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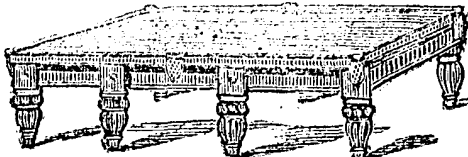
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Bobby, P.S.G.W., in the chair of W.M.; A.D. George, S.W.; J. Wright, acting J.W.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg., M.C.; F. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D.; N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W.; and S. B. King, P.P.G.S.D., of the Perfect Friendship Lodge; G. Cresswell, W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge; and others. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Tracy, in the absence of the popular W.M., Bro. Peter de Lande Long, at the request of the acting Master assumed the gavel, and passed Bro. Casley to the second degree in his usual able manner, Bro. Cornell presenting the working tools. Bro. Emra Holmes gave notice that at the next regular lodge he should move that the fee should be £5 5s. for initiation instead of £4 4s., as at present. Previous to 1830, the higher sum had been charged, and it was only subsequent to that date that it had been lowered to its present figure. Bro. Emra Holmes also gave notice that he should bring the question of a salaried Organist before the lodge at the next meeting. He thought if that officer were adequately remunerated, the addition of music to the ceremonies would greatly add to their effect. Bro. George cordially supported the motion. At refreshment Bro. Holmes called attention to the circular issued by Bro. Kenning, relative to the picture of the building of King Solomon's Temple, which it is proposed to purchase by subscription and present to Grand Lodge. Several copies of the well-known poem on the same subject, published by our able Bro. Markham Tweddell, were also disposed of, and the proceeds given to the Benevolent Box. Bro. Tracy brought before the lodge the project of a Masonic library, first mooted in the Perfect Friendship Lodge, which had already a considerable number of books to form the nucleus of a good library. The matter was referred to a small committee. A very agreeable evening, under the presidency of Bro. Cornell, was spent by the brethren.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—*Harbour of Refuge Lodge* (No. 746).—On the 9th inst. in presence of an influential gathering of Masons, many from distant lodges, the installation of the W.M. of this Lodge of Freemasons took place at the Masonic Hall, Upper Church-street, West Hartlepool. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Thompson Pearson, was installed by Bro. Gourley, F.M., and at the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed the following officers:—Bro. Chas. T. Casebourne, S.W.; Bro. W.T. Tait, J.W.; the Rev. John Rudd, Chaplain; Bro. Harpley, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Geo. Paxton, Secretary; Bro. Jos. Mellanby, S.D.; Bro. J. Tweedy, J.D.; Bro.

F. Cowper, I.G.; and Bro. W. Atkinson, Tyler. The customary banquet was held the same evening at the Royal Hotel, and was numerously attended by members of the Order belonging to distant lodges, the W.M. presiding.

LIVERPOOL.—*Croxteth United Service Lodge*, (No. 786).—The annual meeting, for installation purposes, of the brethren of the Croxteth United Service Lodge, No. 786, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., and as there were two features of special interest in connection with the gathering, the brethren who were present experienced all the greater pleasure. The first arose from the fact that this was the first installation which has been held in the new building, which is not yet quite complete, and the second from the fact that Bro. G. G. Stopford Taylor, the W.M. elect, was installed by his father, Bro. Councillor Dr. J. Stopford Taylor, a worthy and much esteemed P.M. of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, who previously had had the privilege of initiating and subsequently raising his son a few years ago. The presence of Bro. Councillor Taylor, for such a purpose, on this occasion, was an expressive evidence of the value and genuine merits of Freemasonry, and as it is very rarely the privilege of brethren to see a father installing his son, whose brother he is, all the greater importance attached to the meeting, which was largely and influentially attended. The lodge was opened about 5 o'clock by Bro. Capt. W. J. Newman, W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. L. Blundell, P.M., S.W.; G. G. Stopford Taylor, J.W.; W. B. Caw, Secretary; J. B. Wallace, Treas.; W. H. Holt, J.D.; G. Owen, P.M., P.G.S.; J. A. Coulter, P.M.; and P. Ball, acting Tyler. Amongst the members were Bros. W. Tomkinson, H. A. Lawton, J. Dale, J. Bunting, H. Tomkinson, E. W. Parnell, and J. W. Wright, and the list of visitors included the names of Bros. Dr. Taylor, P.M. 823; J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P. Prov. S.G.D.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; Dr. S. Kisch, 216; B. Williams, 216; A. Stephen, P. Prov. G.S.D. (Cheshire); W. Hughes, P.M. 1013; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; R. Croft, 673; W. J. Chapman, 667; T. Platt, P. Prov. G.S.D. (Cheshire); R. Collinson, 1305; J. Galloway, 113; J. B. Mac Kenzie, 1356; T. H. Ward, W.M. 1276; W. G. Venle, Org. 1356; H. Price, 1393; J. C. Minclair, 1393; and others. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Dr. Francis J. Bailey, assistant surgeon of the 80th L.R.V., was duly and impressively installed by the W.M. Bro. P.M. Taylor then took the chair, and proceeded to instal his son, Bro. G. G. Stopford Taylor, into the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being very effectively and efficiently performed. The W.M. subsequently invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Captain W. J. Newman, I.P.M.; W. B. Carr, S.W.; W. H. Holt, J.W.; J. B. Wallace, Treasurer (re-elected by acclamation); W. H. Tyerman, Secretary; G. W. Parnell, S.D.; W. Tomkinson, J.D.; Dr. H. A. Lawton, I.G.; and J. A. Coulter, P.M., D.C. Bro. Neville was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. The brethren then "ceased labour" and retired to a most *recherché* banquet in the old lodge-room, where the newly chaired W.M. was supported by a good muster of the fraternity. During the evening, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a most business-like manner, which augurs favourably for his year's Masonic reign. The toast of "The Rulers," was acknowledged by Bro. Platt, P.P.J.G.D. (Cheshire), and Bro. G. Owen, P.M., P.G.S. (West Lancashire). The W.M.'s health was given by Bro. Newman, I.P.M., in terse and pointed terms, and acknowledged in an excellent manner by the W.M. Bro. P.M. Blundell proposed "The I.P.M.," who suitably responded, referring with pleasure to the great harmony and good feeling which had obtained during his year of office. Bro. P.M. Owen gave "The Health of the Installing Master," who, in reply, spoke of the pride and pleasure he had experienced that day in installing his son into the chair of W.M. There was something true and noble in Masonry, else he would not have occupied the position he had held that day. The more he (Bro. Dr. Taylor)

saw of Masonry, the more he felt that the man who acted up to its principles, would be better in heart and conscience. The W.M. then gave "The New Initiate," which was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Bailey. "The Officers" was then responded to by the whole staff, and "The Visitors," by Bros. Hughes, Leslie, and Kisch. The lodge was then resumed, and after several propositions for initiation, and hearty good wishes from a number of visitors, the proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour.

WALTHAM CROSS.—*Gresham Lodge* (867).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Waltham Cross, on Saturday, the 13th instant, the W.M., Bro. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.P.G.S.B., in the chair, assisted by his officers, all of whom were in their places. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, with the exception of that part relative to the election of Treasurer (in order to take the office of J.W.). The ballot was then taken for Mr. A. Powel, of Wood-street, E.C., as a candidate for initiation, which proving unanimous, the W.M. proceeded to initiate him into the mysteries of the Order. It was then announced that the R.W. Grand Master of the Province desired admission. Bros. Past Masters, Forsyth, Gompertz, and Bruce were, therefore, deputed by the W.M. to escort him to the lodge, who, on his arrival, with Bros. O. H. Wagner, P.G. J.W.; and Wilson Iles, P.G. Secretary, was saluted with the usual honours observed on such occasions. The lodge having been opened in the 2nd degree, Bro. the Rev. Charles Mayo was examined as to his proficiency in the art, which proved satisfactory. He accordingly retired, when the lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and the ceremony of raising him was worked by Past Master Gompertz in an impressive manner. The chair being resumed by the W.M., Bro. J. Copestick, W.M. elect, was presented for installation, which ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner. The newly installed W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint his officers for the year as follows—Bros. A. C. Wylie, J.W.; J. E. Grotcott, J.W.; Rev. C. Mayo, Chaplain; T. D. R. Copestick, Treasurer; W. E. Gompertz, Secretary; Etherington, S.D.; Pottle, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Stephens, D.; Perry, Steward; after which the Installing Master gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren in a manner that called forth a general expression of approval. The Master, in the chair, then presented the immediate P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, as a small token of the esteem in which they held him, and in appreciation of his services during his year of office. After the usual routine business, propositions, &c., the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, served up by mine host, Bro. Hunt, and presided over by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Copestick, supported on the right by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, P.S. Grand Warden; the P. G. Secretary, and Bro. J. B. Scriven, F. G. Steward, and the Past Masters of the lodge on the left. Justice having been done to the good things provided, and the cloth removed, the W.M. proved his fitness for the position by the animated way in which he proposed the various toasts of the evening. That of "The Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. Scriven, P.G.S. "The Health of the P.G.M., the R. W. Bro. Thomas Halsey, M.P." was received most heartily, and after the enthusiasm had subsided, the Grand Master rose to acknowledge the compliment and return thanks. He said he congratulated the brethren on the very efficient manner in which the several officers had performed their duties in the lodge, and of his satisfaction at the position of the various lodges in the Province, as far as he had been able to visit them, and he felt that although the number was small, yet for efficiency and usefulness, he was sure they would bear comparison with many older and larger provinces. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received him, and hoped to often have the pleasure of meeting them in time to come. In response to the toast of the Deputy

P. Grand Master, who had written to excuse his absence, being engaged at the London Orphan Asylum, Bro. Hes, the P.G. Secretary, replied, assuring the brethren that so long as he had the honour to preside over the official duties of the Province, he should do so with all promptitude and courtesy possible, at the same time he wished to thank the Secretaries of the various lodges for the assistance they had afforded him by the prompt manner in which they had replied to his communications. The "Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the Provincial Grand Master in very complimentary terms, and responded to heartily by the brethren. Bro. Copstick, in replying, assured the P.G.M. and brethren it should be his study to promote the prosperity of the lodge, and the happiness of the brethren, to the utmost of his power. The "Health of The Immediate P.M." was proposed by Bro. Past Master Barnes in very warm and eulogistic terms, and Bro. Copstick, in replying, thanked the brethren for their unanimous expression of approval, and instanced the cordial good feeling that had hitherto existed in the lodge by the fact that the W.M., the present S.W., and himself, were initiated together, and had had the honour during the past year of filling the three principal offices, having followed each other in unbroken succession. Before resuming his seat, he wished to propose the health of the officers, and in doing so, thanked them for the assistance they had rendered him during his term of office, and to express his conviction that they would render to his successor the same firm support so me sure in the well governing of the lodge. Bro. Gomeriz, the Secretary, in responding, presented a history of the lodge, by which it appeared it had been in existence thirteen years, during which time sixty-three brethren had been initiated, seven of whom had passed the chair, and still remain members, the number of which at present were thirty-three. All the Past Masters had served as Stewards to one or other of the Charities, and a large portion of its members are Life Governors or sub-officers, the lodge being in addition annual subscribers to each. Further, by a Club inaugurated by Bro. F. D. R. Copstick, seven life subscriptions had been purchased, and he believed there were funds in hand to purchase two more, a circumstance of which the brethren might justly feel proud. Several capital songs were sung, and the band of the 1st Middlesex played some choice selections during the evening. Amongst the visitors, were the W. Bro. W. Thomas, Hulkey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master W. Bro. O. H. Wagner, Prov. G.S.W.; W. Bro. Wilson Hes, Prov. G. Secretary; W. Bro. Seilven P.M., Lodge No. 5, Past Grand Steward; Bro. James Death, Lodge 135; Bro. Jackson, Lodge 1475, &c.

WELCHPOOL.—*Welchpool Lodge* (No. 995) held its first meeting since the installation of the new Master, on Friday, the 6th inst., the W. Bro. William Callender in the chair of K.S. There were also present:—Bro. Goldsbrough, P.M., P.P.G.P., North Wales; H. Muggeridge, P.M., 192, P.G. Standard Bearer, England; D. P. Owen, P.M., P.P.G.P., North Wales; W. Selby, P.M., and Thos. J. Reable, W.M., J.W.; MacGillivray, Graham Brown, R. L. Morris, Danby, Morgan, Jones, Barnard, and others. The W.M. opened the lodge, and on the confirmation of the minutes, the ball was taken for Mr. J. Anderson, a candidate for initiation, who on being introduced, was duly initiated into Masonry by Bro. Muggeridge, to whom the W.M. graciously yielded his chair for the occasion. Bro. Goldsbrough stated that he had been honoured and entranced by the lodge with the performance of a duty which was highly gratifying to himself, namely, that of proposing to the Worthy and Worthy Bro. Withy, a very handsome Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted him by the lodge as a small but very significant token of the high regard, fraternal affection, and esteem in which he was held by every member of the lodge. "It has been my happiness," said Bro. Goldsbrough, "to have been on very intimately acquainted with Bro. William Withy for upwards of thirty years, and the longer I have known him, the more have I regarded him as the true, sincere, and

kind friend." (Addressing Bro. Withy), "On behalf of the Welchpool Lodge, I have great, very great pleasure in placing this jewel upon your breast; it is not only a mark of the high estimation in which your services are held as a Past Master and the Treasurer of this lodge, but it is a token of our sincere regard, fraternal affection, and esteem. Very long may your life be spared to wear this handsome and well-merited testimonial on your breast." Bro. Withy having expressed his thanks to the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and the kind manner in which Bro. Goldsbrough had spoken of him. Bro. Muggeridge, at the request of the W.M. and the brethren, delivered a lecture upon the first lodge board, which was listened to with profound interest and pleasure. Bro. D. P. Owen then eloquently expatiated upon the brightest ornament of Freemasonry, and proposed that the sum of five guineas be given from the funds of the lodge, (which he observed were in a very prosperous state), as a donation to the Girls' School. Bro. Goldsbrough seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Goldsbrough proposed that the donation from the lodge to the Girls' School should be made in the name of Bro. D. P. Owen, whose services to the lodge had been continuous almost from the day of his initiation, and it would mark, though in a very slight degree, the estimation in which those services were held by the members of the lodge. This proposition was duly seconded and carried unanimously. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, accepting the hospitable invitation of Bro. D. P. Owen (Mayor of the town), partook of refreshments at the residence of his Worship.

Royal Arch.

OLD UNION CHAPTER.—The installation meeting of this distinguished chapter took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., and was numerously attended. Among those present were Ex. Comps. R. W. Williams, M.D., M.E.Z.; W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., H.; John H. Paal, M.D., J.; A. Holman, P.Z.; H. Dumas, P.Z.; Saul Isaac, M.P., P.Z.; Samuel Isaac, P.Z.; Stevenson, Scribe E.; G. B. Foster, Ibbetson, P.S.; Rooke, and others. The visitors were E. Comps. Greenwood, P.Z.; Thomas, (South Wales) P.Z.; Goldsbrough, M.D., P.Z. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, the companion below the rank of Installed First Principal retired, and Comp. Bulkeley Hughes, being presented by Comp. Saul Isaac, was duly installed as the M.E.Z. Comp. Saul was re-admitted, and installed into the second chair, after which Comp. Richards was admitted and installed as J. for the ensuing year. The following officers were then invested: Comp. Williams as the I.P.Z.; Stevenson, S. E.; Ibbetson, as P.S.; Rooke, as 1st. Asst. In. Comp. Saul Isaac informed the chapter of the highly satisfactory results of the efforts which he, in conjunction with Comp. Dumas, had made for the distressed widow of a late esteemed companion of the chapter, and which would place the widow in comparatively easy circumstances. The business of the Chapter being concluded, the companions partook of an excellent dinner, (à la Russe), the menu of which was provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings. After the banquet the customaryasonic observances and toasts were duly performed. E. Comps. Holman and Dumas returned thanks for the chairs of the Grand Chs., to E. Comp. R. W. Williams, I.P.Z., in complimentary terms proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." and observed what the companions had seen of the work of the M.E.Z. in the Chapter that evening, and the good fellowship he displayed towards the companions was highly satisfactory to them all. The M.E.Z. in reply said:—"I should be unworthy of the position in which I stand as your principal officer of the Chapter, if I did not acknowledge with deep gratitude the kind feeling which you have evinced on this occasion. I assure you that when I entered this chapter, of which I was

then proud (and of which I am now prouder still), I little expected I should hold the very high position of your principal officer, but much allowance must be made for the friendship of the companions, especially of the Immediate P.Z., and some other companions present. I little deserve that kindness and the encomiums passed upon me; however, to respond to your kindness, I assure you no honour conferred upon me has equalled that which you have done me this evening. By future actions and by strict adherence to my duties, I trust I may so conduct myself in continuing to promote and study the prosperity of your chapter as to do honour to myself and justice to you for the honour you have conferred upon me. I little expected at the time when I was exalted by my revered friends on my right and on my left, that I should be in the proud position I now hold in this chapter. It has so pleased you I should preside over your destinies, and I trust you will never see me wanting, and that you will always find me diligent in my duties so far as I (consistently) am able. I think the time has arrived when I should say a word or two of commendation of our excellent companion who preceded me in this chair, and the next toast I have to propose to you is the health of that man to whom this chapter owes much, very much, and to whom I owe a great deal, (not for what he said of myself this evening, which, from friendly prejudice is not deserving of being recollected) but for what he, as the M.E.Z. so sedulously did for this chapter. He raised himself to that position to which your kindness has elevated me. I know that he has had many laborious duties to encounter, but he has not forgotten the Old Union Chapter, and he has done good service by having been the M.E.Z. Permit me to ask you to drink his health with that energy and cordiality, that kindness, and friendship with which I do, and may he continue to serve this chapter and the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, for very many years. Let me ask you to drink, with honours, the Health of the Immediate Past Z., Comp. Williams, and thanks from myself personally and from the Chapter. M. E. Comp. Williams, the I.P.Z., having replied, the M.E.Z. said the next toast was one which should have special notice, it is "The Health of the Past Principals of the Chapter," in giving which we do honour to ourselves, and to the chapter to which we belong, and it will afford you a gratification that we particularise one individual among them, who on a recent occasion portrayed to us the facts of a singularly distressing case of a widow, which, I am sure, enlisted the sympathies of all those companions who were present. I allude to the case of the widow of Comp. * * * which was taken up con amore by one of our companions now present, and I have now the opportunity of telling him that individually I thank him for the service he has rendered to that poor creature, who is now in those easy circumstances which we all desire she should be. In giving you the "The Health of the Past Principals of this Chapter," I call upon you to thank Companion Isaac for that work of charity and good feeling in which he has been so successful. Comp. Isaac:—Most Excellent, I may tell you that the Past Principals have always been upholders of this Constitution and of everything they could do to enhance the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry for many years. I may tell you, Sir, that it was my good fortune to be introduced into this chapter by a companion twenty-seven years ago; since then I have felt the example set me by my Past Principals, than whom a better set of men never stepped in shoe-leather, good men, good Masons, and particularly good Royal Arch Masons. You have complimented me for what I do not deserve, for Comp. Dumas obtained £250 from the Grand Lodge, and my Companion Stevens, our Companion Bradford (with his cheerful face) all have contributed to the assistance of the widow. I am particularly grateful for what you said for the Past Principals of the chapter. As regards charity, it is our first duty to assist the widow and the orphan, we have assisted the widow and brought in two others. It is an unprecedented thing here, to rise to any toast, old people are unable to rise, but we rise on this occasion in honour to you. We feel very deeply indebted to

you, sir for your kind mention and for proposing our health. Comp. Holman, P.Z., begged that he might supplement the observations of Comp. Isaac, who would not acknowledge his own good deeds, and reminded the members of this chapter that they were indebted to him for the three very handsome Principals' chairs he had presented to the chapter. The M.E.Z.:—A toast now comes round to me which I know all will do honour to, one to which is always accorded deep and great consideration on every occasion, whether it be in Royal Arch or Craft Masonry, or in any other institution, and it is one in which we ought to unite on every occasion; the toast is the "Health of the Visitors," who have done us the honour to be with us this evening, and whom we shall be only too proud to ask again and again to come here. We have received them with that genial feeling, cordiality and unity, which should always exist among Masons. The visitors this evening are Companions Past Principals Goldsbrough, Greenwood, and Thomas. Comps. Goldsbrough, Greenwood and Thomas, having respectively replied, Comp. Rhys Williams, P.Z., said, I beg permission to propose "The Health of Comp. Saul Isaacs," under whom I had the pleasure of working as a junior member of the chapter. I have only to give the name of Saul Isaacs to ensure the reception of the toast. The Town of Nottingham has chosen him as the most fitting person as its representative in parliament, and has done honour not only to him, but to the Old Union Chapter also, and though the Most Excellent is on one side, and Comp. Isaac on the other, here they have but one Masonic feeling. I can assure Comp. Saul Isaac, that I have sincere pleasure in proposing his health, and that I have regretted his absence on many accounts, especially that on occasioned by his heavy domestic affliction. I call upon you to stand to the toast. Comp. Saul Isaacs replied:—I feel somewhat incapable of responding to the toast proposed by the Immediate P.Z. For the kind sympathy you have expressed towards me, I feel deeply grateful, but I am more indebted to the past services of my brother for the estimation in which the name is held in this chapter. I cannot lose sight of the expression of sympathy with me on the grave sorrow that has fallen on me; no particular or public duty took me from your meetings, your expression of sympathy in the chapter towards myself, in my seclusion, under the affliction laid upon me; by the Almighty, I shall long cherish in my mind, and the consideration you had for me, and for that dear boy, in the hour of my sorrow and affliction. The M.E.Z., proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," and complimented Comp. Ibbetson on the admirable way in which he had responded. Comp. Ibbetson, P.S., returned thanks for the officers. The M.E.Z. said: "Whatever I have been remiss in this evening, I trust you will excuse. On this occasion I admit I have been, as to the order of the toasts; I have omitted one which ought to have come from me earlier in the evening, one which it will always be my pleasure, as it is my duty, on this occasion, to propose to you, and which I must admit has been a great dereliction in not having proposed earlier; we acknowledge the great services of the companion who is the mainstay of our chapter, and we all lament the absence of Comp. Bradford. I would say, not in disparagement of that toast, I am quite sure that this toast will give as great pleasure to you as any that has preceded it. The companion whose name I shall mention is one to whom we are greatly indebted, and one for whom we have great esteem and regard, I allude to Comp. Stevenson, and I acknowledge my fault in not earlier drinking his health. His gentlemanly feeling will excuse me for not bringing his name earlier before you. Nothing could enhance the sentiments of high regard with which I estimate this chapter, with which is identified my excellent Comp. Stevenson; may he long continue a member of it. It is his own fault that he has not occupied that eminence to which you have done me the honour to raise me. Comp. Stevenson, Scribe E., in reply said; I regret extremely the absence of Bro. Bradford, my privileged associate for the last eight or nine years, and I regret that the Most Excellent has thought

proper to apologise for the late introduction of my name; my name has been introduced quite as soon as it ought. Without affectation I was say that the duties which I render are comparatively small. I return you my warmest thanks. The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening.

WHITHEAVEN.—*The Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter* (No. 119).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, June 9th, at 7 o'clock in the afternoon. The Principals, Comps. Kenworthy, Z.; Barr, H.; and Fearon, J.; were supported by an unusually large number of companions. Visitor, E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B. The chapter having been opened by the Principals the remainder of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed; the ballot was then taken for ten brethren regularly proposed, all of which were accepted. On the installation of the M.E.Z. Comp. John Bowes took the principal chair, and the following seven brethren were severally admitted and exalted in ample form viz., Bros. Tickle, Piddale, Isham, Cream, Paitson, Rev. W. Breby, and Dr. Hearn. The lectures were given by Comps. Fearon, J. Barr, H.; and Bowes, acting Z. On the conclusion of the ceremony M. E. Comp. Kenworthy, M.E.Z., proposed that the best thanks of the chapter be given to E. Comp. Bowes, P.Z. for his ready and valuable assistance on the occasion, and that the same be entered on the minutes of the proceedings. The motion was seconded by Comp. Fearon, and carried by acclamation, and Comp. Bowes made a suitable acknowledgment. Several brethren were then proposed, and after some routine business the chapter was closed, and the companions retired to the refreshment room, where the usual toasts were proposed, honoured and responded to.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Rising Sun Inn, Churchgate, Bolton, on 9th June. Amongst others present were Comps. Thomas Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; as Z.; Thomas Wilson, H.; James Horrocks, J.; Robert Harwood, P.Z. P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; James Newton, P.Z.; John Brandwood, P.Z.; Thomas Chambers, P.Z.; and others. The chapter having been opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of installation of Principals and investiture of officers was performed by Comp. Entwistle, as follows:—Comps. Thomas Wilson, Z.; James Horrocks, H.; Robert Harwood, J.; Thomas Chambers, E.; Henry Ainsworth, N.; Robert Glister, Principal Soj.; Charles Walker, Janitor. The chapter was then duly closed.

WELCHPOOL.—*Welchpool Chapter* (No. 998).—The anniversary meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 4th inst. Among those present were:—E. Comps. Goldsbrough, M.E.Z.; D. P. Owen, H.; W. H. Spaul, J.; H. Muggeridge, P.Z., P.G. Standard Bearer, England; J. Onions, P.Z.; Hyde, P.Z. Comps. W. Withy, W. Callender, Sides, Davies, Graham, Brown, Kemble, Williams, R. S. Morris, Barnard, and others. This being the installation meeting, a conclave of Installed Principals was formed, and Comp. D. P. Owen (presented by Comp. Henry Muggeridge) was installed by Comp. Goldsbrough as First Principal for the ensuing year. Comp. Spaul was then presented to the newly installed M.E.Z., by whom he was ably inducted into the second chair, after which Comp. Withy was placed in the chair of J., by the immediate P.Z. The following were invested as officers:—Comps. Goldsbrough, I.P.Z.; W. Callender, Scribe M.; R. P. Morris, Scribe E.; Spaul, P.S. The M.E.Z. proposed that the best thanks of the chapter be voted to Comp. Goldsbrough, the immediate P.Z., for his valuable services to the chapter from the day of its consecration, and that the same be recorded on the minutes of the chapter. One of the highest privileges conferred by Freemasonry (observed the M.E.Z.) was the close and firm friendships formed amongst its members; when the formation of a chapter was contemplated, I felt that I was almost pressing too much upon the kindness of

Comp. Goldsbrough, by asking him to be the first Z., but whenever Welchpool has required his services, he has always been to him, within the length of a cable tow, proving how closely Freemasonry binds its members together, he has been always ready. His services in Freemasonry are a matter of history in England as well as in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, where his name is a household word, and I have much pleasure in moving also that the chapter do present to Comp. Goldsbrough a Past First Principal's Jewel, as a small token of the regard and esteem of the members of this chapter, as well as to mark our high sense of his services and country. Comp. Spaul, H., in seconding the proposition of the M.E.Z., said, I cheerfully confirm all that Comp. Owen has said with regard to Comp. Goldsbrough, whom, in other councils, I have always found ready. Whenever his services are required, he comes. I don't know how far, from the extreme end of England, to render us services in this province, and I am sure, it is a source of pleasure to the companions to express their gratification at the proposition of the Most Excellent Z. The M.E.Z. expressed the regret which he felt, in conjunction with the other members of the chapter, at the absence of the Ex. Comp. George Arthur Brown, whom circumstances, of family affliction, had prevented attending, but who had said "If, at the last moment, you should want me, wire me, and I will come." I asked Companions Onions and Hyde to come, they both promised to be here, and they are here; and I did not send to Comp. Brown. Comp. Muggeridge consecrated our lodge some ten years ago, and we have the pleasure of seeing him at our first anniversary of the chapter. Our companions come from a distance, especially Comp. Muggeridge, who has come from London, and I may tell you, that had they not made up the number of Installed First Principals, our meeting, so far as the installation was concerned, would have been in vain. I move "That the thanks of this chapter be given to Comps. Muggeridge, Onions, and Hyde for their great kindness in coming here to-day," and I hope, when another anniversary comes round, to see their genial faces again. Comp. Withy, J., seconded the proposition, which was cordially carried. Comps. Muggeridge, Onions, and Hyde acknowledged the compliment paid them by the chapter, and expressed the gratification they felt in having been elected honorary members of the chapter. The chapter was then closed, and the members partook of a well served banquet. The customary toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and warmly responded to. In proposing "The Health of the Marquess of Ripon," Comp. Owen said—Very few words are required when it is so well known that Lord Ripon, as one of the most active members of Government, scarcely ever failed in his attendance in the Grand Lodge; it is saying a great deal for a man in his high position. I am a great admirer of the man who, when he puts his hand to the plough does not draw back. When we consider the example set us by Lord Ripon, Carnarvon, De Tabley, and other dignitaries in Masonry, it only shows how little sacrifice we make for our chapters. We all promise to do what we can within the length of our cable, but I am very much afraid that vain excuses are sometimes made. In proposing the healths of Lords Carnarvon, De Tabley, and the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, the M.E.Z. said.—We are honoured this evening with the presence of one of the past officers, Comp. Henry Muggeridge, P.G.S.B. It is extremely gratifying to us so to see his nice genial face again amongst us, I do not think we ought to drink his health, except as a distinct toast, and I only do so because to have time, as some of our companions have to leave by train. Though I have but little knowledge of the Grand Officers generally, I know a great deal of him, when we consider the number of years he has devoted to Masonry, he is like an evergreen, and seems to put out new leaves every time we see him. It is a great pleasure to me to see him here on the evening of my installation, and it is very kind of him to come amongst us again. I give you "The Health of the Officers of the Grand Chapter, and couple therewith the name of Comp. Muggeridge, and

thanks to him for his presence here this evening." Comp. Muggeridge, in reply said—On behalf of the officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, allow me to return my very sincere thanks, for the very kind manner in which you have recognised my name. I assure you I have very great pleasure in coming to this chapter this evening, I had the honour of consecrating the Welchpool Lodge, and of visiting the lodge on its first anniversary, when Bro. Dr. Goldsbrough was re-elected their Master for the second year, and, if I remember aright, I came on a third occasion, I can assure you I felt very much pleased when Comp. Goldsbrough intimated to me that you had done me the honour of electing me an honorary member of this chapter, which I appreciate very highly, I beg again to thank you for the very kind reception you have given me. Comp. Goldsbrough, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," dwelling in terms of praise upon the services which Comp. Owen had rendered not only to Free masonry from the time when he became a member of the Craft, but also those which he had as the chief magistrate of his native town, he being the originator and mainspring of a work of great public utility in operative Masonry, namely, the rebuilding of the Town Hall, which would be a lasting memento of his mayoralty, and an ornament to the town. The M.E.Z., in reply said—I am extremely obliged for the eulogistic remarks, which excellent Comp. Goldsbrough has thought fit to make in proposing my health. Anything I can do for this chapter, I always do with pleasure; those who know me thoroughly well know that what I say is sincere. I little thought some ten years ago, that I should see myself at the head of Masonry in the lodge, much less did I think I should go further, and reach that proud position in the chapter. Some years ago it was in contemplation to form a chapter here, and when the subject was again mooted I had only to copy the former proceedings of the lodge, and it is now accomplished. As regards my Masonic career, I may say it has been one of unmitigated pleasure. I thank the companions for their kindness to me, and hope that no action of mine will ever warrant their distrust of me. The M.E.Z. said: Companions, I am going to ask you to drink the health of the Past Principals of the chapter, and when I tell you that at present we can only couple Comp. Goldsbrough with the toast, it is sufficient to recommend it to your hands. I hardly know how to put the toast to you, because his name and Masonic career is not confined to this province, but may be said to extend almost over the whole of the dominions of the Grand Chapter. I think I am not very far wrong in saying that at the very time when he was the W.M. of the Welchpool Lodge, each of his brothers was presiding as W.M., one in New Zealand and the other in Australia; within this province his name is a household word, and no Provincial Grand Lodge seems complete if he has not answered to the muster. We never seem complete here if he is not amongst us. Our last anniversary was a blank without him, and I hope it will be the last of his being absent. It was not his own fault, he follows a profession in which his time is not his own. We have to thank him much for his valuable services to this chapter; may he be spared many years with health and faculties unimpaired. Comp. Goldsbrough having returned thanks, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Healths of E. Comps. Spaul and Withy," the Second and Third Principals, and said, Royal Arch Masonry has thought fit to join two others in the government of the chapter; a very good idea; they have the means of checking the exuberance of the First Principal, or the reverse, by keeping him up to his work. As to E. Comp. H., his labours are well known, he has taken upon himself the responsibility of Provincial Grand Secretary, and I am extremely pleased; the first document he issued showed his determination to carry out his duties, and we shall see, he will do so. The late Bro. Wigan devoted his best energies to the interests of the province, still a young member, he does a deal of good; and I predict a new reign of law, and that we are going to be looked up. Our Comp. Withy is well known as one of the Past Masters,

and as the Treasurer of our lodge, and under his kind care and protecting nursing we have increased our balance at the bank, and I hope we shall soon take a proper position in supporting the charities as we ought to do. Comps. Spaul and Withy having respectively returned thanks, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," to which Comp. Scribe N. replied.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Saturday last, the 13th inst., and was well attended. The W.M., Bro. Arthur Wolton, Prov. Grand Senior Overseer, was supported by the V. W. Brethren, Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Secretary; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., and Grand Secretary for the Province; and Charles Hamerton, P. Prov. G. Secretary, Past Masters of the lodge. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Worrell, P.P.G. Organist, was in the west, and amongst other brethren present were Bros. Robert Berridge, J.W.; North Ritherdon, J.O.; Edward Moody, S.D.; Edgar Drewett, J.D.; W. P. Collins, I.G.; Frederick J. Cozens, Org.; N. F. Basnett, Steward; also Bros. George Motion, G. Yaxley, J. Close, J. K. Pitt, Dennis, Chard, Wohlgenuth, O'Neill, Bell, &c., &c.

The business of the lodge on this occasion admitting only of discussion of several motions, in addition to the ceremony of installation, the numerous candidates for advancement were not summoned to be present. They were, however, balloted for, and approved of, and an early Emergency Lodge is to be called for the special purpose of admitting them to the honourable degree. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting, which contained important resolutions, were unanimously confirmed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Worrell, was presented to the W. Bro. T. Meggy as Installing Master, and was duly installed into the chair of H. in a manner so perfect as to call forth the well-deserved acknowledgements of Bro. Meggy's services. The following members were appointed and invested as officers of the ensuing year, viz.:—Bro. Robert Berridge, S.W.; Bro. Thomas W. White, J.W.; Bro. North Ritherdon, Prov. G. Sup. Works, S.O.; Bro. Edward Moody, Prov. G. Std. Bearer, S.O.; Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., Treasurer; Bro. Charles Hamerton, Z. Prov. G. Secretary; Bro. W. Wigginton, Registrar; Bro. Edgar Drewett, S.D.; Bro. W. P. Collins, Prov. P. Steward, J.D.; Bro. W. J. F. Basnett, Prov. G. Steward, D.C.; Bro. Frederick J. Cozens, Prov. G. Organist, I.G.; Bro. John Dennis, Organist; Bro. George Huxley, W.S.; Bro. George Motion, C.S.; Bro. W. Grant, Tyler. The notice of motion which stood in the name of the newly installed Master, "That the lodge be removed from the present place of meeting," was then discussed, and after many expressions of regret that such removal was rendered a necessity, it was unanimously agreed to change the place of meeting. On the question as to the selection of a future habitation, several brethren were heard, and the respective merits of sundry localities were canvassed. Bro. Stevens advocated the removal to the new Surrey Masonic Hall, now in course of erection, and was warmly supported, but it being proved that the individual convenience of a large majority of the members would be best studied by selecting a place of meeting in the City, it was at length unanimously resolved to remove the lodge to the Masons' Tavern, near the Guildhall, where from this date its meetings will be held. The lodge having been closed with musical service, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and, on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. To that of "The Grand Officers" a hearty response was given by the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, who enlarged on the considerable progress of the Order under late and present rule; and that of "Provincial Grand Lodges" was responded to by the V.W. Bro.

Stevens. The W.M., in responding to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," referred to the gratifying circumstance that he found himself now in the proud position of occupying at the same time the principal chairs respectively of his Mother Craft Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, and Mark Lodge, and trusted that his earnest desire to fulfil the duties which had now devolved upon him would be crowned with success. He concluded a very powerful address by proposing the health of the "Past Masters of the Lodge," and at the same time decorating the I.P.M., Bro. Wolton, with a P.M. jewel, and expressing his obligations to the V.W. Bro. Meggy, as Installing Master on this occasion. The toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund" was spoken to by Bros. Meggy and Binckes, whose eloquent speeches induced Bro. N. Basnett to undertake the representation of the lodge at the ensuing festival, and the brethren at once to place on their Stewards' list the nucleus of which will probably be a handsome donation to the fund. Poor and distressed members of the Order were not forgotten when the charity box circulated, and, after recognising the services of "The Officers," and the enjoyment of excellent songs by Bros. Cozens, Dennis, Wolton, and Stevens, the brethren separated in perfect harmony, well satisfied both with "labour and refreshment."

ALBERT VICTOR MARK LODGE.—The usual quarterly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 15th, when there were present—Bros. Robertson, W.M.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G. Chaplain, Acting J.W.; Emra Holmes, P.G.J. of Works, Acting M.O.; G. T. Townsend, P.G.D., Secretary; N. Cresswell, S.W.; G. Abbott, S.O.; M. T. Westgate, P.M., Acting S.D.; W. Cuckford, Acting I.G. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Henry Ward, of the St. Luke's Lodge, who was a candidate for advancement, and proving unanimous, and the candidate being in attendance, he was received, obligated, and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason, the first part of the ceremony being worked by the W.M., the second part by Bro. Sanderson, who assumed the gavel in his usual able manner. Pursuant to notice, Bro. Sanderson proposed that the fee for advancement be one pound ten shillings, instead of one pound as heretofore, and in doing so, laid great stress on the fact that Grand Mark Lodge had just raised the fee payable for certificate and registration to 10s. He thought it was absolutely necessary if the lodge was to go on successfully that the fee should be raised. Bro. Townsend seconded the proposition, which was also supported by Bro. Westgate. Bro. Emra Holmes was sorry to oppose anything proposed by Bro. Sanderson, who he knew had the best interests of Mark Masonry at heart. He feared, however, that if this resolution were carried, and the advancement fee increased 50 per cent., we should run great risk of killing the goose that laid the golden eggs. He was of opinion that great numbers joined Mark Masonry because the fee was so low; but he feared it would make all the difference in the number of candidates if they raised the fee. He would beg to move as an amendment that the fee for advancement remain as before. Bro. Abbott begged to support Bro. Holmes's views, though he should not vote for the amendment. He had told an enquirer only this morning that the fee was 30s., who shrugged his shoulders, and declined to be proposed, and he believed if he had said one pound it would have made all the difference, and his friend would have become a candidate for advancement. Bro. Holmes' amendment, failing to find a seconder, it fell to the ground, and the original proposition was put and carried. There being no other business before the meeting, and the ceremony of advancement over, the W.M. resumed the gavel, and closed the lodge in due and ancient form, and the brethren retired for refreshment. On account of the lateness of the hour, the toasts were restricted to two, "The Queen," and "The Newly Advanced Brother." To the latter, Bro. Ward briefly responded. In spite of the comparatively small attendance, mainly attributable to the season of the year, a very pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren separated about twelve.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Athol* (No. 413) held their regular meeting, June 9th, at 213, Buchanan-street. In the absence of the R.W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. J. Miller, P.M., who in a very able way raised Bro. J. Liddle to the sublime degree of a Master Mason; he was ably assisted by Bros. Jas. Leutitt, S.W.; Walter Neilson, J.W.; Wm. Leutitt, Sec. There were several visitors present, amongst whom we observed Bros. Adams, Blockman, Dolbie, Elliss, and Muir, as office-bearers in other lodges.

GLASGOW.—*The Union Lodge* held an emergency meeting on Monday, June 8th, at St. Mark's Hall, when the three degrees were worked by Bro. J. B. MacNair, the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—*Maryhill Lodge* (No. 510) held their monthly meeting in their own lodge, Muir-street, Maryhill, on Wednesday, June 10th, Bro. Hugh Niven, R.W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. A. MacKay, Substitute Master; A. Neving, acting S.W.; Neil, Treas., acting J.W.; J. Jervise, Secretary. A petition was presented from M. Duncan Shaw, and he having been unanimously elected, Bro. MacKay, at the request of the R.W.M., initiated him into the Order in a very careful style, but without the aid of the harmonium, as the Organist was absent, the brethren by vocal music doing their best to supply its place. