Kenning is the Treasurer of the Committee, and we therefore, shall not be exceeding our province if we press on all our brethren to see the picture for themselves, and to aid in obtaining for the perpetual adornment of Freemasons' Hall, the representation of an episode in the history of Freemasonry and of mankind, so deeply connected with the progress of the most civilising of arts, and so specially interesting to all true Freemasons everywhere. We beg to remind all our readers, and repeat for the information of the brethren, that the picture is now on daily view, in a large room adjoining Freemasons' Hall.

Next week we shall publish a list of subscribers towards the purchase of the picture, and Bro. George Kenning is ready to receive the names of all our brethren wishful to contribute towards so desirable an object.

GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Owing to the time that we are obliged to go to press on Thursday we cannot call attention to the report of the Girls' School, but hope to do so, and also to advert to the giving of prizes on Monday, in our leading columns next week.

NEW LODGE AT BLACKPOOL.—The consecration of the new lodge at Blackpool, in the Province of West Lancashire, which was originally fixed for Easter Tuesday, has been postponed for a few days. A full report of the opening will appear in the columns of *The Freemason*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

Many and many a day will have to pass away ere the remembrance of Wednesday, 6th May, can be eradicated from the memory of some of the good people of Bolton, and it will be a long time ere the part which was played at the same time by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the province of East Lancashire can possibly be forgotten by the members of the Order who participated in the grand festival. The gathering was held under the auspices of the Bolton Lodges, and no pains had been spared by the committee to give effect to the pageantry. Circulars were issued to the Officers, Masters, Wardens, and all whom it might concern, inviting their attendance; and in short everything that could be done to ensure a large and brilliant gathering, together with a bright and an imposing demonstration, was effected. The weather, although showery in the early part of the day, was fine, and large numbers of people were on the look-out, the streets presenting a somewhat livelier appearance than usual. Ladies especially were very numerous, and most of them being dressed in the striking and elegant fashions of the day, the thoroughfares exhibited a busy and gay appearance.

Shortly after twelve o'clock, the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, opened in the three degrees, in the Baths' Assembly Rooms, Lower Bridgman-street, by Bro. William Slater, W.M.; James Walker, S.W.; Dr. Robinson, J.W.; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; Jas. Brown, J.D.; Samuel Crowther, I.G.; and Charles Walker, Tyler. Shortly before one o'clock, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie and his Provincial Grand Officers, were announced, and were received with the usual salutations; and immediately afterwards the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, in the presence of Bros. J. L. Hine (sitting as Deputy P.G.M.) C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.S.G.W.; John William Maclure, P.J.G.W.; J. A. Elliott, P.G.R.; John Tunnah, P.G. Sec.; T. J. Lancashire, P.S.G.D.; Herod Turner, P.J.G.D.; Thomas Entwistle, P.G. Sup. of W.; James Pollitt, P.G.D.C.; Robert Whittaker, P.G.A.D.C.; Jas. Holroyd., P.G.S.B.; Ralph Collingwood, P.G.O.; Thos. Hargreaves, P.G. Pur.; R. C. J. Duckworth, P.G.A.P.; and other provincial officers and brethren, to the number of 500.

After the divine blessing had been invoked by the Chaplain, the Provincial Grand Master announced a letter of apology from the D.P.G.M., W. Romaine Callender, M.P., owing to parliamentary engagements, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting having been read and agreed to, and the roll of lodges called over, the Provincial Grand Master pointed out that the minutes contained a paragraph to the effect that each lodge not represented at the Provincial Grand Lodge was fined £1 each, unless they gave some acknowledgment for not putting in an appearance. It appeared, however, that only two had so offended. The accounts, which show a balance of £279 17s. 10d., were taken as read, and unanimously confirmed.

Bro. Samuel Isherwood, P.M. 37, Bolton, was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The investiture of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was then proceeded with as follows:—

- Thos. Glaister P.S.G.W.
- J. A. Birch P.J.G.W.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-
Cave P.G.C.
- Rev. Charles James Bowen P.G.C.
- T. A. Winder P.G. Reg.
- S. Isherwood (elected) P.G. Treas.
- John Tunnah P.G. Sec.
- William Slater P.G.S.D.
- J. L. Barrett P.G.J.D.
- Robert Harwood P.G. Sup. of Wks.
- Robert Whittaker P.G.D.C.
- George Lofthouse P.G.A.D.C.
- W. Whewell P.G.S.B.
- Josiah Wm. Taylor P.G.O.
- James Hall P.G. Pur.
- Robert Butterworth P.G.A. Pur.

- James Newton..... P.G. Steward
- Frank Ainsworth P.G. Steward
- John Morris P.G. Steward
- R. Horridge P.G. Steward
- James Horrocks P.G. Steward
- James M. Rutter P.G. Steward
- Charles Walker P.G. Tyler

During the investiture of the officers a very pleasing incident occurred. The Provincial Grand Master, after investing P.G. Sec. Tunnah with his badge of office, presented that gentleman with a jewel in commemoration of his past faithful services as P.G.S. for a period of twenty-one years.

The report of the charity committee was next taken and agreed to, it being considered a very satisfactory one.

A grant of £200 was voted to the Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows, and a committee was appointed to consider the desirability of establishing a local institution for the education and advancement of the children of Masons.

The lodge was shortly afterwards duly closed.

Shortly after three o'clock the procession was marshalled by Bro. Robert Whittaker (of Farnworth), the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; assisted by Bro. Lofthouse, P.G.A.D.C. The splendid band of the 7th Dragoon Guards headed the procession, the appearance of which was highly imposing, the aprons, gold lace, and bright insignia of the officers having a really magnificent effect. The line of route from the Assembly Rooms, via Newport-street, was crowded with spectators, who, one and all, seemed thoroughly charmed with all they saw, as well as delighted with the occasion that had brought them together. At the foot of the steps of the Town Hall, the brethren opened to the right and left, and preceded by his Standard Bearer, the Provincial Grand Master walked up to the hall doors, the brethren following in procession from the rear, thus inverting the order of procession.

Shortly after four o'clock 400 of the brethren sat down to a banquet in the Albert Hall, at the Town Hall. The galleries were crowded by a large concourse of ladies, who were admitted immediately after the banquet. The band of the 7th Dragoon Guards occupied the orchestra, and between them and the principal table were a number of choice plants, in full bloom, which had a very pretty effect.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Le Gendre N. Starkie, occupied the chair, and after the repast he proposed "The Health of her Majesty the Queen" in very appropriate terms.

Solo, band and chorus, "God save the Queen."

The Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Past Grand Master." The Prince, he said, had been received in Bolton on the occasion of the opening of the beautiful building they were then assembled in, in a true Lancashire fashion, and with a demonstration of feeling which no other body of men could give. He asked them to drink the toast with true Masonic feeling, and he hoped that heaven would bless the Prince of Wales.

The next toast proposed by the Prov. Grand Master was "The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, M.W. Grand Master," whom he highly extolled, and afterwards he alluded to the services rendered to the Craft by the Earl of Zetland.

Song, "The Grand Master," Bro. Dumville.

In proposing the next toast, viz., "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past," the Prov. Grand Master briefly alluded to his own installation. He said he was sure that all who witnessed that ceremony by the Earl of Carnarvon must have felt deeply interested in it. As regarded himself he should never forget the good counsel the Earl gave him, and he hoped he would be able to follow the rules he had laid down, not only to his own advantage, but to the advantage of all the brethren. He trusted that circumstances would bring the Earl of Carnarvon into this province again, and that they would give him that Masonic welcome which he deserved.

The toast was well received, and responded to by Bro. Binckes, Past Grand Steward.

Glee, "Prosper the Art."

P.P.G.W. J. L. Hine gave "The Health of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master." He referred to the manner in which it appeared the Prov. Grand Master had been educated in all that appertained to the Craft, and said there was no Prov. Grand Master whose heart was more open, or whose purse was always more ready.

The toast was drunk in a most enthusiastic manner, and upon rising to acknowledge the compliment the Prov. Grand Master was loudly cheered. He remarked that that was the largest assembly of Freemasons it had ever been his privilege to preside over. It was with feelings of no small agitation, and feelings which he could scarcely repress, that he addressed them upon that occasion. Knowing, as he did, that he stood in the place of one who was their townsman, one who was highly respected and beloved by every member of the fraternity, and a man in whose footsteps in Masonry he hoped he should always tread. He then alluded to that province, which he said was the largest in England, and it was now in a most flourishing state. He was at that time, he might almost say, in his native town, for if they read history they would find that some of his ancestors were interred in the churchyard adjoining the old Parish Church in Bolton, and when he remembered that fact it was sufficient to raise in him feelings which could only beat in the heart of a Lancashire lad. He then alluded to Freemasonry, and to its charities, after which he proposed "The Health of W. Romaine Callender, Esq., M.P., Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past." He remarked that the name of Wm. Romaine Callender, Esq., was a household word in that province, and that no man had done more than he in elevating Masonry.

