

THE Freemason.

REPORTS OF THE GRAND LODGES ARE NOW PUBLISHED WITH THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF

The Most Honourable the MARQUESS OF RIPON, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of England; SIR ROBERT MICHAEL SHAW-STEWART, Bart., M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Right Hon. the EARL OF ROSSLYN, and the Right Hon. the EARL OF DALHOUSIE, K.T., G.C.B., the M.W. Past Grand Masters for Scotland; and the Grand Masters of many Foreign Grand Lodges.

Vol. 7, No. 273.]

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1874.

REGISTERED FOR
TRANSMISSION ABROAD.

[PRICE 2d.]

GRAND LODGE OF Mark Master Masons.

OF
ENGLAND AND WALES,
AND THE
Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

EARL PERCY, M.P., M.W.G.M. and
M.W.G.M. Elect.
RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LIMERICK.
R.W.D.G.M.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION of this Grand Lodge will be held at Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, on Tuesday, the 2nd of June, 1874, when and where all Grand Officers (past and present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of private lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

The ceremony of advancement will be worked in a Lodge of Improvement, to meet at Half-past Three o'clock, p.m.

GRAND LODGE will be opened at five o'clock p.m., when the M.W.G.M. Elect will be installed. The Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock; Tickets, Fifteen Shillings (inclusive of Wine and Dessert) if taken before the day of meeting.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, as under.

By command,
FREDERICK BINCKES. (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

Office, 2, Red Lion-square,
Holborn, London, W.C.
19th May, 1873.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has appointed Wednesday, the 17th of June, to lay the Foundation Stone of the Chancel of All Saints Church, Landport, Portsmouth. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be close-tyled at 12 o'clock.

The brethren will assemble at the Clarence-street School and proceed in procession to hear Divine Service.

A banquet will be held at North End Hall at 4 o'clock. Tickets 7s. 6d., including a pint of wine.

The attendance of visiting brethren is particularly requested.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction,
No. 548.

THE CEREMONIES OF CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION

Will be rehearsed in this Lodge, at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, June 8th, 1874, by Bro. James Terry, P.O.V. G.D. Cers., Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366. Lodge opened at seven o'clock precisely. The Musical Arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. W. Kipps, J.D. 1275, Organist 79, 1310, 1314, Chap. 79. Brethren are requested to appear in Masonic clothing.

AGENCY for VIENNA (AUSTRIA).— I wish to get a representation for a large Nottingham house, or for a London house in Scarfs, Slips, and other Fancy Articles. First class references will be given.—Bro. T. Markus, Vienna, 1, Kohlmessegergasse, 3.

Norwich and London ACCIDENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

ESTABLISHED 1856.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £100,000.

For Insuring against

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

With

Compensation for Personal Injury,

Caused by Accidents

CHIEF OFFICES—ST. GILES'S STREET, NORWICH.

LONDON: 49, MOORGATE-ST.

Secretary: CHARLES R. GILMAN, Esq.

London Manager: Mr. GEORGE POWELL.

MASONIC ASSURANCE OFFICE, 9, NEW BRIDGE-STREET, LONDON. JOSEPH RANKIN STEBBING, Esq., P.G.D., Chairman.

This Company was the first to adopt the new and popular system of POSITIVE ASSURANCE. The policies being payable to bearer, render assignments, stamps, legacy duties, &c., unnecessary, and they have at all times an immediate purchasable value. See detailed prospectus.

FREDERICK BIGG, P.M., Manager.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited), 7, Bank Buildings, Lothbury, E.C. General Accidents. | Personal Injuries. Railway Accidents. | Deaths by Accidents. C. HARDING, Manager.

THE MASONIC CLUB.

Twenty-five per cent. of the Annual Subscriptions, after payment of expenses, will be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

THIS Club is now in course of formation in a central position of the West-end, under the highest Masonic authority. It is intended that the Club contain spacious dining, smoking, billiard, and reading rooms, with every modern convenience. Entrance fee £5 5s., and annual subscription £5 5s., no further liability; country members' annual subscription £2 2s.

Brethren desirous of joining will please send the number of their lodges. An influential committee will have the control of the club.

F. REILEY, Secretary.

Temporary Office, 324, Strand.

THE BIRKBECK

Is the only Building Society whose Annual Receipts exceed ONE MILLION!

How to Purchase a House for Two Guineas per Month, With immediate possession and no Rent to pay. Apply at the Office of the BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY, 29 & 30, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane.

How to purchase a Plot of Land for Five Shillings per Month, With immediate possession, either for Building or Gardening purposes, apply at the Office of the BIRKBECK FREEHOLD LAND SOCIETY, 29 & 30 Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane.

How to Invest Money with safety at 4 per cent interest, Apply to the Office of the BIRKBECK BANK.

All sums under £50 payable upon demand. Current accounts opened similar to Ordinary Bankers. Cheque Books supplied. Office hours from 10 till 4 daily, on Mondays from 10 till 9, and on Saturdays from 10 till 12. A small pamphlet, containing full particulars, may be obtained gratis, or sent Post-free on application to FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT, Manager.

EASTBOURNE.—The South Down Mansion, Howard-square, being now quite complete and superbly furnished is now opened as a Private Hotel and Boarding Establishment. It is delightfully situated, abutting on the Grand Parade, near the new Burlington Park and Swimming Baths. Numerous suites of lofty rooms, spacious coffee-room, &c, replete with every accommodation to insure comfort. Fine sea view. South aspect. Lawn in front. Cuisine excellent. Visitors at fixed weekly charges. Tariff on application to Mr. Thomas Morris, Proprietor, at South Down Mansion, or at his Confectionery Establishment, 2, Terminus-road, Eastbourne.

ADVERTISER, a Brother, who has been in business for the last nine years, wishes for a Situation as Collector, Clerk of Works, or to superintend the repairs on an Estate, or any capacity where trust and confidence are required. Thoroughly conversant with the building trade. First-rate references and security if required.—R. A., 8, Lyham-terrace, Lyham-road, Brixton.

E. MOSES and SON'S STOCK of SUMMER CLOTHING for Adults and Juveniles surpasses in magnitude, variety, and excellence any hitherto offered to the public.

The Bespoke or Order Department is furnished with an unequalled assortment of fabrics from the best manufacturers of the Home and Foreign Markets.

E. MOSES and SON beg to state that the DEPARTMENTS for BOYS' CLOTHING in their establishments are quite distinct, which will be found a great convenience, particularly by ladies accompanying their sons.

E. MOSES and SON forward PRICE LIST, Patterns, Fashion Sheet, and Rules for Self-Measure gratis and post free. Country orders promptly and carefully executed.

E. MOSES and SON'S vast Stock is divided into distinct Departments, as follows:—

- Ready-made Clothing for Adults.
- Ready-Made Clothing for Juveniles.
- Ready-made Clothing for Sailors and Mechanics.
- Clothing made to Order.
- Hosiery and Drapery.
- Mantles, Shawls, and Ladies' Underclothing.
- Hats and Caps.
- Boots and Shoes.
- Outfits for Sea or Shore.

E. MOSES and SON beg to state that every article in their Establishments is marked in plain figures, and that any article not approved of will be exchanged, or the amount paid for it will be returned.

E. MOSES and SON'S Establishments are closed every Friday evening at sunset, till Saturday evening at sunset, when business is resumed until 11 o'clock.

The following are the only addresses of E. MOSES and SON:—

LONDON.

Corner of Minories and Aldgate (opposite Aldgate Church), New Oxford-street, corner of Hart-street.

Corner of Tottenham-Court-road and Euston-road.

COUNTRY BRANCH.

Bradford, Yorkshire.

GRATEFUL—COMFORTING.

EPPS'S COCOA.

BREAKFAST.

"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills."—Civil Service Gazette.

"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps and Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston-road, London."—Cassell's Household Guide.

Made simply with boiling water or milk.

Each Packet is Labelled.

JAMES EPPS & Co., HOMOEOPATHIC CHEMISTS.

48, Threadneedle-street, and 170, Piccadilly.

Works for Dietetic Preparations, Euston-road, London.

WANTED, Hands for the Gold, Silk and Worsted Embroidery Geo. Kenning, 2, 3, & 4, Little Britain. Apprentices taken

ARMS, CRESTS AND MOTTOES FOUND.

Sketched in Pen and Ink 4/6

Or in Heraldic Colours 7/0

Engraved on Copper 21/

" on Rings 7/0

" on Spoons

5/0 per doz

SEALS,

DIES & PRESSES

NOTE PAPER STAMPING

ENGRAVING AND DIE SINKING.

Bro. JAMES B. SLY,
9, RATHBONE PLACE, OXFORD-ST.,
LONDON, W.

City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street LONDON.

WELL adapted for Banquets, Balls, Amateur Dramatic Entertainments, Public Meetings, and Arbitrations. The large Hall is capable of seating upwards of Twelve Hundred people.
SIDNEY SPENCER, Proprietor.

The Alexandra Restaurant,
7, CONDUIT-STREET, REGENT-STREET.
Public and Private Dining Rooms.
First-class Cooking and Wines.
Open for Suppers after the Theatres.
Bro. F. HILFREICH, Proprietor.

Caledonian Hotel,
ROBERT STREET, ADELPHI TERRACE, STRAND
GENTLEMEN and Families visiting London will find every accommodation, combined with comfort and moderate charges, at the above Hotel.
Beds from 2s.; Sitting Rooms from 3s.; Breakfasts from 2s. Table d'Hote 6.30, 3s. 6d.
Every accommodation for Masonic Meetings and Banquets for the Craft, Arch and High Grades.

Spacious and Cheerful Coffee Room overlooking the Victoria Embankment.
BRO. GEORGE STATES Manager.

Guildhall Tavern,
GRESHAM-STREET, E.C.

Chop and Steak Room fitted with the Silver Gridiron. Spacious Dining-rooms, Luncheon-bars, and Smoking-rooms. Rooms of all sizes suitable for Auction Sales, Consultations, Arbitrations, Building Societies, &c.; also for Freemasons' Lodges and Banquets, Private Dinners, &c.

GUILDHALL TAVERN COMPANY (Limited).
32 and 33, GRESHAM-STREET, E.C.
JOSEPH CORBIN, Manager.

Masons' Hall Tavern,
MASONS' AVENUE, BASINGHALL STREET, CITY.
THE above old-established Tavern is NOW OPEN, newly decorated, by Bro. CHARLES GOSDEN, late Manager of the Freemasons' Tavern Company. Every accommodation will be found for Lodges, Chapters, Mark and other degrees, for their Meetings, Dinners, Suppers, &c., and every attention will be paid to their comfort and enjoyment by the new Proprietor.

CHARING CROSS STATION

TOILET CLUB.

(Continental Booking Office Entrance.)

A Great Convenience and Saving of Time to the Brethren, desirous of dressing promptly, previous to going to Lodge, Ball, Dinner, &c. Private Dressing Rooms, charge 6d., with every attendance and appliance for the Toilet. Evening dress taken care of for the day or season in perfumed boxes (locked) no charge. Baths, Hosiery, Perfumery, Hairdressing, Dress Suits, Boots, Opera Hats, Masonic Clothing, Jewels, Swords, &c. Fuller particulars per post (3d. stamp). N.B.—Ladies' Department attached.

W. FIGES,

80 CANNON-STREET, LONDON, E.C.,

MANUFACTURER OF THE

NEW ÆGIS UMBRELLA,

Combining increased shelter with increased strength, an elegant shape, and a convenient walking length.

RIDING AND DRIVING WHIPS, &c.

W. T. MACKEY,
SHOP FITTER,

100, ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
HOXTON.

Counting-house, Shop, and Warehouse Fittings at the lowest prices.

BRO. KENNING'S

NEW TRACING BOARDS

Mounted on Cloth for the Pocket, Price 7/6.

104 CHURCH SERMONS,

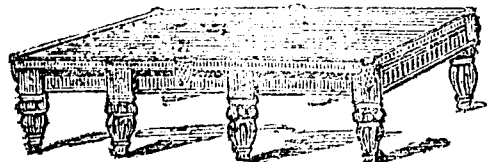
By EMINENT CLERGYMEN.

In Two Volumes, Handsomely Bound in Cloth, each, 4s. REEVES SON AND CO., Playhouse-yard, London.

BRO. R. J. THURSTON, HOPKINS, & Co.,

(Successor to Hopkins and Stephens.)

BILLIARD TABLE MANUFACTURERS,
10, Little St. Andrew's-street, Upper St. Martin's-lane, London W.C.



BILLIARD TABLES OF ALL SIZES, from £60, Experienced Men sent to Repair. Established 30 Years.

PATON'S JURISPRUDENCE OF FREE-MASONRY. 8vo., 10s. 6d.

PATON'S FREEMASONRY; Its Symbolism and Religious Nature, and Laws of Perfection. 8vo., cloth, 10s. 6d.

PATON'S ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY, or the 1717 Theory Exploded. 8vo., sewed, 1s. Reeves and Turner, 196, Strand, London.

"THE FREEMASON" OF ST. LOUIS.

The Largest Masonic Monthly in the World. Published at St. Louis, Mo., by George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary and Recorder of the four Grand Bodies of Missouri.

The Freemason contains tidings from every quarter of the world and will be found of great advantage to all Masons, especially those interested in African affairs. Terms \$2 per annum, and to those who subscribe for the London Freemason the price will be \$1.50 currency. Postage free. Subscriptions received at the Office of the London "Freemason" 198, Fleet-street.

THE ENTR'ACTE,

A MUSICAL and THEATRICAL REVIEW,

Price One Penny. Used as a programme at the principal London and Provincial Music Halls. The *Entr'acte* enjoys an extensive circulation, and gets into the hands of every theatrical and music-hall artist. It contains a splendid cartoon every week. First-rate medium for advertisers. Subscribers can be supplied by post at 1/8 per quarter. Published every Saturday, at 5, Catherine-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

THE LONDON MIRROR

Published every Saturday; price 4d.

The object of this journal is to set forth the claims of the many Religious, Educational, Benevolent, and Prudential Institutions of the United Kingdom, and week by week to report their proceedings, whether as Meetings, Sermons, Anniversaries, or Elections, so as to present these National Institutions to the favour of the Public. Office, 59, Southampton-row, Russell-square, London, W.C.

"THE FREEMASON"

Supplied by

T. DRISCOLL, Wholesale Newsagent, 87, Farringdon-st., E.C.

South London Branch, 416, Wandsworth-road, S.W., eight doors from the London Chatham and Dover Railway Station.

Wholesale Publisher to the Trade.

Shortly will be Published,

THE DAILY INDEPENDENT.

Offices, 180 and 181, Fleet-street, London, E.C., corner of Fetter-lane. The largest London and Provincial Penny Paper in the World.

The Daily Independent

Will be conducted on strictly pure and thorough Independent principles. For all shades and phases of Political and Religious opinions.

The Daily Independent.

Special and novel arrangement of columns. Instant reference to News and Advertisements of a particular City, Town, Colony, or Foreign Country.

The Daily Independent.

Best medium for Advertisements. Supplements, being irregularly supplied and often mislaid, will not be issued by Daily Independent, except for News of extraordinary import, while all Advertisements will be always in body of paper.

The Daily Independent.

One Penny. For all the world, and every class. Offices, 180 and 181, Fleet-street, London, E.C., corner of Fetter-lane.

LIGHT for the **BLIND** (Longmans and Co., Publishers) is recommended to public notice for the striking and touching account it gives of the loon that

MOON'S simple RAISED TYPE affords to the blind, for whom the Bible and many works are embossed by Dr. Moon. Friends are greatly needed to promote a circulation of these amongst the poor, and to enable Dr. Moon to carry on his self-denying labours in his Printing Premises, 104, Queen's-road, Brighton.

LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE.

THE "WORCESTERSHIRE."

Pronounced by Connoisseurs "THE ONLY GOOD SAUCE." Its use improves appetite and digestion. Unrivalled for piquancy and flavour.

ASK FOR LEA & PERRINS SAUCE.

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS

to avoid which see the names, LEA & PERRINS, on all bottles and labels.

Agents—CROSSE & BLACKWELL, London, and sold by all Dealers in Sauces throughout the world.



FUNERALS.

BROS. SERVANTE & PERRYMAN,

Complete Funeral Furnishers,

232, HIGH HOLLORN,

Corner of New Turnstile, leading into Lincoln's-Inn-fields.

Funerals conducted in the best manner, with choice appointments and great economy. Distance no object. Price book free.

Established nearly 150 years

CAUTION.

GENERAL FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT.

(Established upwards of 35 years.)

Bros. SINCLAIR & SON,

FURNISHING UNDERTAKERS AND FUNERAL FEATHERERS,

81, City Road, Finsbury Square, opposite the Finsbury Church, E.C., and 29, Southgate-road, Dowland-road, near the Rosemary Branch Bridge, N.

(No connection with any other establishment of the same name.) Only at the above addresses. Every Funeral at stated charges—See Illustrated Prospectus.

GEORGE REES

MAPLE and ROSEWOOD MOULDINGS, best in London.

GEORGE REES'

GILT MOULDINGS, cheapest in the Trade.

GEORGE REES'

100,000 feet of GILT ROOM BORDERING in stock, from 1d. per foot.

GEORGE REES'

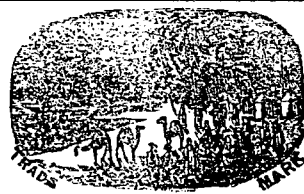
First-class ENGRAVINGS, from 2s. each.

GEORGE REES'

CHROMOS, from the Best Masters, at reduced prices.

57, DRURY-LANE, W.C., opposite Drury-lane Theatre

CROSBY'S BALSAMIC



COUGH ELIXIR.

CROSBY'S BALSAMIC

COUGH ELIXIR.

Opium, Narcotics, and Squills are too often invoked to give relief in Coughs, Colds, and all Pulmonary diseases. Instead of such fallacious remedies, which yield momentary relief at the expense of enfeebling the digestive organs, and thus increasing that debility which lies at the root of the malady, modern science points to CROSBY'S BALSAMIC COUGH ELIXIR as the true remedy.

SELECT TESTIMONIAL.

Dr. Rooke, Scarborough, author of the "Anti-Lancet," says: "I have repeatedly observed how very rapidly and invariably it subdued cough, pain, and irritation of the chest in cases of Pulmonary Consumption, and I can, with the greatest confidence, recommend it as a most valuable adjunct to an otherwise strengthening treatment for this disease."

This medicine, which is free from opium and squills, not only allays the local irritation, but improves digestion and strengthens the constitution. Hence it is used with the most signal success in Asthma, Bronchitis, Consumption, Coughs, Influenza, Night Sweats of Consumption, Quinsey, and all affections of the throat and chest. Sold in bottles at 1s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. each, by all respectable Chemists, and wholesale by Jas. M. Crosby, Chemist, Scarborough.

* Invaluable should read Crosby's Prize Treatise on "Diseases of the Lungs and Air-Vessels," a copy of which can be had Gratis of all Chemists.

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."

CLARKE'S WORLD FAMED

BLOOD MIXTURE.

TRADE MARK—"BLOOD MIXTURE."

THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER,

For cleansing and clearing the blood from all impurities, cannot be too highly recommended.

For Scrofula, Scurvy, Skin Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent cure.

- It Cures old Sores.
- Cures Ulcerated Sores on the Neck.
- Cures Ulcerated Sore Legs.
- Cures Blackheads, or Pimples on the Face.
- Cures Scabby Sores.
- Cures Cancerous Ulcers.
- Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.
- Cures Glandular Swellings.
- Clears the Blood from all Impure Matter, From whatever cause arising.

As this mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex the Proprietor solicits sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

Thousands of Testimonials from all parts.

Sold in Bottles 2s. 3d. each, and in Cases, containing six times the quantity, 11s.—sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases,—BY ALL CHEMISTS AND PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS throughout the United Kingdom and the world, or sent to any address on receipt of 27 or 132 stamps by

F. J. CLARKE, Chemist High-street, Lincoln. Wholesale: All Patent Medicine Houses.

WEAK OR DEFECTIVE SIGHT.—SPEC-

TACLES scientifically adapted to remedy impaired vision by Mr. ACKLAND, Surgeon, daily, at Home and Thornthwaite's, Opticians to the Queen, 3, Holborn Viaduct, London, E.C. Send six stamps for "Ackland's Hints on Spectacles," which contains valuable suggestions to sufferers from imperfect sight.

Now Ready.

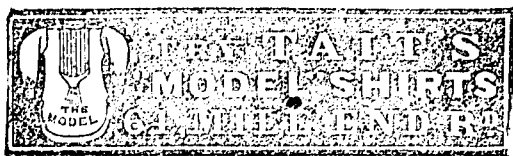
A MASONIC CALENDAR, &c.,

FOR THE

PROVINCE OF DURHAM.

Containing a Calendar for 1874. Showing the Lodges and Chapters that meet on each date, and also Lists of the Present and Past Officers of each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, with a mass of other useful information. Price One Shilling, free by post One Shilling and One Penny.

May be had of JAS. H. COATES, 24, Holmeside, Sunderland, and through any bookseller.



AND AT 58, EDGWARE ROAD,

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS:—
 Craft Masonry..... 319
 Scotland 319
 Consecration of a New Lodge at Blackpool 320
 Consecration of a New Lodge at Dalston 322
 CORRESPONDENCE:—
 Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution 323
 The Melrose Lodge..... 323
 Templarism and Red Crossism in Edinburgh and Glasgow 323
 Fantastic Proceedings 324
 The Masonic Club 325
 The Masonic Magazine 325
 Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin 325
 District Grand Lodge of New South Wales 327
 Notes and Queries 328
 Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Fund 328
 Lodge of Benevolence 328
 Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution 328
 Lodge Meetings for next week..... 329
 Advertisements 317 318 324 329 330 331 332

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WINDSOR.—*Etonian Lodge of St. John* (No. 209).—The last monthly meeting of the session was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Alban's-street, Windsor, on the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. G. W. Dixon, was supported by a large number of the brethren of the lodge and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. P. Carter, J.W.; Denne, S.D.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Herne, D.C.; Strange, P.M., Sec.; J. Wilson, P.M.; L. Bryett, P.M.; Duffield, Baker, Hiscock, Webster, Pears, Christian, Lovegrove, and others. Visitors Bros. Bingham, W.M. 771; Guisebrook, I.P.M. 771 (acting S.W.); Tolley, P.M. 771; Rev. J. Cave, 771; Cantrell, 771; Veal, W.M., Dobie Lodge, and others. The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual interrogation Bros. Clay and Ferrey were entrusted with the pass, grip, and word, and retired to be properly prepared. On their return to the lodge they were raised to the degree of F.C., by the W.M. The next business was raising Bro. Hawker to the sublime degree of M.M. After some routine business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, on Monday the 18th inst., and was well attended by members and visitors. The W.M. Bro. Thomas Poore, opened the lodge punctually at three o'clock in the afternoon and was supported by Bros. Payne, S.W.; Pulman, J.W.; H. Huntley, P.M., Secretary; Whithall, S.D.; Trusler, J.D.; Lane, I.G.; R. Huntley, Cole, Dr. Moore, Richardson, Lilley, Broadwood, Broadbridge, Burgess, and Woolfe. Amongst the visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M., 720, 1216, and W.M. 1426; G. Neall, P.M.; R. N. Field, Burgoyne Lodge; W. Barber, 1426; Lewis Lewis, 1426; Coe, J.D.; Stockwell Lodge; W. Heffer, Southern Star Lodge, and others. Messrs. Biddlecombe and Keartland, as candidates for initiation, were balloted for and duly elected, and Bro. Biddlecombe, being in attendance was admitted to the first degree. The lodge having been passed to the second degree, Bro. Stevens presented Bro. Payne, as W.M. elect, who was installed into the chair of K.S. in a most able and efficient manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. Poore, whose admirable working of the beautiful ceremony of installation, was highly appreciated, and called forth expressions of well deserved encomium. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—Bros. Pulman, S.W.; R. Huntley, Treas.; H. F. Huntley, P.M., Sec.; F. Trusler, S.D.; Lane, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Broadbridge, W.S. Bro. T. Poore, I.P.M., was invested as D.C., and then proceeded to deliver the respective addresses to officers and brethren. Bro. Keartland was introduced and duly initiated by the new W.M., and some business matters relating to the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The customary toasts were duly honoured and Bro. Poore, I.P.M., received at the hands of the W.M., a handsome P.M.'s jewel. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by song and recitation, and closed at a reasonable hour with satisfaction to all present.

MANCHESTER.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge*

(No. 1161).—The St. John's festival and installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge was held at the Corporation Hotel on Friday 22nd inst. Amongst the company present were—Bros. Bowen, Prov. G. Chaplain, East Lancashire; Last, P.P.G.D.C., East Lancashire; Hind, P.M. 204; Parker, P.M. 501; Barker, P.M.; Yates, P.M.; and Allison, W.M. 993. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M., assisted by Bro. East. Afterwards the brethren repaired to a splendid banquet prepared in the Ardwick Town Hall, presided over by the W.M. Bro. John Hayes, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Bowen replying on behalf of the P.G. Lodge, gave some most interesting incidents of the value of Freemasonry in various parts of the world visited by him. In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. John Hinchliffe," Bro. Parker presented him, in the name of the brethren, a very handsome 18-carat gold jewel for his able, zealous, and faithful performance of the duties of Worshipful Master, which was most feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Hinchliffe. At nine o'clock the ladies of brethren arrived, at the invitation of the Master, to a soiree of a most agreeable character, dancing being kept up with much spirit till two o'clock.

WAVERTREE.—*Duke of Edinburgh Lodge*, (No. 1182).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the Coffee House, Wavertree, near Liverpool. Bro. J. Watkin Williams, W.M., was in the chair of K.S., and the other members present were Bros. W. Pughe, P.M. (acting as J.W.); J. Thornton, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M. (acting as S.D.); J. A. Edgington, S.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; T. Davis, I.G.; G. Masker, Steward; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 564 (acting as Tyler, in the absence, through serious illness, of Bro. W. Crawford, the respected Tyler of the lodge); Bros. Smelton, A. D. Hesketh, J. Haslam, S. Lincoln, S. Whitfield, W. Thomason, J. Jones, J. Collings, J. York, D. Norris, G. Bowring, R. Jones, G. H. Samuell, S. Newbold, and J. B. Mackenzie. The visitors present were Bros. G. W. Chirnside, 1325; J. Dawson, 1299; G. Wilson, Sec., 1393; and R. Hulme, 673. During the meeting, Bros. Norris, Samuell, and Lincoln, were passed to the degree of F.C., by the W.M., in a most efficient manner, and before the lodge was closed a vote of money for a deserving case of charity was made unanimously and heartily. The brethren present subsequently sat down to a very excellent repast, provided in her well-known style by Mrs. Wright, the W.M. occupying the position of president. A very pleasant evening was spent, toasts and songs being given with great zest.

POTTERS' BAR.—*Acacia Lodge* (No. 1309).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Potters' Bar, on Saturday, May 23rd, 1874. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M., Sec., opened the lodge. There were present Bros. R. Limpus, P.G. Organist, J.W.; J. H. Webster, I.G.; J. W. George, S. Budgett, A. Gould, R. P. Tebb, E. W. Collins, F. H. Batten, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R., Middlesex, P.M. Visitors, strange to say, none were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation. Messrs. H. D. Upstone, J. A. Murray, and Charles Paulson, were introduced separately and duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. Bro. R. P. Tebb, was raised to the third degree. The elections proved unanimous in favour of Bro. R. Limpus, P.G. Org., Middlesex, as W.M.; E. Sillifant, P.P.G.D., Middlesex, P.M., re-elected Treasurer for the fifth time; W. Y. Laing, P.M., re-elected Tyler; and for Stewards to represent the lodge at the Festivals in 1875, namely Charles Horsley, P.P.G. Registrar, Middlesex, P.M., for Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons; R. Limpus, P.G. Org., Middlesex, W.M. elect, for Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and John Henry Batten, P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, for Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was carried *nem con* that no more meetings be held

at Potters' Bar. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Eru Lodge* (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, on Friday, May 22nd, 1874. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward Mid., W.M., occupied the chair of K.S. There were present Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward Mid., P.M. Sec.; Rev. A. P.M. Holden, Chaplain; T. Hastings Miller, P.M., Organist; J. S. Sweasey, S.D.; E. W. Deverex, I.G.; S. Woolf, M.C.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.G. Chaplain Mid., P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G. S.D. Mid., P.M.; C. Raab, H. Faija, W. M. Matthews, E. King, G. A. Blacey, F. A. Joyce, E. H. Thiellay, R. Liebmann, D. Sullivan, G. W. Malim, A. Hartmann, G. A. L. Hohly, W. A. Simmons, M. Underwood, W. Munday, L. Thornhill, D. D. Weinhausen, E. W. Mackney, P.M., and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Chynoweth, W.M. 4; Captain W. Andrews, 784; C. Cann, 192; W. Hammond, W.M. 1326, P.M. 201, and others. The W.M. in an admirable manner, for force, impressiveness, and correctness, initiated Messrs. S. W. Seldner, M. Underwood, W. Munday, L. Thornhill and D. D. Weinhausen. E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134, took the chair, and in his happy correct style passed Bro. H. Faija, raised Bros. G. W. Malim, E. King, F. B. Joyce, G. A. L. Hobby, and G. A. Black. The lodge was closed; refreshment followed labour.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—This young and very successful lodge, having completed its first session, stood adjourned until September next; but several highly qualified candidates for admission into Freemasonry having expressed their anxiety for an early initiation, and other brethren being in intermediate stages of the Order, the W.M., felt justified in calling the lodge together on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the usual meeting place, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road. The meeting was very fairly attended, and the only officer absent was the Treasurer. The W.M., Bro. C. Smith, presided throughout the whole of the meeting, supported by Bros. J. Noke, P.M., as I.P.M.; G. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cattle, J.W.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; L. Cornelissen, J.D.; W. Ashwell, I.G.; and G. T. Fox, P.M., Tyler. Many private members and Bros. Knox, No. 22; Laing, P.M. No. 45; Farwig, No. 180; and R. Welsford, P.M. and Treasurer No. 548, as visitors. There were four candidates for raising named in the summons, viz.:—Four for the third degree, two for the second, and four for initiation; of these appeared Bros. J. S. Daac, W. Doherty, and G. Plock, for the former; Bro. C. J. Shenton, to be crafted; and Messrs. J. Burgess, of Charing-cross, and A. Vernon, of Finsbury-park, as initiates. The three ceremonies were most admirably worked by Bro. Smith, and his excellent staff, each candidate being separately introduced, and the ancient charge most impressively delivered to the newcomers by the W.M. When the lodge was closed most of the brethren departed, but a few remained, not for the purpose of speechmaking or song singing, but for interchange of Masonic thought, analytical and critical, and the time passed so delightfully that the summons to depart was quite a surprise, the time had passed so quickly. This meeting of the Ivy Lodge and its agreeable associations will long dwell in the memory of those who had the good fortune to be present. The lodge stands adjourned until the third Tuesday in September.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment* met at 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, May 18th, at 3.30, Sir Knight R. Bell, M.N.C., presiding, assisted by Sir Knights J. Tweed, D.C.; J. C. Spears, C.G.; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; R. Hunter, C.C.; C. Mackenzie, S.C.R., R. Currie, J.C.; J. Chatfield, W.; J. Dunbar, 1st A. de C. The encampment having been regularly opened, petitions were read from Comps. R. S. Brown, James Walker, H. Macpherson, and William Bassett, the ballot proving unanimous they were admitted, and

with the customary solemnity duly dubbed Knights of the Temple. The same four gentlemen, along with Sir Knight Robert Grange, were then created Knights of Malta. The encampment was then closed in due form, and the Knights adjourned to Bro. Middleton's New Hall, to hold their annual festival. The banquet was served at seven precisely, Sir Knight R. Bell, presiding, supported by Fraters Wheeler, Johnson, Wm. Bell and R. Grange, Sir Knight J. C. Spiers was Croupier, supported by Fraters J. Scott, D. Butler, F. Bates, J. J. MacLeish, at the cross table were Fraters Tweed, S. Scott, Fleming, Buchanan, J. Chambers, M.D., and others. After full justice had been done to the excellent catering of Bro. Middleton, the Chairman gave "The Queen, coupled with the Craft." As all Masons were well known for their loyalty to their Sovereign, and also to their Order, they as High Grade Masons could not fail to do justice to the sentiment. "God Save the Queen" was then sung by Frater Fleming and the company. The next toast was "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," as the Prince was the head of the Order in England, they would heartily respond to this also without further preface. Frater J. Scott, sang "We're a' brethren a'," in first-rate style. The Croupier gave "The Three Priors of England, Ireland, and Scotland," this was responded to by the American fire. Frater W. B. Paterson, in giving "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," said it should not be considered as a mere formal toast; many of them were only theoretically acquainted with the Queen, or the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the royal family, but with portions of the army, navy, and volunteers we were all practically acquainted. He then in an eloquent speech stated their claims for recognition. The Croupier acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the volunteers. Frater Wheeler then proposed "The Four Newly-elected Knights," regretting that three of them had just been obliged to leave to catch their trains; he also read a letter he had just received from Captain J. Shanks, P.E.C., regretting that he had to-day been sent away on regimental duty. Bro. William Basset acknowledged the toast on behalf of the four initiates, expressing his high gratification at being admitted into the Order, and pledging himself to aid its progress, with voice and pen. J. Scott, gave the "Trade and Commerce of the City," and the Croupier "The Lord Provost and Town Council." J. Clanachan then gave the toast of the evening "Prosperity to St. Mungo Encampment." As a member of the original body in Girvan, one who had helped to bring the order into Glasgow, and also one who had supported the change by which they had become now united to the Grand body, he was proud of the present position of St. Mungo. D. Butler, in reply, said he was proud to think that it was on his motion that the present name had been adopted, for though they had done well as the Girvan, he believed they were doing better as the Saint Mungo. The Croupier having a vivid recollection of the visit of the Alleghany Commandery in 1871, and of the Cyren Commandery in 1873, would give these two bodies and "Knight Templarism in America,"—this was most heartily responded to and greeted with the "Alleghany howl." G. W. Wheeler, then proposed "The health of their Commander," passing a well merited eulogium on his conduct both in and out of the chair. Sir Knight R. Bell, gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and gave the "Masonic Press." Fraters Wheeler, and Bassett replied. J. MacLeish gave "The Past Commander, Thomas Clanachan," without whose exertions none of them would have had an opportunity of being present to-day. Bro. Clanachan said he was no speech maker, but he felt it a duty, and it certainly was a pleasure to work for the encampment. J. Johnstone gave "The health of the Secretary," in his new capacity as the head in Glasgow of a new Christian Order of Chivalry." G. W. Wheeler, in replying, said while proud to be the first M.P.S. of the Red Cross Conclave, he would never forget his allegiance to the Knights of the Temple. "Happy to meet, and sorry to part, but happy to meet again," was then given

from the chair. In addition to the singers already mentioned, we should state that Fraters Spiers, McCullum, and McLeish, contributed materially to the pleasure of the evening.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 332) held their usual meeting on Monday, 18th inst., at 170 Buchanan-st., Bro. J. B. Mc.Nair, in the chair. The first and second degree were wrought with his usual skill and ability.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73) met on Tuesday, May 19th, at 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. George Weston, R.W.M.; G. Mac Donald, I.P.M.; J. McGinnis, S.W. of 408, acting as S.W.; J. McGregor, J.W.; William Walton, Treas.; R. Richard, Sec. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, Bro. Wheeler, C., brought forward his motion that the lodge, deeming it essentially necessary that it should be represented at the Grand Lodge, hereby agrees to pay the travelling expenses of the Right Worshipful Master and Wardens when they go to Edinburgh. He said it was useless for the Masons in the West of Scotland to complain that the brethren at Edinburgh were the Grand Lodge, and did not take proper care of the interests of the whole Craft, while the remedy lay in their own hands. Bro. A. McLeod seconded the motion, which was supported by a very argumentative speech by Bro. W. B. Patterson, and carried unanimously. Some little discussion ensued as to the amount to be paid, the Treasurer having a due regard to the funds, wishing to keep it as low as possible, but the more liberal counsels prevailed. As for the first time for several months there was no other work, owing to the candidates not being present, and there being no initiates for this lodge in the Clyde, on Friday, the brethren spent an hour in harmony.

PARTICK.—*St. Mary's Lodge*, (No. 117), met in their own hall, in Partick, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Wyllie, in the chair. Bros. Thomas Grainger, P.M.; John Bain, D.M.; Peacock, S.W.; Agnew, J.W.; and subsequently Bro. Brunston, I.P.M. There was a good muster of the brethren present. The R.W.M. announced that he had been commissioned by Bro. Forester, who was about leaving Partick for Glasgow, to present the lodge with a portmanteau to take their jewels and clothing when they attended again at the laying of a foundation stone, or any other Masonic ceremony. The thanks of the lodge were unanimously voted to Bro. Forester for his useful gift. At the request of the R.W.M., Bro. Grainger then initiated Mr. R. Frew into the Order. Bro. Bain, D.M., then passed two brethren to the Fellow Craft degree, and subsequently raised four others to the sublime degree of Master Masons. All the ceremonies were performed with a care and precision that should characterise all Masonic ceremonies. The R.W.M. said, after so much and such good labours, he thought they should have a little refreshment, and the lodge having been placed under the care of the J.W., the Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He then gave the "Masonic Press," saying it was not often they were favoured by a visit from one of their representatives, but to-night they were so favoured, and he would strongly advise all present to become subscribers to *The Freemason*. In its pages they would find every week not only a full report of the lodges in the Province of Glasgow, as well as of those in England, but they would also find a record of the principal Masonic events in all parts of the world, and from what he knew of the brethren now present, they could depend that while they could derive solid information, the outside world would learn none of our secrets. Bro. Wheeler acknowledged the high eulogium that had been paid both to himself and *The Freemason*, and proposed prosperity to S. Mary's, 117, and its R.W.M., who replied in a highly humorous speech. The Master then gave the "Last laid stones of St. Mary's." In a truly eloquent speech, he pointed out the difference between a true and a false Mason, shewing that as hypocrites had some times brought disgrace on Christianity in the eyes of the ignorant and unthinking, though not to the minds of those who have the power of discerning things beneath the surface, so false Masons had sometime brought reproach on the

fraternity, but for the acts of these off-scourings of humanity, who only joined the Order for their own base purposes, Freemasonry was not responsible, as the whole of its doctrines were pure and holy, for as Solomon dedicated the Temple to the service of the Most High, so we, as the legitimate descendants of the builders of that Temple, the custodians of their secrets, and the followers of the same holy faith were now employed in building up a nobler, because a spiritual temple, and from what he knew of the seven gentleman who had been through their hands that night he had faith that they would all prove true Masons, and good builders of that spiritual temple. Bro. Frew briefly acknowledged the compliment, and hoped they might justify the remarks of the R.W.M. After "The Health of the J.W." had been given the final toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Lodge* (No. 465) met in their own hall, Garngad Road, on Thursday, May 21st, D. Reid, R.W.M., in the chair, who initiated five candidates in a very careful and praiseworthy manner. The S.W. having left and the J.W., Bro. J. Annon, having resigned, the lodge proceeded to fill up the vacancies, when after a sharp contest Bro. Jas. Clarke was elected as S.W., Bro. Youll, J.W.; the latter brother having held the office of Jeweller, the lodge proceeded to elect Bro. Brentwood as his successor. Bro. Annan brought forward a series of resolutions for the guidance of the hall or Finance Committee, the lodge having recently spent about £400 in fitting up their hall. The subject was adjourned for further consideration at the next meeting.

PARTICK.—*St. Mary Partick Lodge* (No. 117).—The members of this lodge met in their hall on the evening of Thursday, 16th ult., for the purpose of presenting Bro. Brunton, P.M., with a substantial token of their esteem for him personally, as well as a mark of respect for the genial and acceptable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of R.W.M. during his term of office. The presentation, which consisted of a gold watch, together with brooch and ear-rings for Mrs. Brunton, was made by Bro. Wylie, R.W.M., who referred felicitously to the pleasure it gave him and the numerous body of subscribers present to have it in their power to present their P.M. with such a handsome token of their appreciation of his services. The following was engraved on the watch:—"Presented by the members of St. Mary's Lodge, 117, to Bro. Andrew Brunton, P.M., as a token of their esteem and brotherly love. Partick, April, 1874." Bro. Brunton then made a very able and appropriate reply for himself and his better half, expressing his thanks to the brethren for the unexpected honour they had conferred on him. After passing a happy evening very harmoniously with song and sentiment, the proceedings were wound up at a late hour with "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT BLACKPOOL.

The rapid strides made by the Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons have been of late years something astonishing, but in no part of the country where the Grand Lodge rule prevails, has there been a greater increase than in the province of West Lancashire, which now comprises some sixty or seventy lodges, the majority of which are not only numerically strong, but most influential in their members. No more popular head than the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., could be found, and it is doubtless owing to this fact, as well as for the reason that he heads a popular array of P.G. Lodge Officers, that the increase in this division has been so great and so satisfactory. The latest addition to the very long roll of West Lancashire lodges was made on Friday last, the 22nd inst., when the Blackpool Lodge No. 1476 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, was duly and solemnly consecrated at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool. It was at first intended that the consecration ceremonial should be performed by Bro. Captain Mott, but his sudden death took place before this arrangement could

be carried out. By appointment of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Thomas Wylie, P.P.J.G.W., was afterwards to have performed the necessary ceremonial, but owing to an unfortunate accident he was prevented from being present. His place was accordingly taken, at very short notice, by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., assisted by Bros. the Rev. F. Goggin, M.A., P.G. Chaplin; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.; and J. Skeaf, P.G.O. A number of brethren from Liverpool were present on the occasion, and there were also representatives from Manchester, Preston, Barnley, Omeskirk, Lytham, Southport, &c. The morning was cloudy and showery, but towards afternoon the weather brightened considerably, enabling the numerous brethren from other parts to enjoy the magnificent promenade of the fashionable watering place. The Blackpool Lodge was inaugurated under the most promising circumstances, and there is no doubt that, with the influential character of the members connected with this the youngest lodge in the province, it will enjoy a most prosperous career, and quickly take rank as one of the best in this part of the country where its meeting place has been fixed.

Shortly before twelve o'clock the brethren assembled in the handsome lodge room, while a voluntary was played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., who presided at the harmonium. Amongst those present we observed the following:—Bros. J. Prescott, P.G.J.W.; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.S.G.W., East Lancashire; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; T. Birchall, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.S.D.; R. Laudless, P.G.S.B.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; D. Jones, P.M. 155; J. Greenwood, W.M. 308; J. Eccleston, P.M. 703; J. Wray, W.M. 1061; T. Nevitt, P.M. 133; M. G. Manning, P.M. 95; J. A. Orr, W.M. 950; G. Stuttard, P.M. 126; W. M. Murtrie, P.M. 189, Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094; T. Bisson, 1356; C. Haswell, 203; D. Saunders, 1299; J. Busfield, 216; P. H. Bird, 1061; T. Knowles, 280; H. G. Crewe, 1052; J. H. Carr, 1170; W. Stewardson, S.D. 950; G. Bolton, 703; R. Rushton, 703; E. Gregson, 703; J. Grime, 703; E. Bisson, 1356; H. Johns, 703; C. E. Chadwick, 1061, A. M. Viener, T. R. Judson, 1051; E. Diggie, I.G. 126; H. Gardner, 703; R. W. Braithwaite, 703; J. Crossley, 307; J. B. McKenzie, 1366, and others. After the brethren had assumed their proper places the chair was taken by Bro. their proper places the chair was taken by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., as presiding officer, who appointed his officers, *pro tem*, as follows:—Bros. T. Birchall, I.P.M.; J. Prescott, S.W.; E. Pierpoint, J.W.; J. Wood, S.D.; J. B. McKenzie, J.D.; and G. Bolton, I.G. Bro. T. Armstrong efficiently acted as P. G. Secretary during the ceremony, and Bro. R. Wylie, as D.C., performed his duties in a manner which contributed in a large measure to the impressive and successful performance of the ceremony. After the lodge had been opened in the three degrees, the brethren took their places to the right of the Presiding Officer. An opening prayer was offered by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., and after a piece of solemn music had been played by the P.G.O., the brethren were addressed on the nature of the meeting by the Presiding Officer. The P.G. Secretary then read the petition and warrant, and after the brethren had signified their approval of the brethren named therein,

Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain, then delivered the following appropriate and most impressive oration, which was listened to with the most profound attention by the whole of the assembled brethren:—

Brethren, the Temple of King Solomon was erected in imitation of the Tabernacle of Moses, and "the court thereof," but with vast and universal improvement in the grandeur, riches, and magnificence of it, by the design that David his father received from the Great Architect of the Universe. It was a most glorious palace, built of cedar and fir, and olive wood and hewn-stone, with most amazing expense of gold, silver, and brass, and precious stones, both for the adorning of the house itself, and "for the holy vessels thereof." King Solomon dedicated this Temple to the Most High, by assembling

all the men of Israel, by bringing thither the ark, and the holy things, by a devout prayer to God, by music and praises, by a feast of seven days, and a vast number of sacrifices. Every part of the Temple had a symbolic meaning; its porch, its courts, its pillars, its altars, its decorations, and vessels. The services were, moreover, of a typical and symbolic character, and calculated to impress the minds of the most ignorant among the worshippers with feelings of respect, awe, and reverence, for the Great Creator. The highest acts of adoration were accompanied by sounds of many trumpets, the harps of skilful players, and the swelling choruses of a vast multitude of trained singers while the prayers of the faithful ascended to the Great Throne above, with sweet incense wafted from golden censers. Symbolic worship has been used from the earliest times by all nations in their religious rites and ceremonies, but nothing so imposing and gorgeous has been ever seen or heard of in the world's history as the splendid Temple worship at Jerusalem. A Freemason's Lodge is a humble representation of the Temple of King Solomon, and however feeble an imitation it may be it enjoins, by its symbolic teaching, such estimable tenets (founded on the contents of the volume of the Sacred Law), that if Masons will only strive to the utmost to acquaint themselves with its mysteries and ceremonies, they must become better fitted for the society of their brethren of the Craft, as well as better members of the popular world at large. So full of meaning are the symbols constantly before our eyes, that the poorest memory can retain their signification and practice the principles they represent in daily life and conduct. To carry the illustration, further, I need scarcely remind you that the human body has been described as "the temple of the Most High" and as our earthly tabernacle. What more fitting occupation, then, can we have than to build up with care, and protect with caution, that outward part of our manhood "so fearfully and wonderfully made." The teaching of Masonry is a great help to this end. However rough and uncultivated a Mason may be, or however much what the world calls "refined"—be he prince or peasant—he may learn how to guard against most of those errors and temptations which beset humanity. By using the instruments and working tools of the Craft upon the rough projections and irregular angles of his character (until his mind will bear the test of square and compasses, level and plumb-rule, guided by the (divine) tracing-board and plan of operations) he will raise a superstructure worthy of the builder, and fitted for every walk in life. As a pure mind can only exist in a pure body, so the soul must have an abode free from defilement; and the peculiar system of Masonry is such, that were all its members obedient thereunto, morality would be triumphant, and vice almost unknown. Finally, brethren, let us strive to obtain excellence. First of all, our foundation must be laid upon a proper basis, namely, a firm but humble confidence in the Great Architect of the Universe, whose aid we should invoke in all our undertakings. Next, our ashlar work should be of the true die, square nicely adjusted, and cemented with true affection. Thus will mind and body be built up, perfect in its parts, and full of wisdom, strength, and beauty. The roof, like our aspirations heavenward, should be so constructed and ordered, that our eyes may behold the Bright and Morning Star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient. Supported by fortitude, chastened by temperance, and guided in all our actions by faith and justice, we shall be able to maintain the fabric of this our earthly temple until time for us shall be no more. A frequent reflection upon the dissolution of this bodily tabernacle will discipline our minds by the line of the skirret, and the divisions of the 24-inch gauge, until death shall lose its terrors, and we can hope for a home in those heavenly mansions not made with hands, but which shall endure to all eternity, for the World's Great Architect lives there and reigns for ever. Let us work while it is day, and while we are in the light, advancing daily in a knowledge of the Craft, and employing ourselves in its operations, until we are all in reality perfect stone-squarers, fitted for the

Grand Lodge above, the abode of Him, whence all goodness emanates. Let this be our aim, and to keep within the parallel lines of the path of rectitude ascending by the steps of "Faith, Hope, and Charity." And may the Most High prosper all our endeavours. So mote it be.

Bro. Skeaf's splendid anthem, "Behold, how good," was then sung, and the first portion of the consecration prayer having been offered by the P.G. Chaplain, the lodge was uncovered and consecrated according to ancient form. The whole of the effective music used during the ceremony was the composition of Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Organist, who presided at the harmonium, and was most impressively and artistically rendered by Bros. D. Jones, P.M. 155; D. Saunders, 1299; C. Haswell, 203, and J. Buswell, 216. The anthem, "Behold, how good," was especially well rendered, and equal praise is due to the "Hallelujah Chorus," which brought the consecration ceremony to a close.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., as Presiding Officer, proceeded to instal Bro. Ralph Laudless, P.M. 126, 703, and 1256, P.G.S.B., as W.M. of the new lodge, being presented for that honour by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., and Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C. After the usual ceremonial in connection with this part of the proceedings, the first Master of the Blackpool Lodge invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. Johns, S.W.; R. W. Braithwaite, J.W.; H. Gardner, Treas.; R. Rushton, S.D.; E. Gregson, J.D.; G. Bolton, I.G.; A. M. Vinier, M.C.; and J. Waddington, Organist. Bro. Wade was unanimously elected the first Tyler of the lodge.

The charges at the investment of the officers were given by Bro. R. Wylie, and at the close of the installation ceremonies Bro. Alpass said he must remind the brethren of the new lodge that a great trust had been imposed in them by the M.W.G.M., after being recommended by their R.W. Prov. G.M., and he (Bro. Alpass) strongly impressed upon them to strive to warrant that confidence. They commenced their Masonic career in Blackpool with another long-established lodge in existence, but there was no reason why they should not work together in perfect harmony and strive to emulate each other in good works, endeavour to display the principles of Freemasonry,—"brotherly love, relief, and truth." The brethren of the new lodge would shortly have to frame their bye-laws and he would strongly counsel them to fix their subscriptions at such a figure as would cover the working expenses. It was not carrying out the principles of Masonry to use any part of the initiation fees, for the purpose of meeting working expenses. This principle was not sufficiently acted upon by lodges, forgetting that initiation fees ought to be devoted entirely to charity. He also cautioned the brethren as to the admission of members into the lodge, especially with regard to applicants for membership from other towns. He had long strongly held the opinion that the town in which a man ought to be initiated was the town in which he was well known. This also was not sufficiently well attended to in some parts of that province not far distant from Blackpool. There might be circumstances in which such a thing became justifiable, but he would counsel them to exercise the greatest caution in connection with such an arrangement. In conclusion he warmly congratulated the brethren of the new lodge upon the auspicious opening, and upon having so worthy and excellent a W.M. as Bro. Laudless to preside over them.

The lodge was then closed, after several propositions for joining and initiation and "hearty good wishes" had been conveyed to the W.M. by the majority of the representatives of other lodges present.

The whole of the furniture of the lodge, with the clothing and numerous *et ceteras*, was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of Monument Place, Liverpool, and the extremely artistic character of all his furnishing elicited universal admiration from both visitors and members.

After the day's business had been satisfactorily concluded, about fifty brethren sat down at three o'clock to a very magnificent banquet at the Clifton Arms Hotel, which was admir-

ably served under the superintendence of the manager. Bro. Laudless, W.M., presided during the banquet, but as soon as dessert had been placed on the table he left the room for the purpose of proceeding to Manchester, where his son was lying seriously ill, the whole of the brethren expressing their most cordial sympathy for him in his affliction and anxiety. In his absence the chair was taken by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, who completed an admirable day's work by fulfilling the duties of the chair in a most satisfactory manner.

Bro. Alpass, in giving the toast of "The Queen," said her Majesty as far as a lady could, took a deep interest in the prosperity and welfare of Masonry.

National anthem, solo by Bro. Busfield.

Bro. Alpass then gave "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the royal Family." This toast he said was becoming year by year more interesting to Masons. They had known the Prince of Wales for several years, and during that time he had taken the liveliest interest in the Craft. Whilst in other countries the reigning monarch and family might look down with suspicion upon Masonry, and to the best of their ability strive to prohibit its existence, yet in this free country of ours they always had, when the proper age had been reached, some member of the reigning family identifying himself with their ancient and honourable Order. During the years the Prince of Wales had been a member of their Order he had given frequent and abundant proofs of his zeal for the cause of Freemasonry, and within the last month or two they had had another member of the royal Family initiated into their body, who, he was quite sure, would find among the members of the fraternity some of the most loyal supporters of the throne. Although they had amongst them persons of different religions and political opinions, yet as regarded the throne they were unanimous in their unflinching sentiments of devoted loyalty.

Bro. Jones, "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Alpass: the next toast, brethren, is the ruler of our Order, "The Right Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M." I shall not waste your time nor patience by expatiating on his many merits as a Mason. He has received his present high position by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of England for some four or five years, and that he takes a very deep interest in the prosperity of our Order I very well know. I couple with that toast "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," an equally enthusiastic Mason, who is always ready to assist to the utmost of his power, and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers.

Song and Chorus, "When I am on the Sea," Bro. D. Saunders.

Bro. Alpass, in proposing "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., West Lancashire," said, no one had a better opportunity of observing the zeal and interest of his lordship, and the thorough conscientiousness with which he discharged his various duties. His anxious wish was to do his very best for Masonry in this Province. In a Province like West Lancashire, which included between sixty and seventy lodges, it must happen that brethren would have to wait some little time before they obtained P.G. Lodge honours, and he would recommend the brethren to entertain the same modest anticipations which he (Bro. Alpass) held when a very young Mason, and that was, that some day or other modest merit would be repaid. For a long time he had served the office of the P.G. Steward—many more years than was now the custom—and, at last, he obtained a very subordinate office; but as time rolled on, he obtained office of distinction. Lord Skelmersdale, he could assure them, was too anxious for the welfare of the Province, to pass over any worthy brother when brought under his notice.

Glee, "Prosper the Art," with solo, by Bro. Busfield.

Bro. J. Prescott, P.J.G.W., in responding to the toast, said that any one who came into contact with his lordship in his Masonic capacity, must at once feel admiration for his many talents, and be convinced that he was the right man in the right place. No one, he was sure,

would be more sorry than his lordship at his inability to be present at the interesting ceremony that day. He (Bro. Prescott) asked to be permitted to congratulate the W.M. and Officers of the Blackpool Lodge, upon the very perfect manner in which everything had been got up and done that day.

Bro. Alpass then gave "The Hon. F. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G.M., W.L., and the rest of the P.G. Officers."

Song, "When shall I see you?" by Bro. Busfield.

Bro. T. Birchall, P. Prov. G.J.W. responded to the toast.

Bro. Alpass then gave "Bro. Major Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M., East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers."

Glee, "Mynheer Van Dunck."

Bro. Bidder acknowledged the toast.

Bro. A. M. Viner, M.C., proposed "The Consecrating and Installing Officer," which was acknowledged by Bro. Alpass.

Bro. R. Wylie, then gave the health of "Bro. Laudless, the W.M. of the Blackpool Lodge," of whom he spoke in the highest terms.

The other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," given by Bro. Birchall, and acknowledged by Bro. H. Johns, S.W.; "The Visiting Brethren" given by Bro. Eccleston, and responded to by Bro. Nevitt; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Bird, and acknowledged by Bro. Alpass; and the "Tyler's Toast."

The singing of Bros. Saunders and Buckfield, with the assistance of the other musical brethren was greatly admired, and Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., ably presided at the harmonium.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489.)

This new lodge was consecrated on Wednesday last, at the hall of Bowles's Metropolitan Benefit Society's Asylum, Balls Pond-road, Dalston. The ceremony was performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., who took the S.W. chair. Bro. H. G. Buss, G. Treasurer for Middlesex, who took the post of Inner Guard, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec., Middlesex, acted as Director of Ceremonies. The Rev. P. M. Holden was Chaplain on the occasion, and Bro. Jones, P. Prov., G.D.C., Herts, acted as Secretary. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. Limpus, Prov. G. Organist of Middlesex, who was assisted by Bros. Hubbard and McDavitt. Like the other portions of the ceremony, this was most ably performed.

An oration on Freemasonry was delivered, with excellent effect, by Bro. Little. The lodge was fully attended, and there was every prospect of this new addition to the roll of Grand Lodge becoming very prosperous. At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration and dedication. Bro. W. Stephen was installed W.M., who then proceeded to invest as his officers the following brethren—Elias Somers, S.W.; W. J. Murlis, J.W.; J. C. Walford, Treas.; Jones, Sec.; T. E. Jessitt, S.D.; E. F. Sim, I.G.; Dr. Somers, D.C.; Ellen, Steward; and Gilchrist, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Hervey, and those to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. James Brett. Bros. Hervey, Brett, and Little were elected honorary members of the lodge, and a vote of thanks to them, and Bros. Buss, Holden, Cubitt, Payne, and the musical brethren was ordered to be entered on the minutes for their kindness in taking part in the consecration of the lodge.

Bros. Hervey, Brett, and Little, acknowledged the thanks of the brethren, and then Bro. Jones read out a long list of names of proposed joining members and initiates, after which the lodge was closed till Friday next, and the brethren adjourned to London, where, at the restaurant of the Broad-street terminus of the North London Railway, they partook of an elegant banquet, provided with the greatest taste and skill by W. Higgs, the refreshment contractor at that place. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. T. Cubitt responded to the toast of the

"Past Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and in doing so said that the whole of the Grand Officers were always in their places when any work was to be done at Grand Lodge. He trusted that this would be case on Wednesday next, when there were some important questions to come before the brethren.

Bro. John Hervey proposed "Success to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge." He was satisfied that everyone would drink it with pleasure. For himself, although it was not at all times given to us to do what we liked, on this occasion it had been accorded to him to do so. The brother whom they had chosen for their W.M., a choice which had been sealed by the Grand Master, was one whom he (Bro. Hervey) had long known as a worthy brother. Good wine needed no bush, and the W.M. was so well-known that it was needless to make a long speech to inform them of his merits. He would therefore simply offer this toast to the brethren, feeling confident that it would be well received.

The W.M. in reply said that the new lodge was started on a sound basis, and that its future would meet with the approbation of the Grand Master. He felt assured of its success, and that it would be one of the best lodges in the metropolis.

The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officers," Bros. Hervey, Brett, Cubitt, Little, Buss, and Holden. In speaking of the last brother, he said he was an old acquaintance of his, for a few years since he was in the habit of attending church every Sunday where he used to officiate. He had lost sight of him for some time, but when he did come across him again he told him they were going to establish a lodge at Dalston, and requested him to be the Chaplain. He knew he would be a valuable acquisition to the lodge, and that he would be greatly respected in it. He remembered that when the reverend brother left the neighbourhood where he used to minister he had a handsome testimonial presented to him as a mark of respect and love in which he was held, to which testimonial he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in contributing his mite. Of the other Consecrating Officers, they were all so well known that it would save him the trouble of saying much about them; but he could not propose their health without acknowledging their kindness in performing the ceremonies of the day, more especially when he knew that it was at great inconvenience to themselves that they have attended. He was sure the lodge would be successful, for they had good officers. He himself had never proposed more than four initiates, and he was happy to say that three of those were officers under him that evening. They were brethren for whom he had the most cordial and fraternal regard, and he knew they would assist him to the utmost in well ruling and governing the lodge. They had all much to thank Bro. Hervey for, as among other kindnesses he had exerted himself very much in obtaining the warrant for the lodge.

Bro. Hervey said he had thought that when he proposed "Success to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge" no toast would meet with such a cordial reception as that; but he was mistaken, as the toast just proposed had not fallen short of it in the favour with which it was accepted. It had given him very great pleasure to participate that day in the good work of consecrating the lodge and in enjoying the hospitality which the brethren had provided. If in addition to being Consecrating Master he also became the bore of the evening by obtruding himself upon them so frequently, it was really not his fault but that of somebody else, he would not say who, but the W.M. had given him great praise for consecrating the lodge. Now, he had not, it must be remembered, done it single-handed, but he had been assisted by those with whom he had acted times before, Bro. Brett and Bro. Little, and with whom he should have much pleasure in acting again. Whether Bros. Brett, Buss, or Little should be consecrating officer he should always have pleasure in taking the Senior or Junior Warden's chair for them; and it should be borne in mind, that all of them as well as himself were at all times disposed to assist each other in carrying out that good feeling, which should

always pervade members of the Craft. They sank their rank, they did not for one moment imagine that one was above another; they all sought to come to one great end, and that was to carry out a ceremony well and worthily, and to do that which was agreeable to the lodge they were about to consecrate, and to the brethren with whom they were associated. The W.M. had alluded to Bro. Holden, the Chaplain, who had done them such good service that evening. He (Bro. Hervey) had been telling that brother that he thought he was a relative of his, as his own mother's maiden name was Holden, and the graveyard of Bolton, in Lancashire, was paved with tombstones of the Holdens. He did not know that they really were related in that way, but he knew they were very much nearer in their relationship than this at the present time. He had known Bro. Holden in another place, and he could only say that to know him was to respect him. He had given his services that day with great gratification to the brethren, as well as with great advantage to the ceremony of consecrating the lodge. He (Bro. Hervey) was always glad to be associated with another brother, whose name he had not yet mentioned; in connection with the consecration of the lodge, and that was Bro. Cubitt. In conclusion, he would say that, if he had been put to any little trouble in coming among the brethren, he had been amply repaid for it by their cordiality.

The Rev. P. M. Holden said, he believed he had one very great merit as a public speaker, which was being extremely short in his remarks; and he thought the W.M. would bear him out when he said that, that was one reason why he was so popular in the pulpit. His sermons were always short, and the longer he lived, the more convinced he was that a long sermon was a great and fatal mistake. The W.M. would also bear him out in saying that if, on any occasion, when he had heard him he did not succeed in interesting him, at any rate he was not sufficiently tedious to bore him, and he had not occasion to look at his watch to see when he was going to leave off. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and to assist at the consecration of this lodge, a ceremony he had never witnessed before. He need hardly say how much impressed he had been by it, it had been very interesting and effective, and he could not but congratulate himself on having been permitted to take a share in it, more especially as he had found that he had conferred a species of immortality on himself by so doing, because as had been told in lodge that his name as a Consecrating Officer would now be known as that of one of the great lights of Freemasonry along with those of Bros. Hervey Brett and a vote of thanks given to him. He was happy to think that on the very first occasion of his attending a consecration he should have the species of immortality conferred on him to which he had previously referred. With regard to his family relations with Bro. Hervey that brother had said he believed they were not related. Now this was a great mistake because they were brothers, (cheers) and as a brother he very much esteemed and respected Bro. Hervey. He would again thank the brethren for the kind way in which they had drunk his health, but he felt he had done nothing to deserve it. (No, no.) The kind mention by the W.M. of his name had filled him with gladness, but he could not help saying that he would have been unworthy of his position if he had not cheerfully come forward to act as Chaplain that day. (Cheers).

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," to whom he expressed his thanks for their attendance, and gave them both a hearty welcome, that evening, and a cordial invitation to any meetings of the lodges when it got to work.

Bro. Home (Prince Leopold Lodge) returned thanks and wished every success to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge which the members of the lodge themselves could wish it.

Bro. R. Spooner Hart, W.M. 861, and Bro. Fawcett likewise responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Somers, S.W., replied; after which

The W.M. then gave "The Charities," ex-

pressing his regret that Bros. Binckes and Terry were not present. He, however, was glad to see Bro. Little at the table, who was well-known, not only as a great working Mason, but as a most energetic upholder of the Charities. The only time he (the W.M.) was Steward for one of the Charities, it was for the Girls' School, of which Bro. Little was Secretary. He hoped that the Marquess of Ripon Lodge would always send a Steward to one or other of the Institutions' festivals; and he hoped to make himself a life governor of every one of the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Little, in reply said, he felt intensely gratified at the way his name had been coupled with this toast. He had the honour to be Secretary to the oldest Masonic Institution which had commended itself to their forefathers, and was commending itself to the present generation. Sinking himself in that Institution, they would allow him to congratulate himself on having assisted at the consecration of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Though a young Freemason he had endeavoured to do his duty to the Craft and to his brethren. It had been the utmost satisfaction and gratification to him to meet them on such occasions as this to greet them as being the precursors of still greater success than hitherto in Masonry. With respect to the Charities he need not say that they were very successful, and they were more estimated and appreciated every day. He believed they would be still more so the better they were known. It was not for him to commend those institutions, because they were known to all the brethren present, but he must say they are alleviating distress and soothing the pillows of the aged and infirm as well as providing entirely for multitudes of the young. As long as he had the honour to be the Secretary of the Girls' School he should endeavour to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the Craft and all who were connected with it. They had a worthy representative of the Benevolent Institution present (Bro. Jones, Secretary), and he was happy to say that all the institutions were working well together. He hoped it would go forth through the length and breadth of the land, and there was no rivalry between them. He and the other Secretaries were all one in spirit, and would continue to discharge their duty. The more they did so the better they themselves would be satisfied, and they felt they could reap their reward hereafter.

The brethren then separated.

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.]

THE MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

So "Masonicus" has been waiting to see how many letters of "the same style" he could despatch with a single shot, and though he has had ample time to study the subject of discussion between us, he either cannot or dare not level his fowling piece to rattle a single feather of the single solitary bird that has dared to cross his path.

"Masonicus" says that my letters at page 234 "are sufficiently answered already at page 206." I ask "Masonicus" how it could have been possible for him to have answered one of my letters before it was written. I would caution "Masonicus" to be careful how he makes reckless assertions that may lead him into a net, from whose meshes he might find it difficult to extricate himself.

It is unfair in "Masonicus" to persist in misrepresenting me by trying to drag me in, against my inclination, among those who are upholding the priority of Melrose over Kilwinning. Practical Masonry is a more important question with me than the mere age of any particular lodge, and I challenge "Masonicus" to point out to me a single word, in any of his letters, that he can construe into an answer to either of mine.

If "Masonicus" is not able to masticate the small "bone" which I have given him at page 234, without the aid of another to assist him, let him retire in favour of a champion with sounder teeth and less presumption, and instead of indulging in slang ridiculisms I would advise him to study a little logic as a preventive of wandering too far into the labyrinth of entangling "coat tails and petticoats" of "illegitimate children."

I am, yours fraternally,

FRATERNAL JUSTICE.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much surprised in not finding a report in your paper of the meeting and election of candidates for the Male and Female Annuitants at the May election, which I consider one of great importance to Masons and subscribers of your paper.

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

[Our correspondent will see the report to which he alludes in another column.—EDITOR]

TEMPLARISM AND RED CROSSISM IN EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Under the above heading, "Enquirer" asks certain questions, which, if his previous enquiries had been of a stricter nature, I think he might have saved himself the trouble of doing.

As he has mentioned my name, I beg to inform him that I have too great a respect for my Masonic O.B., to "wilfully act in opposition to the Constitution" of any Order to which I may have the honour to belong. I fear, when he made his former enquiries, his informant must have been practising on his credulity. Possibly, some Knight Templar, whose zeal may have outrun his discretion, may have become a little jealous of the rapid spread of the Red Cross Order, in Edinburgh; but that the officials of the Order threaten their members with all sorts of pains and penalties if they join, and even refuse to receive a Red Cross man into their Order, unless he will forswear his R.C. connection, is a statement to which I cannot give credence till it is supported by proof substantial by the writer's own signature. The two Orders are not naturally antagonistic, and need not be rivals; true they are both Christian Orders of Chivalry, but there is no difficulty in a Freemason preserving his allegiance to both.

Yours Fraternally,

G. W. WHEELER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "Enquirer" in your issue of Saturday last, I beg to inform him that the Knights Templar of Edinburgh do not refuse to admit members of the Red Cross Order of Constantine into their Order or require them to forswear their R.C. connection. There are several Sir Knights who maintain active relations in both Orders in Edinburgh.

I am, yours fraternally,

K.T. and K.R.C.C.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—SORES, WOUNDS, AND ULCERS.—Every variety of sore, ulcer, eruption, boil, and carbuncle is safely stopped in its destructive course by the timely application of this healing Ointment. It arrests unhealthy, and substitutes healthy action; thus curing inflamed, irritable, and spreading diseases affecting the skin. Holloway's Ointment has gained an imperishable fame for its faculty in healing old inflammatory sores about the shins and ankles, and for bad legs and old wounds it cannot be equalled; nor is it less efficacious in gathered breasts and abscesses. When the complaint has been of long continuance, Holloway's Pills will expedite recovery if taken in those doses which act as alteratives on the stomach and tonics on the constitution.—ADVR.

NOTICE.

The Subscription to THE FREEMASON is now 10s. per annum, post-free, payable in advance.

Vol. I., bound in cloth	4s. 6d.
Vol. II., ditto	7s. 6d.
Vols III., IV., V. and VI each	15s. 0d.
Reading Cases to hold 52 numbers ...	2s. 6d.
Ditto ditto 4 do.	1s. 6d.

United States of America.

THE FREEMASON is delivered free in any part of the United States for 12s. per annum, payable in advance.

The Freemason is published on Saturday Mornings in time for the early trains.

The price of the Freemason is Twopence per week; annual subscription, res. (payable in advance.)

All communications, letters, &c., to be addressed to the Editor, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

The Editor will pay careful attention to all MSS. entrusted to him, but cannot undertake to return them unless accompanied by postage stamps.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

P. P., H. B. H., R. W., declined with thanks.

Now ready, with Index and Preface, in Twelve Imperial Folio Parts, 5s. each, or bound in one handsome volume, £3.

THE

FREEMASONS' LIBER MUSICUS,

Dedicated by express permission to H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, Past Grand Master of England and Wales. Edited by DR. WILLIAM SPARK, P.P.G.O., W.Y.—298.

This Work contains 215 pp. and 118 Musical Compositions suitable for all the Ceremonies of the Masonic Order; First, Second, and Third Degrees; Consecration and Dedication of Halls and Lodges; Programmes, Toasts, Songs, Trios, Choruses, &c., for Banquets and other Festive Gatherings; Laying Foundation or Corner Stones; Installation; Mark Masonry; Royal Arch; Masonic Funerals; Voluntaries; Marches, &c., &c.

Notice from the Evening Mail.

"Our Masonic readers are no strangers to the name of Bro. William Spark, the talented musician and Organist of the Town Hall, Leeds. In this really great work, now completed, Dr. Spark, has shown his great tact and judgment by completing and compiling for the Masonic brethren a complete library of musical compositions of the choicest English and foreign works, ancient, traditional, modern, vocal, and instrumental, by the best composers. It comprises Masonic anthems, installation odes, dedication music, responses, opening, closing, and intermediate music for all degrees, Thanksgivings, funeral odes, marches, songs, duets, banquet music, programmes, voluntaries, and general musical directions, arranged for voices and organ, pianoforte, or harmonium. "The Freemasons' Liber Musicus" is issued with the concurrence of many influential Masonic Lodges, and under the distinguished patronage and support of the Most Worshipful the Grand Masters of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. It forms a complete library of the choicest and rarest Masonic music, in a word, it is indispensable to all Masonic lodges. The worthy brother editor, moreover, has had the valuable co-operation and assistance of the most distinguished and experienced composers and organists, members of the Craft. It is brought out in the highest style of art, is printed from large engraved music plates, and forms a very handsome folio volume of "nearly two hundred and twenty pages!" It deserves the patronage of every Masonic Lodge, both at home and abroad, and for its merits alone it ought to be zealously prized by every brother. As a present to a lodge, nothing could be more useful, valuable, and appropriate.

HANDSOME CLOTH COVERS, with gilt lines, and lettered, for Binding (similar to those used for the *Graphic* and *Illustrated News*), price 5s. each.

LONDON: GEORGE KENNING, 198, Fleet-street.

Second Edition, Now Ready, 1/6.

A MASONIC MUSICAL SERVICE.

In the key of C. for A., T., T., B.

Opening and Closing Odes.

Craft Ceremonies.

Royal Arch Ceremony.

Consecration Ceremony.

Grace before and after Meat.

COMPOSED BY DR. J. C. BAKER, NO. 241.

LONDON.—Geo. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street; and 2, 3, and 4, Little Britain.

" R. Spencer, 26, Great Queen-street.

LIVERPOOL.—Geo. Kenning, 2, Monument-place.

MANCHESTER.—E. Henry & Co., 59, Deansgate.

DUBLIN.—C. Heigelong, 26, Grafton-street.

GLASGOW.—Geo. Kenning, 145, Argyle-street.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S EXHIBITION,
BAKER STREET.

Now added, PORTRAIT MODELS of SIR GARNET WOLSELEY, the Three Judges in the Tichborne Trial, Cockburn, Mellor, and Lush; the Shah of Persia, Marshal MacMahon, M. Thiers, and the late Mr. Charles Dickens. Admission 1s. Children under ten, 6d. Extra Rooms, 6d.

Open from ten a.m. to ten p.m.

Now ready, 12mo., 208 pages, handsomely bound in cloth price 2s. 6d., post free 2s. 8d.

THE ISRAELITES FOUND IN THE
ANGLO-SAXONS.

The Ten Tribes supposed to have been lost traced from the land of their captivity to their occupation of the Isles of the Sea. With an exhibition of those traits of character and national characteristics assigned to Israel in the Books of the Hebrew Prophets, by Bro. Wm. Carpenter, Author of "Scientia Biblica," "Scripture Natural History," "Guide to the Reading of the Bible," "Lectures on Biblical Criticism and Interpretation," "A Popular Introduction to the Bible," "The Biblical Companion," "Critica Biblica," "Calendarium Palestine," "An Introduction to the Reading and Study of the English Bible," and Editor of the fifth large edition of "Calmet's Dictionary of the Bible," and of the abridgement of the same, etc., etc. LONDON: GEORGE KENNING, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

SECOND EDITION.—NOW READY.

Price One Shilling, Post-free, Revised and Enlarged.

Freemasonry in Relation to Civil
Authority and the Family Circle,

By BRO. CHALMERS I. PATON.

(Past Master, No. 393, England.)

THIS work is a perfect handbook of the principles of Freemasonry, founded on the Ancient Charges and Symbols, and will be found to be eminently practical and useful in the vindication and support of the Order.

Office, 198, Fleet-street.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY,
FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT DAY.

Drawn from the best sources and the most recent investigations.

BY J. G. FINDEL,

Second Edition, Revised, and Preface written by

Bro. D. MURRAY LYON.

One vol., 800 pages 8vo., with an Index. Cloth gilt.

Price, 10s. 6d.

"This book is a strictly historical one, from which all is excluded that is not based upon ascertained or probable fact."—*Builder*.

"Of its value to Freemasons, as a detailed history of their Brotherhood, it is not possible to speak too highly."—*Public Opinion*.

"The author seems to have fairly exhausted the subject."—*The Athenaeum*.

"The edition we are now considering is a second English edition, which had the great advantage of Bro. D. M. Lyon's able superintendence and editorship in its English dress. There can be no doubt but, that so far, Bro. Findel's work is the most complete work on Freemasonry which has yet appeared, and that he deserves the greatest credit for his careful and accurate treatment of all evidence on the subject, and for his honest desire after truth. Bro. Findel gives up in the view he has so clearly and consistently put forth our early Masonic history, the older theory of the Roman Colleges, &c., and limits the origin of Freemasonry to about the twelfth century, and as then arising from the operative Masons, and specially the "Steinmetzen" and "Baubutten" of Germany. Bro. Findel gives us a good deal of evidence on this head, and one thing is clear from his work, that the German Freemasons were, at a very early period, organized into lodges with a Master over them, and with outward regulations and inner ceremonies peculiar to the Craft. Bro. Findel rejects all the views which have been from time to time put forward of a Templar or a Rosicrucian origin. Whether or no Bro. Findel's theory of the date of the rise of Freemasonry be correct, matters very little: we do not ourselves profess to accept it; but this we can fairly say of Bro. Findel's work, it is marked from first to last by the most remarkable token of industry, ability, and care, of patient research, and of skilful criticism. We know of no work which so clearly sets before us our amount of knowledge up to the present time on the great question of Masonic Archaeology, and there can be little doubt that what Preston's work is to English Freemasonry, Findel's work is to cosmopolitan Freemasonry. Indeed no student in Masonry can now dispense with it, and it is a perfect storehouse both of Masonic evidence and Masonic illustrations. We earnestly recommend all the lodges in this country to obtain a copy for the lodge library before the work is bought up for America; and we believe that no Mason will rise from the perusal of its pages without a higher idea both of the historical truth and intrinsic value of Freemasonry, and of fraternal regard and recognition to the latest and not the least well-informed or effective of our Masonic historians. The present century has produced no such equal, in authority and usefulness, to the great work of our Bro. Findel, and we wish him and it, in all of fraternal sympathy and kindly intent, many earnest readers, and more grateful students."—*The Masonic Magazine*.

"This volume is the history of Masonry par excellence Every interested person may regard it, therefore, as the present text-book on the subject."—*Manchester Guardian*

London: GEORGE KENNING, 198, Fleet Street.

THE MARK MASONS' SONG,

Dedicated by permission to the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., 30th Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for Northumberland. Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason of England. Words by Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, Original Mark Lodge No. 1., composed by Bro. Henry Parker, Original Mark Lodge No. 1.

Office, 198, Fleet-street.

In the Press, will shortly be Published.
Price 5s., 8vo, handsomely bound.

THE LIFE OF CONSTANTINE.

Written in Greek, by EUSEBIUS PAMPHILUS, (Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine).

Done into English from that edition, set forth by VALESIUS, and printed in Paris in the year 1659.

Preface by Bros. R. Wentworth Little, Treas. Gen., and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain. With Engravings of Constantine; the Duke of Sussex, P.G. Sov.; Lord Rancliffe, P.G. Sov.; Earl Bective, M.P., P.G. Sov.; Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., M.I.G. Sov., &c., &c.

London: GEORGE KENNING, 198, Fleet-street.

Now Ready.

INDEX to Vol. VI. of "THE FREEMASON."
May be had at the Publishing Office, 198, Fleet-street.

TO FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS.

It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them. Several remain uncredited at the present time owing to no advice having been received.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1874.

FANTASTIC PROCEEDINGS.

A case has come to our cognizance to which we deem it right, in the interests of Freemasonry, to call attention at once, in the hope, that, a stop may at once be put to a proposal, which if persevered in, must tend not only to the detriment of the Craft in that particular locality, but which is most antagonistic to the spirit of the Book of Constitutions and the "lex inscripta" of our Order, and will we think bring the W.M. and officers and brethren inevitably sooner or later under the notice of the Board of General Purposes.

We have received a communication dated May 12th, from a reputable and respectable brother, who has furnished us in confidence with his name, in which we are assured that in a lodge therein specified, under the English Constitution, a bye-law has been proposed and carried, that "a visiting fee not exceeding three guineas, each visit, shall be charged, at the option of the Master, on all Masons resident within a radius of three miles, who may desire to visit the lodge more than once, without becoming affiliated."

We should have been inclined to think that there must be some mistake, but the letter of complaint lies before us as we write, and we have every reason to believe it to be a bonâ fide communication, and we are made acquainted both with the locality and the name of the lodge, which is most assuredly to be found in the Masonic Calendar.

The object gravely asserted to be the reason of this most remarkable bye-law is, "in order to keep out any members of the Craft who although subscribing to other lodges, might be obnoxious to the members of the lodges in question."

Now we venture at once to express our most decided opinion, that, anything more utterly unmasonic more alike in verbiage and in spirit, more opposed to the hospitality of our hospitable brotherhood, and more derogatory to the dignity

of the lodge itself, never was suggested or propounded.

Knowing as we do so well of what the "staple" of our lodges is composed, we are we confess, utterly astounded to learn, that, any number of brethren could on any grounds, however adroitly laid down, ever be induced to vote in favour of such a palpably unmasonic bye-law.

Indeed we do not hesitate to say, that, in our humble opinion, any lodge which has such a bye-law, deserves never again to be honoured with the presence of any visiting brethren whatever.

Many lodges very properly make their members vouch for the visiting brethren they introduce, and pay a given sum for them if they remain to share in the lodge banquet, which is a private friendly brotherly *r union*; but to say, that, all visiting brethren are to pay a certain sum for every visit, at the option of the W.M., is not only to make an utterly illegal claim upon our brethren at large, but exposes the W.M. and the lodge to the inevitable charge, that, they are either utterly ignorant of the common law of Masonic courtesy and hospitality, or are entirely unacquainted with the principles of Freemasonry, or are actuated by some unexpressed but unworthy personal feelings of antagonism to some of the local brethren it is hoped in this way to exclude.

We can only thank our correspondent for calling our attention to these "fantastic proceedings," and express our hope, that, the good sense of the members of the lodge we have alluded to, will induce them at once to retrace their steps, and to rescind so unmasonic a bye-law, before that, such untenable claims and such unwise proceedings become matter of just complaint to the constituted authorities of our Order.

THE MASONIC CLUB.

We have had our attention called to the prospectus of a new Masonic Club, about to be established in London, and we think it therefore well to let the matter be fully known to the Order, through the columns of *The Freemason*.

It has been very truly observed by a contemporary:—"In a society so widely diffused and of such social influence, it is really singular that no Masonic Club has been yet established. The want has been long felt, and we are pleased to learn that a project is now on foot with every prospect of a happy realisation. It is proposed that a Masonic Club be opened in a central position of the west end. The club being proprietary there will be no liability on the part of the members. Its use will be restricted to members of the Masonic Order. It is intended that the club contain spacious dining, smoking, billiard, and reading-rooms, a well-stored library, and every modern convenience. The entrance fee will be £5 5s., and annual subscription £5 5s. No further liability. Country members' annual subscription, £2 2s. First members admitted without entrance fee. An influential committee will have the control of the club. The following names will be a sufficient guarantee for the respectability and bon -fide nature of

the undertaking, viz:—The Right Hon. Lord Sherborne, Colonel Dering, Major Whitbread, Rev. A. W. Hall, F. R. F. Banbury, Gordon Campbell, F. Binckes, Major Fowler, W. Paas, Alderman Stone, S. C. Dibdin, E. C. Musson. Many other gentlemen of the first standing in society in London and the provinces have associated their names with this undertaking, the establishment of which, we believe, will be hailed with pleasure throughout the whole length and breadth of the Craft."

Since then we have received a further list of names, including some well-known in the Order, and as we quite agree that in so diversified a society as ours, composed of all professions, a club may be, if well conducted, a great comfort to many metropolitan and provincial brethren, we hope to hear that the movement has been successful, and that the Masonic Club starts with a good basis of substantial support and adhesion among the numerous members of our Order, alike in town and country.

THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.

Some twelve months ago our enterprising publisher brought out the first number of the *Masonic Magazine*.

Its birthday has come round, and its number for June completes the volume for 1873-4.

We are induced to call attention to it because, by the kind permission of our Grand Master, his latest "carte de visite" accompanies the June number, and will afford pleasure and gratification to countless loyal Freemasons everywhere.

We congratulate Bro. Kenning on the result of twelve months' endeavour to supply the Craft with a wholesome literature, and we trust that 1874-5 may witness a largely increased number of subscribers to the "Magazine."

Its very moderate price places it within the reach of all, its literary character is well maintained, its Masonic articles are of a very high order alike of intellect and information, and are the product of the first Masonic writers we have, while its tone is elevating, and its spirit is thoroughly commendable.

Bro. Kenning deserves also the support and gratitude of the Craft, for the great perseverance with which, amid much apathy in literary matters, he has looked forward to a better day of sympathy and appreciation, alike with his endeavours and of his energy. May he find a response to what have been many sacrifices in the enlarged and more general support kindly accorded by the brotherhood to the *Masonic Magazine*, our only monthly serial, and to *The Freemason*, which goes all over the world, and is most truly cosmopolitan in every sense, and commends itself to the patronage and sympathy of every Craftsman.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The annual meeting of this school was held on the 20th May in the Exhibition Palace. Though a generous and continuous support is accorded by the members of the Masonic Order to the school, enabling the Governors to do much good work in furtherance of the noble duty they have undertaken, yet, despite their assiduous care, much remains undone for want of increased assistance. The cause of the widow

and orphan is one which appeals to the sympathies of all, and even a stronger and more personal claim has the distress of the little ones bereaved of a Masonic parent to the prompt and liberal succour of the brethren of the Craft. In the annual meeting the Governors find a valuable supplement to the yearly income and a powerful stimulative to renewed effort upon the part of the friends of the school. This recurring *r union* has, indeed, become one of the most prominent and attractive of Masonic festivals, and the meeting of last night fully sustained the prestige of the institution, and betokened to the most casual glance the influence and wealth of the Order in Ireland. The beautiful Concert Hall of the building was almost inconveniently crowded by a brilliant assemblage, representative of the most important classes of the community. Many, unable to obtain seats or even standing room within the favoured precincts of the Hall, were fain to content themselves with promenading in the glass transept, and enjoying the music "sweetly discoursed" by the band of the Royal Irish Constabulary. Others availed themselves of the balcony of the transept immediately opposite, to sit and endeavour to hear such portions of the oratory as might perchance reach them, and to observe the charming and rich diversity of the auditorium through a drapery of evergreens tastefully suspended in front of the Hall. Inside the Hall, amidst the gay and fashionable attires of the ladies, the varied and sparkling Masonic costumes and jewels of the brethren, and the general air of graceful luxury which prevailed throughout, no feature appeared more interesting or pleasingly conspicuous than that of the pupils of the female and male schools, who occupied seats on a rising dais in front of the orchestra.

Neatly dressed and exhibiting that intelligent demeanour which, in truth, is the result of watchful supervision and careful training, they were the object of considerable attention and consequent satisfaction. The doors of the Palace were thrown open at a quarter past seven o'clock, from which time the building began rapidly to fill, and until the commencement of the proceedings a selection of music was performed by the band of the 17th Lancers, under the direction of Bro. Herr A. Hartman, and that of the Royal Irish Constabulary, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Clarke. At eight o'clock the Grand Officers and a number of other brethren who had been requested to occupy places on the platform assembled in the small Concert Room, and a procession having been formed, the Grand Master was conducted by it meanwhile from the Leinster Hall to the platform in the following order—the bands playing a Masonic march:—Stewards; Grand Stewards; Officers of Country Lodges, being Governors; the W.M., Wardens, and Secretary of each of the Dublin Lodges; Officers of the Grand Master's Lodges; Vice-Presidents and Vice-Patrons; Honorary Officers and Committees of the School; Provincial Grand Officers; Past Grand Officers; Representatives from Foreign Grand Lodge; Grand Inner Guard; Grand Organist; Grand Superintendent of Works; the Grand Deacons, with their Wands; the Grand Chaplains; the Grand Treasurer; the Grand Secretary; the Grand Wardens; the Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the Sword; the Deputy Grand Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions; the Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master; Past Deputy Grand Masters; the Grand Director of Ceremonies; Stewards.

On ascending the platform, the brethren filed off, according to lodges, and took their respective places as appointed by the Stewards. Following the procession came the pupils of the school, accompanied by the pupils of the boys' school, who took seats on the dais underneath the orchestra. During the evening several of the pupils played a programme of pianoforte music consisting of the following pieces:—Duet, "Overture to Massanello." Solo, "Will o' th' Wisp." Solo, "Le jet d'eau." Solo, "March from Tanhauser." Duet, "Husarenritt." Solo, "Home Sweet Home." The performance deservedly elicited the warm plaudits of the listeners, showing, as it did, very great ability and accuracy of taste and manipulation.

On the chair being taken by

The Most Worshipful his Grace the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master,

The brethren present (and the pupils) saluted his Grace "by a running fire of eleven coming down on the third," the time being taken from the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master.

The proceedings having been opened by the singing of a portion of the hundredth psalm, joined in by the entire assemblage,

Right Worshipful J. F. Elrington, Q.C., read—

The report of the governors for the year ending December 31st, 1873, which stated that the revenue of the school from all sources, including a balance from the previous annual account of £778, amounted to the sum of £3,511 6s. 11d., not any material increase over the previous year. Of that sum £1,621 9s. 9d. had been expended in the maintenance and education of the pupils, and in the necessary repairs and supplies for the school house, as well as the providing outfits and apprentice fees for those who had left the institution during the year. The capital stock had been increased by the purchase of £900 in Great Southern and Western Railway stock, and by the investment of £265 in Masonic Hall shares, and a balance of £747 4s. 8d. was carried forward to credit. The annual subscriptions showed a falling off of £183 10s., when compared with those of last year; and the individual life donations also are less than those of 1872 by the sum of £55 10s., but these deficiencies were, in part, made up by the official life donations, which were nearly double the amount of those in the last year's account, and on the whole the income of the school, including a sum of £250 on deposit receipt, transferred to the current account, shows an increase of £25 on the year. The expenditure showed an increase, arising chiefly from the high price of provisions and fuel. The Governors had completed negotiations for the purchase of a plot of ground on the north side of the schoolhouse; but it had been a matter of much consideration whether, in the event of the building of an enlarged schoolhouse being decided on, should such be erected on the present site, looking to the increase of buildings in the neighbourhood, and the limited area of the ground, even with the addition thus secured. One of the pupils (Emma Walsh, aged 13) died during the year of rapid decline; and another (Maude White) was in delicate health; but with these exceptions the health of the pupils during the year has been satisfactory. No change in the educational department had taken place since the last report, except the appointment of one of the senior pupils, Lizzie G. Williams, as pupil teacher—an arrangement which promised to work satisfactorily. The progress of the children in their studies has been good. During the year nine girls were elected, but of these only six had as yet been admitted in consequence of the crowded state of the schoolhouse. During the same period three girls in addition to the one appointed pupil teacher, had been provided with situations; one had been returned to her mother, and one had been removed by death as above stated. The report concluded with a graceful reference to the loss which the institution had sustained by the death of Bro. Edmund R. Digges La Touche, who for many years filled the office of honorary secretary of the institution.

Bro. the Right Worshipful Lord Plunket, who was received with loud applause, said:—I have the honour of moving the following resolution—"That the report now read be adopted, printed, and circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several committees of the institution, and also to the medical officers of the school, for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they manifest in everything conducive to the prosperity and progress of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School." I must remember that this is a meeting for the distribution of prizes, and not for making speeches, and therefore I will try and follow the good example generally set by your Grace, and detain the meeting here as short a

time as possible by my remarks. It is now, I think, just eleven years since I had the honour of moving a resolution in the very same words as those which I have just read. I had only then been very recently made a Mason, and I took the opportunity of stating the reasons which had induced me to join the Order, and the advantages which I hoped to obtain from connecting myself with that ancient and honourable brotherhood. Eleven years have now passed, and I can truly say that my expectations have not been disappointed. My experience has taught me that the Masonic Order is not merely an institution established for the purpose of initiating its members into certain mysteries which they have the privilege of keeping secret from all, even from the importunity of their wives; how great that privilege is I leave it to the married members of my order to confess. Nor is it an institution which gives us merely an opportunity of displaying or airing our oratorical powers in our respective lodges, or of exercising our gastronomical powers at our feasts; it is something more, I am happy to say. It is an institution, as my experience teaches me, for bringing together in loving bonds of social union men of different opinions and creeds and views and tastes and feelings, making them to love one another daily more and more as brothers. It is an institution which above all brings us together upon the common platform of Christian charity, and which teaches us all, as this meeting does, to do that which the blessed book that was carried before us in procession this evening, the symbol and emblem of what our lives should be and the standard beneath which we should never lower our aspirations, to do what that blessed book tells us is the great element of pure and enlightened religion, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to support them in their distress. Upon the same occasion I had also to ask the meeting to return their thanks to those who during the past year had acted upon the various committees of this excellent institution, the Masonic Female Orphanage, and dwelling as I did then upon what appeared to me the anomalous duties of those gentlemen who had to act on committees, I claimed from the meeting an unanimous response, and received it. Now eleven years have passed, and for my own part, though I have attended innumerable committees during the interval, I have not found them one whit more pleasant than they were then. Let me say here openly, I hate committees, I consider it even a more trying ordeal to be summoned to a committee than to be invited to an afternoon tea, and that, as a friend near me observes, is saying a good deal. But then if you go to an afternoon tea you may hear good music, or you may converse with some of your friends, and if they are disagreeable you may go up to your hostess, make some complimentary remarks, go down stairs, take your hat and coat, if somebody else has not done that before you, and go home to your wife, whereas if you go to a committee you have to listen to some gentlemen uttering dry platitudes, about the election of a new Secretary, and if you think his remarks are rather tiresome, and begin to speak to a friend, you are called to order, and if you take up your hat and go out in despair, you go under the ban of general disapprobation, and feeling that you have been guilty of a dereliction of duty. Therefore I say that really an afternoon tea is better than a committee. However, committees are necessary evils, and all one can do is to tender our thanks to those who, at much self sacrifice, take upon themselves the arduous duty of attending them. And now, since you have so heartily responded to that, there is one point more which I must not omit bringing before you, that among the committees connected with this institution, there is a ladies' committee. I know that a poet has said that men must work and women weep, and I remember one man being so profane as to interpret that thus: "Men must work and women talk;" but for my part a more atrocious calumny on the fair sex I never heard. What greater proof of that could there be than the fact that to the ladies' committee is owing very much of the present successful condition of the institution. They are the workers,

and now I, poor humble man, am the talker. But you will, I am sure, properly appreciate their labour. That response shows that you agree with me in thinking that we are under obligations to the ladies, and it would be a piece of monstrous superfluity to prove a foregone conclusion. I will merely conclude by moving the resolution I read, and by asking you, after it is seconded, to adopt it with acclamation.

Bro. the Right Worshipful Edward Hudson, Kinahan, D.L., High-sheriff of the county Dublin, and representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in seconding the resolution, testified to the excellent manner in which the schools had been conducted during the past year, remarking that he did so after frequent personal observation.

The resolution was then put, and adopted amidst applause.

Bro. George Woods Maunsell proposed the second resolution, as follows:—That whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance which the Masonic Orphan Schools have hitherto experienced, the Governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren in order still further to extend the usefulness of these institutions." He might ask this magnificent meeting which was gathered around them, he might ask the distinguished members of the Order of which he had the honour to be an humble member, what was the cause of their assembling here to-night, if it were not through the medium of such a meeting to extend the usefulness of the Order. He had heard such meetings as this made little of, as if they had no value or importance in promoting the objects of this great and noble institution. They were met here for many and valuable objects. They were met, first to render an account to the subscribers to the institution of how their money had gone, and how the institution had prospered; they were met here to enlist recruits for the institution; they were met here to carry forward into the future the blessings which it had so far extended and they were here—as he had heard it stated—to add bricks to the temple which had already been built. He thought he might congratulate the Order upon the benefits which had been hitherto achieved. It was happily said by the present Prime Minister at one of his orations, he thought at Glasgow, that now-a-days men liked to become their own executors. Men liked to see the value of these institutions, which at other times were only carried out in intention during life time, and were left to executors to be fulfilled. Now a new principle was introduced, and men were found in the length and breadth of the land devoting in their lifetime the sums which Providence had placed at their disposal, to create and extend institutions which carried blessings to all around them. He hoped that among those who heard him there were some who might become their own executors in the extension of this school, so that the wish of the governors might be realized, by increasing the number of pupils from 40 to 70. Let them hope that the governors would soon be able to carry out their intentions of placing the institution in such a position that no brother leaving a family unprotected would feel there was a difficulty about getting them a home and education; that there would be placed over them those who would train them, and who would feel they had moral beings to discipline, and souls to save. So long as there was a large class in the world who must eat the bread of industry on the condition of good behaviour, so long would cases arise that called for the support, the protection, and the assistance of the brethren he saw around him. Let them hope that that assistance would be given, and the usefulness of the institution extended either by building an addition or planting the institution on a larger space.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Vice-Chancellor, in seconding the resolution, said, as he had served on committees, the labours of which had been depicted as so irksome, and for more years even than Lord Plunket had mentioned, he would venture to bring before them some facts to which he asked their serious attention. Their income, as stated by their Secretary, consisted of annual subscriptions this year of £890. That presented a diminution from last year of £183,

That was not as it ought to be, and called upon them to bring before them more energetically the resolution he was now speaking to, so that they should not again have to make such a statement to any annual assemblage in the future. But he had to tell them, in addition, that their house, which afforded accommodation barely for the number of 38 inmates, was crowded at present to the extent of 40 inmates—two over the maximum accommodation. And not only that, but they had been obliged to give up the half-yearly election, which generally took place in the ensuing month of June, through having admitted several pressing cases to the number of six, at the December meeting, which caused the number to be too great for the accommodation they were able to afford. He therefore called upon the brethren and friends assembled here to exert themselves more than they had hitherto done, and to prevent the Governors again coming before them with such a statement. He trusted to the liberality of the Order—he could hardly call it the liberality, but the discharge of the common duties of Masonry—to enable them to extend the accommodation to the number which the Order peremptorily demanded. He should be ashamed if they could not do this, and admit every pressing case, and he would call upon them to extend the accommodation to sixty if not to seventy inmates. He asked them to look upon the children brought before them, having listened to their performances, and judge for themselves whether the school was deserving of the support of the Order.

The resolution was put and carried.

This terminated the proceedings in the large Concert Hall, and the procession of the brethren to the platform having re-formed, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was conducted from the room to a dais erected at the upper end of the glass transept. On reaching this point the officers of the several lodges represented fell back, right and left, forming an avenue through which the pupils were conducted to his Grace, at whose hands were presented—with graceful and appropriate remarks—the various prizes, medals, and certificates awarded at the last annual examination. At these the following brethren acted as examiners:—

William T. Wilkinson, Esq., of the Church Education Society; W. A. Hunter, Esq., of the National Board of Education; Rev. Benjamin Gibson, Professor Prospero Belin, and Francis Quin, Esq., Past Grand Organist. The following is a list of the prizes awarded:—

First Class.—Mary Barnett, Anna M. Copeland, Jane S. Andrews, Margaret Knight, Maud White, Grace Harte, Kate M'Nally, Phœbe Shegog.

Second Class.—Mary H. Armstrong, Minnie Burdge, Emma J. Hendley, Emilie Christian, Gertrude L. Gill, Frances Smith, Jessie Wallace, Frances Shields.

Third Class.—Lilly Bradshaw, Christabella Knight, Helen Perry, Louisa M'Mullen, Edith Anketell, Kate Sayers, Alice Richards, Emily Wigmore, Kate Lowry.

Fourth Class.—Kate Wilson, Emily Little.

The Pfennell Prize, value £3, was awarded to Anna Matilda Copeland, a pupil in the First Class, on very superior answering. The Astley Prize, founded in memory of the late Charles D. Astley, Grand Superintendent of Works (in two divisions), were given, the first, value £2, to Anna Matilda Copeland; the second, value £1, to Maud White. In the Second Division, for French, the First Prize, value 25s., was awarded to Maud White, and the second, value 15s., to Anna Matilda Copeland. The Good Conduct Medals presented by Bro. Oldham, Assistant Secretary (and which was awarded by the vote of the pupils), were won by Maud White and Maggie Knight.

The following prizes were then awarded to the pupils of the Masonic Boys' School, who had been successful on the occasion of the last annual examination:—

First Class.—James B. Brett, Alexander J. Semple, John King Irwin.

Second Class.—George A. Du Noyer, Francis A. Fraser, Edward B. Atkins, Henry G. Willson, George Faris, Robert A. Robertson, John Sayers. The Astley Silver Medals, for the

highest marks during the year in English, mathematics, and classics, were carried off by James B. Brett. The Good Conduct Silver Medals, presented by Bro. Oldham, were awarded by the vote of the pupils themselves to James B. Brett, in the first class, and to Robert G. Warren in the second class.

For a very considerable time, after the business of the evening had concluded, the halls were thronged by the company, excellent promenade music being supplied by the bands already mentioned.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Sydney, on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1874. Present:—R. W. A. T. Holroyd, District Grand Master, in the chair; V. W. Ernest O. Smith, Deputy District Grand Master; W. F. Senior, P.D.G.S.W., as Senior District Grand Warden; W. G. Cassidy, Junior District Grand Warden; Rev. W. Beg, M.D., L.L.D., District Grand Chaplain, J. R. Thackeray, M.A., District Grand Chaplain; W. W. H. Simpson, District Grand Treasurer; Henry Westcott, District Grand Registrar; Richard Leworthy, District Grand Secretary; W. Webster, Senior District Grand Deacon; Ryall, as Junior District Grand Deacon; A. Gray, District Grand Assistant Director, of Ceremonies; J. R. Elliott, District Grand Supt. Works; Henry Harper, District Grand Sword Bearer; G. Merrett, P.S.D.G.W., as District Grand Pursuivant; S. A. Delissa, District Grand Tyler.

The District Grand Lodge was opened by the R. W. District Grand Master in due form.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 20th October were read and confirmed.

The District Grand Master invested Bro. the Rev. J. R. Thackeray, with the collar and jewel of District Grand Chaplain, and said he had much pleasure in doing so, more especially as that brother belonged to a country lodge, because he desired to show that those brethren of the country lodges who could and would take office would have every opportunity of doing so whenever circumstances permitted.

A letter was read from the Grand Secretary, dated 18th October, forwarding the Warrants granted by the M.W.G. Master to the Doric Lodge, No. 1450, Hill End, and the St. John's Lodge, No. 1451, Mudgee.

The District Grand Master stated he had received a petition from certain brethren at the Tumut, for a dispensation to open a lodge in that locality, to be called the "Tumut Unity Lodge;" he had granted the prayer of the petitioners, and the warrant of dispensation had been issued and forwarded to form and work the new lodge.

The District Grand Secretary read the report of the meetings of Committee of Benevolence since last communication, with the names of applicants for assistance, and the several amounts voted, amounting to £31.

The District Grand Secretary stated that no meetings had been held of the Orphan Society or Board of General Purposes.

The District Grand Treasurer stated the balance to credit of District Grand Lodge was £126 19s. 5d.; Benevolent Fund £449, 9s. 5d.; Orphan Fund £45 10s. 5d., exclusive of £700 invested in Government Debentures, and shares in Freemasons' Hall, the value of the latter being doubtful.

W. H. Simpson, D. G. Treasurer, read and moved the motion standing in his name on the Agenda Paper—"That the fee payable to District Grand Lodge for every initiation shall be £1, such payment to include Grand Lodge Certificate for the brother initiated." He was aware some years ago the practice among lodges was not to include the certificate in the fee charged at initiation, leaving that to be paid by the brother when he applied for it. Lodge, No. 390, to which he belonged, did so till lately; they had now altered the Initiation fee so as to include the payment for the certificate. The Grand Lodge required the full fee on the registration of every brother.

The better way for the future, therefore, be for lodges to make their returns quarterly, in the same way as the Benevolent and Orphan Funds; it would be more advantageous to both the District Grand Lodge and the lodges themselves.

The District Grand Master said the fees for certificates should, with as little delay as possible, be handed over to District Grand Lodge.

Bro. Ryall, P.M. 556, said he would second the motion if the mover would consent to a slight alteration he proposed to make, viz., "That the fee on the initiation of every candidate shall be £1, such payment to include registration in the books of the Grand Lodge of England, and Grand Lodge Certificate for the brother initiated, the fees to be paid quarterly to District Grand Lodge." This, he thought, would be the best course to pursue, and would facilitate the registration of the brother. By the Book of Constitutions, every brother was entitled to have his name returned and to obtain his certificate.

The Deputy District Grand Master quoted the Law No. 1, page 89, in Book of Constitutions, and said that every lodge was bound to obtain a Grand Lodge Certificate for a brother initiated therein.

Bro. Booth, P.M. Lodge 392, inquired whether a brother could obtain a certificate other than for the Third Degree.

Bro. Elliott, District Grand Sup. of Works, asked whether a brother after he had completed his three degrees had a right to his certificate.

The Deputy District Grand Master said, the Book of Constitutions required every brother to take up his certificate. If necessary he could have a certificate for each degree without any extra expense.

Bro. H. Harper, District Grand Sword Bearer, said he had given a brother his third degree who had received the first and second elsewhere, and on another occasion had given the second and third degrees to a brother in like manner.

Bro. Simpson having consented to the amendment, the District Grand Master put the motion as amended, which was carried.

Bro. Cassidy, J.D.G. Warden, moved the motion standing on the paper in his name—"That the sum of £20 be voted from the funds of District Grand Lodge towards defraying expenses of painting and decorating lodge-room."

Bro. Westcott, D. Grand Registrar, seconded the motion.

Bro. Booth, P.M. Lodge No. 390, moved as an amendment—"That the sum of £25 should be voted." The brethren of the Furnishing Committee had taken great trouble, and large expenses had been incurred, and the room had a very handsome appearance. He thought that the District Grand Lodge on an occasion of this kind should be liberal.

The Deputy District Grand Master said he seconded the amendment. He thought the District Grand Lodge could well afford the amount, and should vote the largest sum in order to set the lodges a good example.

In reply to an inquiry, D.G. Treasurer said, the cost, he understood, would be £132.

Bro. Ryall, P.M. No. 556, supported the amendment, and said the Sydney Lodges alone should bear the cost.

Rev. Bro. Beg also supported the amendment.

The District Grand Master said, that the manner in which the room was decorated was handsome and neat, and very creditable; he had visited the lodge rooms several times while the work was in operation, and he now considered the room very comfortable, and he fully approved of what had been done. The lodges, he was happy to say, were progressing favourably, and the District Grand Lodge was in a prosperous condition.

The amendment was carried.

B. Webster, S.D.G. Deacon, stated, as President of the Benevolent Fund, that he had been requested to bring under the notice of District Grand Lodge the large amount of arrears (£25) owing by Lodge No. 937 to the Benevolent Fund.

The D.G. Treasurer said this lodge was over three years in arrears to the Benevolent Fund, and he thought, in justice to other lodges, these arrears should be paid.

After some further remarks by other brethren the subject was allowed to drop.

The Rev. Bro. Thackeray returned thanks for the honour conferred on him by his appointment and investiture as District Grand Chaplain. He regretted very much that he had been unable to attend sooner, he had started from Maitland on two occasions, on one of which the steamer had to put back. He trusted he should be able to attend regularly in future. He might mention that the Unity Lodge, 547, of which he was a member, was strong in numbers, and had among its members a large majority of the most influential gentlemen of the Hunter district.

The Deputy District Grand Master said he had received a letter from Bro. Blau, of Hunterstreet, wishing him to bring under the consideration of the brethren the great distress prevailing in Hungary through the ravages of cholera, and soliciting on behalf of the widows, orphans, and others, assistance. He read Bro. Blau's letter, also an extract from one he received, fully bearing out his statements. The D.D.G. Master very forcibly urged this matter on the attention of District Grand Lodge, and said great misery, distress and want were caused by the ravages of cholera, which had raged so terribly; that there was hardly a house or family where there was not a death therein, and great grief and suffering of course the result; he trusted, as the District Grand Lodge had means, a sum of money would be voted this evening, as he felt sure it could not be better applied, it would tend to prove to our poor distressed Hungarian brethren that distance did not weaken the Masonic bond by which we are embraced.

Bro. Simpson, D.G. Treasurer, said he was sorry he must object to voting money without notice for such a purpose, as it was contrary to their rules to vote money until after due notice. In this case he believed neither he nor any of the brethren present had ever heard of the distress said to prevail in Hungary, a country of which they knew or heard so little at any time.

The Rev. Bro. Beg thought we might do as asked when the objects of our sympathy were so far away.

Bro. Booth, P.M., Lodge 390, said he objected to the money of District Grand Lodge being voted for any such purpose. He considered this a matter for private subscription, and if one was opened he would very willingly put his name down.

The business being concluded, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 9.30 o'clock.

Quilum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MARK MASONRY.

I am glad to notice a communication from Bro. Yarker, in to-day's *Freemason*, respecting the choice of marks by our operative brethren, and pleased to see he confirms the statement made by "Masonic Student" and myself, that these marks consist of even and odd points, according to the fancy of the Masons who made them.

That this is but the reiteration of an archaeological fact well-known to all students of the subject, must be patent to anyone who will take the trouble to examine certain old buildings, both at home and abroad, or who will consult the pages of that magnificent book lately issued by Messrs. Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh, containing the history of the Lodge "Mary's Chapel," from 1599, by my friend Bro. Lyon. The regulation alluded to by Bro. Yarker as having been in force amongst Mark Master Masons under the English Constitution, was rescinded by the Mark Grand Lodge, on the 14th December, 1864. On referring to a report of the proceedings, I find that the "General Board," on "representations received from the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, and other lodges, recommend the abrogation of the regulation confining the selection of marks to figures comprising any specified numbers of points or lines."

The R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., concurred on the policy of the alteration. An examination of the ruins of ancient buildings,

on the stones of which the marks of the artificers were found, proved that "no such regulation as that enforced under this rule existed." The Vice-President moved that the alteration be agreed to, and Bro. Colonel Cole, C.B., seconded it, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

I do not quite understand what Bro. Yarker means by saying that "few Masons, now-a-days, believe in the pretensions of any of the Masonic degrees, and, in my opinion, the Mark is a spurious Order, not above a century old." Bro. Yarker's "Speculative Freemasonry" should be consulted on the subject.

Were I discussing the antiquity or Masonic character of the "Mark Degree," I should be inclined to elucidate the probable meaning of the foregoing, but, so far, the inquiry has had reference mainly to operative Masonry, and the more the correspondence is limited to the original object the better. It would be well, also, if the editor expunged all references of an offensive, or "personal," or abusive style from the communications sent for insertion in *The Freemason*.

I hope this inquiry will have the effect of inducing our able brother "Masonic Student" to drop his "nom de plume," so that his valued contributions may have the full weight that his name (if known) would confer upon them.

W. J. HUGHAN.

TASMANIAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

This fund was established at Hobart Town, A.D. 1843, and re-organised A.D. 1867.

The Committee of Management for 1874 comprises Bro. J. T. Robertson, 345, I.C., Chairman; Bro. L. Riley, 345, I.C., Treasurer; Bro. C. Toby, 536, E.C., Hon Secretary; and Bros. W. G. Beaumont, John Gillon, 345, I.C.; W. A. B. Jamieson, F. H. Wise, John Clark, L. Susman, John Hamilton, Robert Fitzgerald, 536, E.C.; Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, W. S. Hammond, H. Nelson, T. H. MacGrath, J. R. Scott, 801, E.C., Comps. W. H. Burgess, jun., D. Lewis, Chapter 536, E.C., and all subscribing installed Past Masters of contributing lodges who shall pay a subscription of not less than 10s. 6d. per annum to this fund.

The object of this institution is to assist aged and distressed worthy brethren of the Ancient and Honourable Order of Freemasonry, and to afford relief to their Widows and Orphans.

The annual meeting of the Committee was held on the 28th of January, when the officers and committee for 1874 were appointed, and the financial statement and balance sheet unanimously adopted, copies of which the committee circulated amongst the members of the Order generally, and the contributors to the fund in particular.

The statement of receipts shows that the income from all sources in 1873 amounted to £7 15s. 6d., being £17 1s. in excess of the previous year.

The total payments for education, gratuities, &c., for the same period was £42 17s. 2d., an increase of £24 11d., over the amount paid in 1872. The disbursements for printing, &c., amounted to £1 15s.

The balance sheet shows amount of cash to the credit of the fund £62 17s. 7d., and £220 invested in 6 per cent Debentures.

The Committee has much pleasure in congratulating the Order on the present highly satisfactory state of the fund, and tenders its grateful acknowledgements to the donors, and individual subscribers, and especially to the lodges and chapters, for the handsome amounts voluntarily contributed during the past year.

In conclusion the Committee cannot refrain from again urging on the W. Masters and Officers of the lodges the desirability of keeping the objects of the institution prominently before their members, bearing in mind that its object is not only to relieve Lodge Funds, and individual brethren, from the necessity of aiding the distressed worthy Mason, but by careful enquiry to protect the Order against imposition by unworthy members.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemason's Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon, President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective places. There were also present, Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; J. A. Rucker, John Savage, S. Hadley, C. A. Cottebrune, Colonel Cole, Conrad C Dumas, N. Bradford, J. B. Monckton, John Emmens, T. Cubitt, and a full lodge. The sum of £385 in all was voted to deserving objects of benevolence.

At the Board of Masters, the M.W.G.M., gave notice that he would move at next Grand Lodge, that Grand Lodge give £500 to the Bengal Famine Fund. The report of the Board of General Purposes was read. In the report were contained recommendations for a revision and increase of the salaries of all the officers in Grand Secretary's office. Notice was given of a motion to contribute £70 to the asylum for the aged at Croydon for coals; and Bro. W. Smith gave notice of motion that all Masters of lodges should have access to the Board of General Purposes to make suggestions. At this Board there were also nominations of members for the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Masonic Annuity.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 15th of May, 1874, W. Bro. Major Creaton, Vice-Patron, P.G.D., in the chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and subscribers proceeded to the election of annuitants from an approved list of thirty-four male candidates and thirty-one female candidates, when the following were declared successful:—

MALES.	
	Votes.
Robert Death	942
John Weedon	873
Joseph Salsbury	843
Edward Penman	794
James Peace	786
John Tilbury	750
George Chapman	735
Charles S. Woollons	732
Richard Commins	708
Dowse S. Potts	707
George Turner	655
Henry John Mason	628
Benjamin Abraham	619
Robert Forster	591
Charles Turner	582
*Abraham Freeman	568
*Henry William Pelton	559
*George Taylor	508
*R. B. Thompson	468
*Frederick Jos. Johnson	456

WIDOWS.	
Eliza King	1354
Isabella Mew	1080
Jemima Spicer	972
Mary Winter	848
Judith Baker	746
Charlotte Newton	682
Sophia Morton	678
Hannah Ingleson	659
Amelia Wood	628
Sarah Wallington	479
*Maria Hinchliffe	474

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked thus * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

[We have copied the above from a non-Masonic paper for the information of the Craft.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 5, 1874.

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

Saturday, May 30.

- 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, June 1.

- Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- Red Cross of Constantine, Premier, Freemasons' Tavern.
- 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, June 2.

- Colonial Board, at 3.
- Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-rd.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, Golden-square.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- Half-yearly Communication Grand Mark Lodge (see Advt).
- 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.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Wednesday, June 3.

- Quarterly Communication Grand Lodge, at 6.
- Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.
- 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-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stan'ope 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, June 4.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons Hall.
 - " 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
 - " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 - " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham.
 - " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 - Chap. 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 - Rose Croix, St. George, 33, Golden-square.
 - Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 - Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Angle Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 - United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 - Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 - Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 - Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 - Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 - 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, a 7.
 - Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Friday, June 5.
- Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 - Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30 Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 - Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), 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'-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 of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 - Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 - Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 6, 1874.

Monday, June 1.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
- " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, 77, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, June 2.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
- " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
- " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Warrington, at 6.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Mark Lodge, No. 161, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, June 3.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
- " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.

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

- " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
- Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, June 4.

- Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.
- Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, June 5.

- Lodge 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
- " 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
- Chap. 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 6, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, June 1.

- Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
- " 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
- " 88, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.
- Chap. 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, June 2.

- Lodge 31, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
- " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
- " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
- " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
- " 233, Hamilton, Spalding Hotel, Hamilton.
- " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.

Wednesday, June 3.

- Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
- " 128, St. John Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
- " 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
- " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
- " 166, St. John, 26, Grame-street, Airdrie.
- Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

Thursday, June 4.

- Lodge 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.
- " 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
- " 202, St. Clement's, Trades' Tavern, Kilmarnock.
- " 149, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
- " 290, Blair Dalry, Masonic Hall, Dalry.

Friday, June 5.

- Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
- " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-passage.
- " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
- " 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.

Saturday, June 6.

- Lodge 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 6, 1874.

Monday, June 1.

- Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.

Tuesday, June 2.

- Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 83, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.
- Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
- " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, June 3.

- Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, June 4.

- Lodge 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-st., at 8.
- Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.30.

Friday, June 5.

- Lodge 297, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-st., at 8.
- Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Advertisements.

TRAMORE. TRAMORE. TRAMORE.

COUNTY WATERFORD, IRELAND.

THE GREAT HOTEL.

The Great Hotel at Tramore is the only first-class Hotel, on the Southern Coast. It commands a magnificent view of the bay and surrounding country.

Tramore Bay and Strand (the latter is 4 miles long), is said to be the finest in the world. Intending tourists to Ireland will find Tramore worthy of being known as a watering place. Its advantages are a delightfully mild climate, splendid bathing, yachting, boating, and a modern hotel, conducted on the most approved principles, and the most moderate of any similar house in the kingdom.

Bro. James Hearne, R.A. 642 and 196, Proprietor.

MASONIC MUSIC IN STOCK.

AT Bro. KENNING'S MASONIC DEPOTS.

- The Red Cross Knight; composed by Bro. H. Parker, words by Bro. R. W. Little ... 3/0
What Better Theme than Masonry? words by Bro. James Stevens; music by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz ... 4/0
Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; written by Bro. Sewell; composed by Bro. J. Rhodes ... 4/0
The Final Toast; written by D. L. Richardson; music by Bro. Edwin J. Crow ... 3/0
The E.A. Song; arranged by the late Bro. Parry, of the "Lodge of Antiquity," No. 2... 6d.
Masonic Harmonia ... 9/0
Masonic Music, compiled for the use of the "Merchant Lodge," No. 241, by Bro. J. H. Younghusband, P.M., P.Z., P.E.C., and P. Prov. J.G.W. West Lancashire ... 6d.
The Freemason (Tell me the Sign John); written by George Palmer ... 3/0
Three Times Three; composed by Bro. Harroway, "Royal York Lodge," Brighton ... 3/c
The Shake of the Hand (in G & B flat) composed by John Blockley ... 3/0
The Freemasons' Festival March and Masonic Hymn, by Bro. W. B. Tolputt (Past Master of the "Temple Lodge," No. 816, Folkestone) ... 3/0
The Freemason Quadrilles; inscribed (by permission) to the Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, K.G.; by Bro. Joshua Marshall (P.G.O., West Yorkshire), Solo or Duet ... 4/0
Music for the Ceremony of Advancement to the Mark Degree; composed by Bro. Edwin J. Crow, dedicated to the Grand Master, Bro. Rev. G. Portal ... 3/0
Here's to His Health in a Song; written by J. J. Bealey; composed by J. M. Bentley ... 4/c
Hird's Masonic Quadrille, by C. T. Hird ... 2/0
So Mote it Be, by Bro. Jno. P. Nunn ... 4/6
Masonic Mischief, the new Masonic Song, by G. Grant Men of the Trowel, answer to Masonic Mischief... 3/0
The Mystic Tie, song with quartett chorus, written by Wm. Carpenter, Esq., composed by Jas. C. Baker, Mus. D. ... 4/0
"Welcome," a Masonic song, written by Bro. Wm. Carpenter, composed by Bro. Jas. C. Baker. ... 4/0
The Mark Masons' Song; dedicated to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Percy, M.P., M.W.G.M.M. By Bro. T. B. Yeoman ... 3/0
All the above Half-Price.
Dr. Spark's Freemasons' Liber Musicus—Parts 1 to 12 (each) ... 5/0
The Freemasons' March, for the Pianoforte, composed by Selmar Kahenberg ... 2/0
Masonic Ode, written by Bro. G. Passenger; composed by Bro. B. Sharpe ... 5/0
The Masonic Minstrel; being a complete collection of upwards of 200 Masonic Songs, Odes, Anthems, &c., with a list of Toasts and Sentiments. 3s. 6d. cloth, 4s. roan, gilt edges ... 3/0
Melodia Masonica: Five Songs and a Trio, set to Music and arranged by Bro. C. H. Purdey, new edition ... 3/0
Two Chants and an Anthem, set to music and composed by Bro. G. F. Taylor, for the use of Mark Masters' Lodges... 2/0
Masonic Musical Service, by Dr. J. C. Baker, No. 241 ... 1/6
Music for the Masonic Ceremonies; by Bros. E. J. Crow and R. Limpus. Parts I., II., & III. (each) 6d.

MASONIC BOOKS IN STOCK AT Bro. KENNING'S MASONIC DEPOTS.

- ENGLISH.
History of Freemasonry, 2nd Edition (Findel) ... 10/6
History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Lyon) ... 31/6
Life of Constantine ... 5/0
Encyclopedia of Masonry and its Kindred Sciences (Mackey) ... 38/0
Sloane Manuscript (Woodford) ... 2/6
Masonic Gatherings, by Bro. G. Taylor, P.M. ... 5/0
Reflected Rays of Light, 4th Edition (Garey) ... 1/0
Freemasonry in Relation to Civil Authority and the Family Circle (Paton) ... 1/0
The Freemason, Vol. I. ... 4/6
" " Vol. II. ... 7/6
" " Vol. III, IV. & V. (each) ... 15/0
Red Cross Statutes... 1/6
Knight Templar Sermon (Ross) ... 6d.
S.G.C. Regulations ... 1/6
Royal Arch ... 2/6
G.L. Constitutions with Charge and E. A. Song... 2/0
Mark Constitutions ... 2/6
Statutes Convent General... 3/6 and 12/6
Craft, Mark, R.A., R.C., R. & K.T. Books
Grand Lodge Calendar ... 2/0
Lodge Bibles ... 15/0, 21/0, 42/0
Chapter Bibles ... 15/0, 21/0, 42/0
Laws of the Supreme G.C. of Scotland ... 3/0
The Israelites Found in the Anglo-Saxons ... 2/6
The Freemason (Weekly)... 2d.
The Masonic Magazine (Monthly) ... 6d.
Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary (annually) 2/0
AMERICAN.
Masonic Trials, by H. M. Look ... 7/6
Sickel's Ahiman Rezon (cloth) ... 6/9
" Freemasons' Monitor (tucks) ... 6/9
R.A. Companion ... 4/6
Guide to the Chapter (cloth) ... 6/9
Manual of the Chapter " ... 3/0
Book A. and A. Rite " ... 22/6
R. and S. M. Council Monitor ... 4/3
Swedenborg Rite ... 6/0
Masonic Token (cloth gilt) ... 9/6
Macoy's Manual E. Star ... 4/3
Simon's Book of the Commandery (tucks) ... 4/6
Origin of Masonry ... 4/6
Chase's Digest of Masonic Law ... 6/9
Pierson's Traditions ... 9/0
Signet of King Solomon ... 6/0
Rationale and Ethics (cloth) ... 6/9
Simon's Jurisprudence ... 6/9
Washington and Compeers (cloth) ... 11/3
Obituary Rites ... 1/9
Portal's Symbols (cloth) ... 4/6
Lockwood's Masonic Law ... 5/0
Webb's Monitor (tucks) ... 4/6
Drew's Handbook ... 4/6
Lawrence's Moral Design... 4/6
Woodruff's Masonic Code ... 3/0
Lights and Shadows (cloth) ... 8/6
Cross True Masonic Chart ... 6/0
Mystic Tie (cloth) ... 6/9
Ritual of Freemasonry ... 18/0

THE COMPLETE FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS

FOR Royal Arch Chapters,

OF SUPERIOR DESIGN & WORKMANSHIP.

MANUFACTURED, IN THREE QUALITIES, BY COMP. GEORGE KENNING, COMPRISING

- Floor Cloth
Pedestal
Veil
Set of Letters
Five Large Banners with Poles and Stands
Fifteen Small ditto
Three Large Candlesticks
Three Small ditto
Six Ornamental Candles
Crowbar
Pickaxe
Shovel
Parchment Scroll
Set of Life Lines
Trowel
Square and Compasses
Sword
Three Robes for Principals
Three Sceptres
Three Surplices
Ten Officers' Collars
Ten " Jewels
Janitor's Sword
Ballot Box
Bible
Cushion for ditto
Scripture Extracts
Set of Five Books

£50, £100, and £150.

Thrones, Chairs, Canopy, Head Ornaments, &c. (if required) on the most moderate terms, according to material, style, &c. For Personal Insignia, see Lists of Clothing and Jewels.

THE COMPLETE FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS

FOR

Craft Lodges,

OF SUPERIOR DESIGN AND WORKMANSHIP, MANUFACTURED IN THREE QUALITIES,

BY BRO. GEORGE KENNING,

COMPRISING

- Three Pedestals.
Three Candlesticks, Oak or Mahogany.
Two Columns, Oak or Mahogany.
S. W. Triangle, in Oak or Mahogany with Gilt Tripod, Pulley Blocks and Windlass and Rough and Perfect Ashlars.
Oak or Mahogany Box, and nine Tools, Plated.
Three Oak or Mahogany Gavels.
One " " Manl.
One " " Ballot.
Box and Balls.
One pair " Wands.
Three Tracing Boards.
One Oak or Mahogany Kneeling Stool.
Lamp (Star in the East).
Third Degree Sheet.
Bible, with Name and No. of Lodge in Gold.
Square and Compass in Case.
Cushion for Bible.
Ten Officers' Collars.
Ten Officers' Jewels.
I.G. Dirk.
O.G. Sword.
Set of Eight Books.
Three Sounding Boards.
Two Pairs of Slippers.
Three Cable Tows.
Two Hoodwinks.
Three Carrels with Emblems.

£30, £60, and £100.

Chairs, Dais, Tesselated Carpeting, Banners, &c., &c., on the most moderate terms, according to material, style, &c. For Personal Insignia, see List of Clothing and Jewels.

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

A BEAUTIFUL WORK OF ART, in Photography, for framing, representing a volume of the Scripture, opened at Chapter 6 of the 1st Book of Kings, surrounded by symbols of the Craft.

Plain, 1s. 6d.; richly coloured, 3s.

To be had wholesale and retail of STEVENS & RICHARDSON, Stationers and Steam Printers, 5, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields.

GOLD AND SILVER SHAVINGS

FOR FIRE STOVE ORNAMENTS.

- Gilt Plain ... 3/6
" Crimped ... 4/6
Silvered Plain ... 4/6
" Crimped ... 5/6

The above on 1, 2, and 4oz. reels, also in bags, 16s. 22s., 24s., and 30s. per gross bags. Manufactured by GEORGE KENNING, London, Liverpool, and Glasgow.

THE LOMBARD EXCHANGE,

LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, E.C.

- TERMS.
Entrance Fee ... 3 3 0
Annual Subscription ... 3 3 0
Members residing and carrying on business at a distance of fifty miles and upwards from London, Merchant-Captains, and Clerks to Subscribers (no entrance fee) 1 1 0
The room is well supplied with newspapers, telegrams, and books of reference. It includes a Post-office, Poste Restante, Telegraph-office, Reading and Writing Room, Restaurant, Lavatories, &c.; also copying machines for the use of Subscribers.
Bro. JOHN H. YOUNGHUSBAND, P.M., P.Z., P.E.C., P.P. J.G.W. &c., Manager.

HEALTH FOR ALL.

PRESTON'S PURIFYING PILLS.—THE BLOOD MEDICINE. Sold in boxes at 7d., 1s. 1d., and 2s. 6d. Sent free on receipt of 8, 14, or 33 stamps. This fine BLOOD Medicine is warranted not to contain a single particle of Mercury, or any other Mineral, but to consist entirely of Medicinal Balsams PURELY VEGETABLE. One trial will convince anyone of their efficacy in all diseases of the Head, Chest, Heart, Lungs, Kidneys, Liver, Bowels, and likewise in Skin diseases. These Pills create new, rich, and pure blood, and expel all impurities. They give IMMEDIATE relief, and very quickly cure, as a single box will prove. They strengthen the constitution, improve the health, and greatly prolong life. There is considerable saving in buying the larger boxes, as a 2s. 6d. box contains 100 pills. As a family medicine they are greatly to be preferred as they do not act upon the bowels, and are not in the slightest degree opening. Prepared only by THOMAS PRESTON, M.B., at the City Medical Hall, 83, Long Lane, Smithfield, London. * * * The Government Stamp is on every box.

HISTORY OF CLEVELAND AND ITS VICINAGE.

being an Historical, Topographical, and Statistical Account of the past and present state of each Parish, Township, and Hamlet within the Wapentake of Lanburgh, and the Boroughs of Whitby and Stockton-on-Tees; the Soil, Produce, Manufactures, Antiquities, Natural Curiosities, and Benefit Societies; with copious Pedigrees of the principal Families. Memoirs of Memorable Men, careful Chronicles of the most Remarkable Events, Notices of the Manners and Customs, Sports and Pastimes, Legends and Superstitions, and a Glossary of the North York Dialect.

BY BRO. GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society; of the Societies of Antiquaries of Scotland and Newcastle-upon-Tyne; of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen, &c.

To be completed in 32 Parts at 6d. each (or by Book-post 7d).

In addition to nearly all the fine Woodcuts given in Ord's History, the Work is illustrated by numerous other Engravings, executed specially for it; is neatly printed, with a new type, on good paper; and contains all the information to be derived from previous histories of the district, with a mass of other curious particulars relating both to the Past and to the Present, collected by the Author during the last thirty years. A chapter on the Geology of Cleveland has been kindly contributed by Professor Phillips, and the manuscript information collected by the late Mr. Justice Temple for his long-projected History of Cleveland (including some useful communications by the late learned Archdeacon Todd), has been obligingly placed at the Author's disposal.

Subscribers' names received by BROS. TWEDDELL and SONS, Cleveland Printing and Publishing Offices, Stokesley.

COMFORT FOR TENDER FEET.—

Try Anthony Seard's new material! Peculiarly Prepared Porpoise Skin. Soft as silk, shines like patent, never cracks, becomes softer and finer in wear, a perfect durable luxury and superlative speciality. 8, Bow Lane, Cheap-side, E.C. Ladies' orders skillfully executed. One trial insures satisfaction.

Now Ready, price 1/- post-free 1/1. CARTE DE VISITES OF THE FOLLOWING Masonic Celebrities.

- The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, the M.W. Grand Master.
Adair, Col., P.P.G.M., Somerset.
Adams, Jas. P.M., P.Z.
Adard, Frederick, P.P.G.D.C., Essex.
Bagshaw, R. J., P.G.M., Essex.
Beach, W. W. B., M.P., P.G.M., Hants.
Binckes, Fredk., Sec. R.M.I. Beys.
Burdett, Col. F., Prov. G.M., Middx.
Costa, Sir Michael, 35, P.G.O.
Dobie, A., P.P.G.M., Surrey.
Dumas, C. C., P.P.A.G.D.C.
Edwards, T. H., P.M., S.
Foxall, Samuel, P.M.
Eliot, Lord, P.G.W.
Huyshe, Rev. Jno., P.G.M., Devon.
Limerick, Earl of, P.G.M., Bristol.
May, Samuel, P.G. Steward.
Messy, J., P.G. Steward.
Monckton, J. B., P.G.D.
Moore, Rev. T. E., P.G.C.
Muggeridge, Henry.
O'Brien Magnus, P.M., M.E.Z.; J.G.W., Surrey
Pott, J.
Patt, J. P., M.P.Z.
Pullen, Hyde, 35, P.G.S.B.
Roebuck, W., P.P.G.S.B., Surrey.
Shaboe, Rev. D., P.P.G. Chap., Middx.
Smith, Augustus, F.Prov.G.M. Cornwall.
Stewart, Raynham W., P.G.D.
Stohwasser, J., P.M., P.Z.
Stranger, J.
Stone, W., P.M., K.T.
Stuart, W., Past Grand Master, K.T.
Stuart, W., P.Z.
Sugg, P. M.
Swan, C., P.P.G.S.B., Herts.
Udall, J., P.G.D.
Vernon, Col., P.P.G.M., Staffordshire.
Walters, Fredk., P.M., P.Z.

London: GEORGE KENNING, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

MEN OF THE TROWEL.

New Edition of the celebrated Song, by Waters. Post free 18 stamps. LONDON: WEEKES and Co., 16, Hanover-street, W.

BRO. J. B. MACNAIR.
Artist and Photographer.

11, WEST NILE STREET, GLASGOW.

Enlargements in Oil, Water Colour, or Crayons. Full Length Cartes 5s., per dozen; Half Lengths 6s.; Vignettes 7s. 6d.; Cameo and Rembrandt, Bust 10s.

ONGAR GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 20 miles from London. Specially devoted to mercantile education. Great advantages offered to pupils waiting or preparing for appointments. References to parents and former pupils now holding good positions. A preparatory class for little boys, who receive careful attention. Twenty acres of ground for football, cricket, &c. The domestic arrangements include a dairy farm. Diet unlimited and of the best. Locality most healthy. Prospectus should be seen for details. Terms very moderate. Principal, Dr. Clark.

FOR FISH.

Try GOW.

FOR POULTRY.

Try GOW.

FOR GAME.

Try GOW.

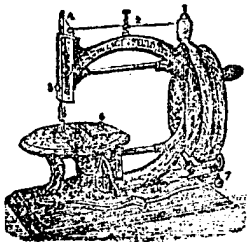
FOR BARRELLED OYSTERS.

Try GOW.

J. GOW.

1, HONEY-LANE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE.
Special quotations to large consumers, Hotels, Caterers, &c.
Country Orders promptly executed.
ONE ORDER WILL SECURE FUTURE PATRONAGE

WHIGHT AND MANN'S,
UNEQUALLED
LOCKSTITCH SEWING MACHINES.
WANTED IN EVERY HOME.



The "PRIMA DONNA," New Lock Stitch and Shuttle Machine, does every kind of family sewing. Price 4 guineas.

Improved Machines for Manufacturers, Boot-makers, Tailors, &c., at the lowest possible prices compatible with good workmanship.

WHIGHT & MANN, 143, HOLBORN BARS.

MONEY.—LOANS granted immediately from £100 to £2,000 at 5 per cent., repayable over Three, Four, or Five Years, on Personal Security and Life Policy effected with the **WEST OF ENGLAND INSURANCE CO.**, (Established 1807.)

Apply to the Superintendent of Agents,
Bro. J. CROCKER, Neville Street, Newcastle.
Agents Wanted.

SWANSEA.

Agent for "The Freemason."

BRO. CHAS. MAGGS, 24, Oxford-st., Swansea.

A large stock of Aprons, Jewels, Clothing, and every requisite for all Degrees of Freemasonry.

Agent for Kenning's Masonic Note Paper, Envelopes, Books, Candles, Perfumes, &c.

Advertisements received for "The Freemason."

BALL FAVOURS,

NEWEST DESIGNS.

MASONIC DEPOTS 2, 3, & 4, LITTLE BRITAIN,

198, FLEET-STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES: { 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

145, Argyle-street, Glasgow.

IMPROVED and ECONOMIC COOKERY.

Use **LIEBIG COMPANY'S EXTRACT OF MEAT** as "stock" for beef tea, soups, made dishes, and sauces. Gives fine flavour and great strength. Invariably adopted in households when fairly tried. **Caution.**—Genuine only with Baron Liebig's facsimile across label.

GLENFIELD STARCH is the only kind used in Her Majesty's Laundry.

Those Ladies who have not yet used the Glenfield Starch, are respectfully solicited to give it a trial, and carefully follow out the directions printed on every package. It is rather more difficult to make than other Starches, but when this is overcome, they will say, like the Queen's Laundress, that it is the finest Starch they ever used. "When you ask for the Glenfield, see that you get it."

THE STRAND TURKISH BATHS,

335c, OPPOSITE SOMERSET HOUSE.

Open daily for Gentlemen. Terms: from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., 2s. 6d. From 6 p.m. till 9 p.m., 1s. 6d. One dozen tickets, first class, £1 5s.; second class, 15s. Warm, cold, shower, and douche baths. Open on Sundays from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Ladies: mornings, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, attended by Mrs. Smith. Proprietor—Mr. H. SMITH, From the Houseman, Jermyn-street.



SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA,

ANTI-DYSPEPTIC COCOA OR CHOCOLATE POWDER.

Guaranteed Pure Soluble Cocoa, without Sugar or any admixture.

This unique pure preparation is pronounced by the Faculty "the most nutritious, perfectly digestible beverage for BREAKFAST, LUNCHEON, or SUPPER, and invaluable for Invalids and Children."

It is made instantaneously with boiling water or milk; being without sugar it suits all palates:

In tin packets at 1s. 6d., 3s., &c. By Chemists and Grocers. (Samples gratis.)

Cocoatina à la Vanille, at Same Prices. It is superior to the best Vanilla Chocolate, much cheaper, perfectly digestible, and made instantaneously.

SOLE PROPRIETORS: H. SCHWEITZER & Co., 10, ADAM-STREET, ADELPHI, LONDON.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER.

Is the best, safest, and cheapest. It restores the former colour to grey hair in a few days, is quite harmless, and the best hair-dressing that can be used. Large bottles, 1s. 6d. each. Sold by all Chemists and Hairdressers everywhere, and J. PEPPER, 237, TOTTENHAM-COURT-ROAD, LONDON, whose name and address are on the label, or it is spurious. Cases of three bottles, packed for country, sent on receipt on 54 stamps.

HEALTH, STRENGTH, ENERGY.

PEPPER'S QUININE AND IRON TONIC.

Strengthens the nerves, enriches, purifies, and greatly improves the blood, and vital secretions, gives a good appetite, overcomes indigestion, animates the spirits, counteracts the effects of weakness, and restores perfect robust health. Be sure Pepper's Quinine and Iron Tonic is supplied, its ingredients being chemically pure. Bottles, 4s. 6d.; next size, 11s.; stone jars, 22s. Order it from any Chemist, or get direct from J. PEPPER, 237, TOTTENHAM-COURT-ROAD, LONDON. Forwarded, safely packed, on receipt of stamps or P.O.O.

THE NEW

MASONIC CANDLES

FOR CRAFT LODGES,
Ionic, Doric and Corinthian,
EMBLEMATICALLY ARRANGED
FOR THE

**WORSHIPFUL MASTER,
SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS.**

6s. 6d. PER SET OF 3 ONE POUND
CANDLES.

Packing Cases 6d. each.

DITTO FOR

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS,
10s. 6d. PER SET OF 6 CANDLES.
Packing Cases 1s.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

BRO. GEORGE KENNING'S
Masonic Depôts,

LONDON:—2, 3, & 4, Little Britain, and 198,
Fleet-street.

LIVERPOOL:—2, Monument-place.

GLASGOW:—145, Argyle-street.

MASONIC FLAGS
FOR HIRE.

Freemasons' Arms.....	15ft. by 12ft.
Knights Templar Arms.....	15ft. by 12ft.
Red Cross of Rome and Constantine Arms	15ft. by 12ft.
Square and Compasses, with Prince of Wales's	
Feathers in Centre	12ft. by 9ft.
City of London Arms.....	10ft. by 7ft.
Union Jack.....	10ft. by 6ft.
Duke of Edinburgh.....	9ft. by 4½ft.
Russian	9ft. by 4½ft.

KENNING'S MASONIC DEPOT.
198, FLEET-STREET, LONDON.

TRUTH MUST PREVAIL.—Common Sense.
Lamps, Baths, Cutlery, Brushes, Fenders and Fire Irons, Electro-plate and Nickel-Silver Goods.

R. D. PARR,

General House Furnishing Ironmonger,
42, BLACKMAN STREET, BOROUGH.

OFFERS nothing extraordinary, but REALLY GOOD Articles at fair and reasonable prices. He does not keep an "Immense Stock," but sufficiently large for any person to select from. He does not sell "cheaper than every other house in the Trade," but quite as cheap as any. A visit will, at all times, be very much appreciated.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

HOPGOOD & CO'S NUTRITIVE and SEDATIVE HAIR CREAM.

is supplied to the Trade by all Patent Medicine Houses and Wholesale Perfumers. This Cream has the testimony of EMINENT PHYSICIANS to its "surprising" and "unfailing success." Also SEDATIVE COLD CREAM.
Sold by all Chemists and Perfumers.



YOCNO'S ARNICATED CORN AND BUNION PLASTERS are the best ever invented for giving immediate

ease, and removing those painful excruciations. Price 6d. and 1s. per box. Any Chemist not having them in stock can procure them. Observe the Trade Mark—H.Y.—without which none are genuine. Be sure and ask for Yocno's.

By Letter Post, 12 stamps. London: MANN, 39, Cornhill, E.C.
A MEDICAL ESSAY ON THE INFIRMITIES OF YOUTH and MATURITY; with Observations on their Functional Debilities and Derangements, and the treatment and cure of Nervous Exhaustion, either hereditary, or resulting from a prematurely debilitated constitution. By J. L. CURTIS, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., 15, Albermarle-street, W., London.

JOHN GOSNELL & CO.'S

"CHERRY TOOTH PASTE" greatly excels all other preparations for the Teeth, price 1s. 6d. per pot.

"AGUA AMARELLA" restore the Human Hair to its pristine hue, no matter at what age, price 3s. per bottle.

"TOILET and NURSERY POWDER" beautifully perfumed and guaranteed pure.

ASK FOR

JOHN GOSNELL & CO.'S,

And see that you have none other than their genuine Articles.

Sold by all respectable Chemists and Perfumers.

Wholesale, Angel-passage, 93, Upper Thames-street, London.

RUPTURES—BY ROYAL LETTERS PATENT.
WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS

Is allowed by upwards of 500 Medical Men to be the most effective invention in the curative treatment of HERNIA. The use of a steel spring, so often hurtful in its effects, is here avoided; a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the MOC-MAIN PAD and PATENT LEVER, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected, and may be worn during sleep. A descriptive circular may be had, and the Truss, which cannot fail to fit, forwarded by post, on the circumference of the body, two inches below the hip, being sent to the



MANUFACTURER,

Mr. WHITE, 228, Piccadilly, London.

Price of a Single Truss, 16s., 21s., 26s. 6d., and 31s. 6d. Postage free. " of a Double Truss, 31s. 6d., 42s. and 52s. 6d. Postage free. " of Umbilical Truss, 42s. and 52s. 6d. Postage free. Post Office Orders to be made payable to JOHN WHITE, Post Office Piccadilly.

ELASTIC STOCKINGS, KNEECAPS, &c.

The material of which these are made is recommended by the Faculty as being peculiarly ELASTIC and COMPRESSIBLE and the best invention for giving efficient and permanent support in all cases of WEAKNESS, VARICOSE VEINS, &c. Price 4s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 10s., and 16s. each. Postage free.

SPINAL MACHINES, LEG IRONS,
And Every Description of Surgical Appliances.

JOHN WHITE, Manufacturer, 228, Piccadilly, London.

AROMATIC TINCTURE OF QUINOLINE For the prevention of FEVER, AGUE, and Effects of MALARIA.

An Unfailing Remedy. Those who during the campaign in the Crimea, daily took a small quantity, passed unharmed through the Fever and Dysentery, that thinned the ranks. In Half, Quarter and Pint Bottles. Prepared only by

THOMAS WILKINSON,

270, Regent Street, London, W.

May be had of all leading Firms in India and Colonies.

WILKINSON'S BRONCHIO-THORACIC LOZENGES.

Prepared from the receipt of an Eminent Physician; experience has fully justified their recommendation as the most speedy remedy in irritation of the Throat, Catarrhs, Coughs, Bronchitis, Incipient Consumption, Spitting of Blood, &c. To public speakers and socialists they are invaluable, as they impart a clear and beautiful tone to the voice. Free from opium, and of an agreeable taste. In bottles of one uniform size.

WHITMORE'S STOMACHIC and LIVER PILLS, composed of the Extracts of Dandelion, Turkey

Rhubarb, and Jamaica Ginger. No Pill is so efficacious in promoting Digestion, strengthening the Stomach, correcting Acidity, preventing or removing Headache, Giddiness, &c., arising from Costiveness, Debilitated Stomach, or Torpid Liver. They require no change of Diet, and the most delicate may take them with safety.

Taken as an adjunct with WILKINSON'S

SARSAPARILLA with the greatest success.

In Bottles, Small, Medium and Large. Prepared only by

THOMAS WILKINSON,

270, Regent Street, London, W.

May be had of all leading firms in India and Colonies.

GUIDE TO HEALTH; or ADVICE AND INSTRUCTIONS for THE CURE of NERVOUS, MENTAL, and PHYSICAL DEBILITY, Indigestion, and all diseases of the Nervous System, resulting from exhaustion of Nerve Power.

By DR. HENRY SMITH. GIVES INSTRUCTIONS for the Development and Strengthening of the Human Body, how to Acquire Health and Strength, Secure Long Life, and Avoid the Infirmities of Old Age. Illustrated with Testimonials, with means of Cure used in each case. The pamphlet will be sent free by post to any address on receipt of two penny stamps.

Address, Dr. H. SMITH, 8, Burton-crescent, London, W.C.

GEORGE KENNING, MASONIC PUBLISHER.

One vol. 800 pages 8vo., with an Index, Cloth gilt. Price 10s. 6d.
The History of Freemasonry, from its Origin to the Present Day.

Drawn from the best sources and the most recent investigations.
 By Bro. J. G. FINDEL, Second Edition, revised and preface written by Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, P.M. and P.Z.

Imperial Octavo, bound in cloth, richly ornamented, price £1 11s. 6d.
History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1,
 Embracing an account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland, by Bro. David Murray Lyon, P.M. & P.Z. With Twenty-six Fac-similes of Ancient Statutes, Minutes of various Lodges, Seals, and Orders, &c., and Authentic Portraits and Autographs of Sixty eminent Craftsmen of the past and present time.

Now Ready. Fourth Edition. Price 1s. Post Free 1s. 1d.
Reflected Rays of Light upon Freemasonry; or, the Freemasons' Pocket Compendium.

With an Emblematical Frontispiece. A Hand-Book of the Principles of Freemasonry, and Pocket Vade Mecum and Guide to the various Ceremonies connected with Craft Masonry, so far as the same are allowed to be communicable.

Second Edition. Price 1s., Post Free. Revised and Enlarged.
Freemasonry in Relation to Civil Authority and the Family Circle.

By Bro. CHALMERS I. PATON (Past Master No. 393, England). This work is a perfect handbook of the principles of Freemasonry, founded on the Ancient Charges and Symbols, and will be found to be eminently practical and useful in the vindication and support of the Order.

In the press, will shortly be published. Price 5s. 8vo. handsomely bound.

The Life of Constantine.

Written in Greek, by EUSEBIUS PAMPHILUS (Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine). Done into English from that edition, set forth by VALESIIUS, and printed in Paris in the year 1659. Prefaced by Bros. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Treas. Gen., and the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C. With Engravings of Constantine, the Duke of Sussex, Lord Raneliffé, Earl Beclive, M.P., Sir Frederick Martin Williams, M.P., Bart., &c., &c.

Re-issue. Now Ready. Price 5s. Post Free 5s. 4d.
Masonic Gatherings.

Edited by Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, P.M. Containing Historical Records of Freemasonry from the earliest to the present time, &c., &c.

In the Press, Third Edition. Revised and Enlarged. Price 3s. 6d.
A Full Coloured Illustrated Book of Masonic Clothing and Jewels,
 From Master Mason to the 30th Degree (inclusive).

Now Ready, with Index and Preface, in 12 Imperial Folio Parts, 5s. each, or bound in One Handsome Volume, £3. Handsome Cloth Covers, with Gilt Lines, and Lettered, for Binding (similar to those used for the *Graphic* and *Illustrated News*), price 5s. each.

The Freemasons' Liber Musicus,

Dedicated by expressed permission to H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, Past Grand Master of England and Wales. Edited by DR. WILLIAM SPARK, P.P.G.O., W.Y.—298.

This work contains 215 pp. and 118 Musical Compositions suitable for all the Ceremonies of the Masonic Order; First, Second, and Third Degrees; Consecration and Dedication of Halls and Lodges; Programmes, Toasts, Songs, Trios, Choruses, &c., for Banquets and other Festive Gatherings; Laying Foundation or Corner Stones; Installation; Mark Masonry; Royal Arch; Masonic Funerals; Voluntaries; Marches, &c., &c.

The Grand Lodge Constitutions,

With the Three Charges and the Entered Apprentice's Song, 2s.

Richly Coloured, 9½ by 6, arranged for Pocket, in Book Form, price 7s. 6d.

Craft Tracing Boards.

Larger Sizes in Stock, from 18 by 10 to 40 by 27 inches.

The Freemason.

Vols. I., 4s. 6d.; II., 7s. 6d.; III., 15s.; IV., 15s.; V., 15s.

Now Ready, No. 12 (June). Price 6d. Post Free, 7d. Annual Subscription, including postage: United Kingdom, 7s.; America, 9s. (Payable in advance.)

The Masonic Magazine, a Monthly Digest of Freemasonry in all its Branches.

Now Ready. Price 2s. Post Free 2s. 2d.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1874.

Containing list of Lodges, Chapters, K. T. Preceptories, Red Cross Conclaves, and Grand Councils, with the names of Officers in all parts of the world. The London Meetings of every degree are given in the memorandum space of each day. The Country Lodges appear in towns alphabetically arranged. It also contains the Charge and Entered Apprentice's Song.

Demy 12mo, 208 pages, handsomely bound, price 2s. 6d., post free 2s. 8d.

The Israelites Found in the Anglo-Saxons.

The Ten Tribes supposed to be lost traced from the Land of their Captivity to their occupation of the Isles of the Sea. With an exhibition of those traits of Character and National Characteristics assigned to Israel in the Books of the Hebrew prophets; by Bro. William Carpenter, P.M., P.Z., Author of "Scientia Biblica," "Scripture Natural History," "Guide to the Reading of the Bible," "Lectures on Biblical Criticism and Interpretation," "A Popular Introduction to the Bible," "The Biblical Companion," "Critica Biblica," "Calendarium Palestinæ," "An Introduction to the Reading and Study of the English Bible," and Editor of the fifth large edition of "Calmet's Dictionary of the Bible," and of the Abridgement of the same, etc., etc., etc.

AMERICAN.

With Illustrations, Price 38s., 42s., and 46s.

An Encyclopædia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences,
 Comprising the whole range of Arts, Sciences, and Literature, as connected with the Institution. By Bro. Albert G. Mackay, M.D., author of "Lexicon of Freemasonry," "A Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence," "Symbolism of Freemasonry," &c., &c.

Rituals of Freemasonry,

Comprising the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, in the Lodge. Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch, and the Order of High Priesthood, in the Chapter. Royal Master, Select Master, and Super-Excellent Master in the Council. Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta in the Commandery. Together with the Ceremonies of Dedication, Consecration, and Installation of Officers in the several branches of the Order. 18s. 8d.

Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter,

A complete Monitor for Royal Arch Masonry. With full instructions in the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, &c. According to the Manual of the Chapter, together with an historical introduction, explanatory notes, and critical emendations. 6s. 9d.

The Royal Arch Companion,

A Manual of Royal Arch Masonry. Containing monitorial instructions, together with the ceremonies of Constituting and Dedicating Chapters and Installing Officers. 4s. 6d.

The Origin and Early History of Masonry,

Containing various responses to the question, "What is Masonry?" the true aim, purport, and mission of the same. 4s. 6d.

Masonic Trials,

A Treatise upon the Law and Practice of Masonic Trials in the Lodge, Chapter, &c., with forms and precedents. Containing also the Constitutions and Edicts of the General Grand Bodies; the Ancient Landmarks; Ancient Constitutions, Charges, and Regulations, and an appendix of general forms, 7s. 6d.

Masonic Law and Practice,

With forms, &c. 5s.

OFFICE, 198, FLEET-ST., LONDON, E.C.