Prov. J.G.W. J. A. Birch, responded on behalf of W. Romaine Callender, Esq., and the Provincial Grand Officers, and in doing so alluded to the noble and eminent men connected with Freemasonry.

Glee, "O Hills, O Vales of Pleasure."

The Prov. Grand Master next proposed "The Mayor and Corporation and Town and Trade of Bolton." They were all, he said, indebted to the Mayor and Corporation of Bolton for the use of that hall that evening. He wished the toast had fallen into the hands of a worthy brother who was unable to be with them that evening, but, like Bro. Callender, he was in London attending to the duties of the State. He (the Prov. Grand Master) saw one present that evening whom he had that day appointed Senior Grand Warden, namely, Bro. Glaister—(hear, hear)—a gentleman who was connected with the Corporation of Bolton. All the brethren were deeply indebted to some persons for accommodating them in that magnificent civic erection. Such a building as that was a credit to the town of Bolton. He did not know the Mayor of Bolton, but he believed that he was a good citizen of his native town. He trusted that the trade of Bolton would flourish, for he did not know any town that concerned him more. The toast was drunk with three times three.

Song, "John Anderson my Jo, John."

Prov. S.G.W. T. Glaister thanked them for the manner in which they had received the toast. He had not long been a member of the Corporation of Bolton, but he had endeavoured to do his duty while connected with it, and he believed that the whole Corporation were trying to do their duty to the best of their skill and ability. They had now extensive waterworks, and he was sure that that beautiful Town Hall was a credit to Bolton. He trusted that the trade of the town would continue to flourish, for if it did not, he would suffer with the rest.

P.Prov. G.W. T. G. Gibbons proposed, "The Masters of the Bolton Lodges," which was responded to by Prov. S.G.D. W. Slater, W.M. 37.

"The Visiting Brethren" was next proposed by the Prov. Grand Master, and responded to by P. Prov. G.W. West Lancashire, Col. Birchall of Preston.

The Prov. Grand Master then left the hall, and

his place in the chair was taken by P.P.G.W. J. L. Hine.

Bro. Hine next gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, London.

Song (by desire) by Bro. Wroe, "A Mason's True Jewels."

Bro. Hine next proposed "The Provincial Grand Stewards," which was responded to by Bro. Frank Ainsworth.

Glee, by Bros. Edmondson, Bailey, Lovatt— "Willie brewed a peck o' maut."

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed in very gracious terms by Bro. Pilkington, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Walter Pennington, W.M. 678.

The last toast on the list, "All poor and distressed Masons," was given by Bro. Hine.

Bro. Dumville next sang "The Final Toast" which brought the banquet to a close.

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.]

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have hesitated not a little before resolving to address to you a few words in reply to a letter on Masons' Marks, which appeared in the *Freemason* of 18th February (p. 234), signed "A Masonic Student," for I do not think it generally advisable to carry on controversy with any one who has the meanness to descend to personal abuse; and I was very much inclined to think that the letter of "A Masonic Student" could produce little impression on the mind of any intelligent Freemason, except to disgust him by its low abusiveness, to amuse him by the self-conceit which it displays, and to astonish him by the extraordinary blundering of which it is full. "Self-praise is no honour," it is said; but our Student Brother seems to be of a different opinion, and sounds his own trumpet loudly enough. However, when he takes credit to himself for his diligence in the study of Masons' Marks, saying "I have probably studied Masons' Marks far longer and far more carefully than Bro. Paton," I feel no inclination whatever to dispute the point. I am willing to give him credit for the utmost assiduity in the study, and for having persevered in it for years enough to make him quite a remarkable student; but I cannot help reflecting that mere time and diligence in study will not produce very satisfactory results without something else. Perhaps he has heard the story of a great painter who being asked by an aspirant for artistic fame what he mixed his colours with, replied "with brains, sir!" How far this ingredient has entered into the composition of "A Masonic Student's" letter they may judge who read it.

Permit me, however, to point out that he has fallen into utter confusion as to the state of the question on which he professes to write. He says:—"Bro. Chalmers I. Paton originally asserted that all Mason's Marks must have even points." Most certainly, I asserted no such thing. I suppose that by "even points" the Student means an even number of points, although the expression used does not very clearly convey that, nor any other meaning. Everyone who has read what has previously appeared in the *Freemason* on this subject, must know that instead of asserting that all Mason's Marks must have an even number of points, I asserted the very opposite, that they must have an odd number of points, and to this it is that the whole controversy relates. Far be it from me to suppose that "A Masonic Student" conscientiously and deliberately made a statement directly contrary to the truth. I only suppose him to have got bewildered, like a man in a muddled condition, who does not know very well where he is or where he wants to go. I might have imagined that the word even, in the

sentence which I have quoted, was written by a slip of the pen for odd; but other things which follow forbid the entertainment of this opinion, as, for example, when we read:—"In operative Masonry there is no such rule as even points, in speculative Masonry there is no trace of such a custom," a statement on which it is evidently unnecessary for me to make any observation, beyond this that it makes the proof of bewilderment complete.

"A Masonic Student" is pleased to speak of my "noisy asseveration and overbearing assertion," and resolutely declares that he for one never intends to allow any one, so long as he is able to hold a pen, "to mislead the Craft, either by absurd pretensions to infallibility or by idle claims to authority." Now he ought to be aware, if he has read and is capable of understanding the letters on which he seems to animadvert, that I adduced proofs and authorities in support of the assertions which I made, that I referred to the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and of the best writers on Masonic History, dead and alive, both in England and in America, whereas he indulges in assertions unsupported by any proof or authority whatever, and in favour of which he brings forward no semblance of Masonic argument. It is he that is misleading or attempting to mislead the Craft, not I. I am inclined to think that he is not a Mark Mason himself, and that amidst all his Masonic studies, he has never read Laurie's History of Mark Masonry. It is plain that he has not recently looked into Bro. D. M. Lyon's book, as the fac-similes of marks there all belong to operative Masonry, and to the period from A.D. 1599, to A.D. 1680, and there is nothing in the whole volume to afford countenance to any of the views he apparently wishes to maintain. And if he is an English Freemason, it is quite evident that he is not acquainted with Bro. Oliver's landmarks. He writes about a subject of which it is evident that he knows nothing, and all his tall talk does not conceal his ignorance of the difference between operative and speculative Masonry.

The brother who wrote the chapter on Masons' Marks in Laurie's History of Freemasonry is Bro. Andrew Kerr, Past Master No. 8, S.C., and it was he whom I adduced as an authority for the opinion which I expressed, and have seen no reason to change, that a Mason's Mark of the present period ought always to consist of an odd number of points.

It is amusing to see how, "A Masonic Student" refers to Bro. Hughan, as a great authority in Masonry, and how Bro. Hughan, in a letter which appeared in *The Freemason* of 25th April, returns the compliment to the Student. But it all comes to this, that they have studied the subject, and they know, and therefore all other brethren must take their word for it. I hope many brethren will prefer to enquire for themselves, and to consider the evidence adduced.

Yours fraternally,
CHALMERS I. PATON.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should feel obliged if you will find space in your next Saturday's issue for this letter.

A foreigner who professes to be a distressed Alsatian, has been travelling about this province selling French poplins, cloth, &c., which he says have been given to him by his brother, who he says is a manufacturer at Lyons, to sell, in order to pay his expenses to the French colony in Canada. During my absence he victimised my wife to the tune of £3 10s., for a dress; on my return home, I fortunately found the individual, and compelled him to take back the dress and refund the money; he then attempted to pass himself off as a Mason, at the same time telling me he would, as a brother Mason, let me have the dress for £2 10s. Of course, I did not accept his fraternal offering, and fortunately, for after his departure a similar dress bought by another lady in this place was found to be utter rubbish (she gave him £3 10s. for it). Amongst other things, he suc-

ceeded in obtaining 10s. from a very worthy and Rev. brother of my acquaintance by passing himself off as a distressed French Mason.

He is a man about 48 years old, thick set, rather over the average height, full face, clean shaven, with the exception of a moustache. He presents cards of numerous people in the neighbourhood, many of which, I hear, have been surreptitiously obtained. He sends in a neat little card, with his name, over the name is a crest.

In this neighbourhood he presents a letter of introduction which he has obtained by misrepresentation from a lady highly connected, and which letter, much to her annoyance, has led to his making victims of many of her friends.

I may say that the letter is supposed to be signed Alice Barrington, or Alice E. Barrington. His victims in this neighbourhood are legion, his gentlemanly bearing and language gaining him an easy access everywhere.

Fraternally yours,
HERBERT BUSY HODGES.
P.P.S.G.W., Herts.

THE MELROSE LODGE.

(To the Editor of the *Freemason*.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

After reading the letters of "Fraternal Justice," at page 234 of your issue for April 18th, I waited to see if there was to be any more in the same style before answering. There has been none, so in answer to "Fraternal Justice," I may say that his letters are sufficiently answered already at page 206. As to his assertion that he is "prepared to present me with a bone which I may not find easy to masticate," I beg to say that the only "bone" in the case worth spending time upon is the old minute-books and papers of the lodge. If he is able to give me a proper chance of "masticating" them, I am willing to try what I can do. In case, however, the effect of my teeth might be dreaded, pray give Bro. W. J. Hughan the opportunity of dealing with the subject.

I understand that a number of the Melrose Masons are ready to join the Grand Lodge of Scotland, if they get what they want, but for them to have the audacity and presumption to aim at getting in as No. 0, and before the lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, is simply ludicrous. No doubt they may point to the Kilwinning Lodge as a precedent, and say that if fortune rewarded her pretensions with success, she may also equally favour them, if they will only be persistent enough and adopt the same course, coming in with all their illegitimate children under the paternal coat tails just as the other so gracefully sailed in with all her's under her petticoat! I am afraid, however, that the times have now changed, and that the Grand Lodge of Scotland will now see it to be more to her true interests to deal out "Fraternal Justice" with a faithful hand than to adopt what I consider to be the unfair course she took in A.D. 1807. And although fortune favoured the Kilwinning Lodge then, it is quite possible that this Melrose agitation now going on is simply the fair Nemesis shaking her whip over the back of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and threatening to bring it down, as the settlement for past misdeeds.

I am, Yours fraternally,
MASONICUS.

OPENING OF THE INFIRMARY FOR WIGAN AND DISTRICT.—On Thursday week, the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, erected at a cost (including furnishing) of £29,500, was formally opened for the reception of patients, and, at the same time, the first annual general meeting of subscribers was held. The report placed the deficiency between subscriptions and expenditure at £3,200. Of this sum £1,000 was written off at the meeting. It was stated that the sum required to carry on the institution would be about £1,800 per annum, and the endowment fund, after the sale of the old dispensary, would probably be £6,000. Hospital Saturday and Sunday had this year produced £783, and in addition there were the annual subscriptions.

Masonic Tidings.

We have received a letter from Bro. Gottheil, with reference to a statement in our issue of May 2nd, and for every reason, we think it better not to publish the letter, and not to re-open the question now settled, in any way.

The Gresham Masonic Club of Instruction is held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, every Friday evening, from 6 o'clock to 9, Bro. Crawley, P.M. 174, Preceptor.

The fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro Austin, P.M. 933, assisted by the brethren, on Friday evening, June 5th, in the Gresham Masonic Club of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, commencing at 6 o'clock.

"MASONIC MAGAZINE."—The June number of the Magazine will contain a photograph of the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., Grand Master of England, and among other articles, Old Military Lodges, by Bro. Hughan; the Old Masonic Poem; Troy; History of Freemasonry in Russia; and other interesting matter. The "Masonic Magazine" is published monthly by Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 22, 1874.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, May 16.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood-green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
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, May 18.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, 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, May 19.

Board of General Purposes at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern Bishopsgate-st.

" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

" 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.

Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20.

General Committee Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.

" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.

" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt-town, E.

Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England, 2, Red Lion-square. (See *Adv.*)

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

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 e Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, May 21.

House Committee, Girls' School at 4.

Lodge 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.

" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.

" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park.

" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.

Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's-wood.

" 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.

Knight Templar Preceptory, E. Observance, 14, Bedford row.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30; Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

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 Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Friday, May 22.

House Committee, Boys' School at 4.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.

" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30

Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.

Union Club Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 23, 1874.

Monday, May 18.

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

Chap. 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

Tuesday, May 19.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

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

Wednesday, May 20.

Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.

" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.

" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.

Thursday, May 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.

" 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.

" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

" 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.

Friday, May 22.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 23, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, May 18.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

St. Mungo Encampment of Knight Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, May 19.

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

" 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, May 20.

Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, May 21.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.

" 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

Friday, May 22.

Lodge 321, St. Andrew's Public Hall, Alexandra.

Saturday, May 23.

Lodge 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.
For the Week ending Saturday, May 23, 1874.

Monday, May 18.
Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.
Tuesday, May 19.
Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
Wednesday, May 20.
Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street,
at 8.
Thursday, May 21.
Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st. at 8.
" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street, Portobello,
at 8.
Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Black-
friars-st., at 8.

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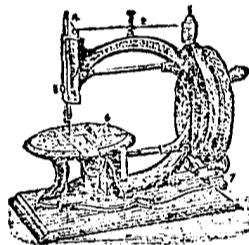
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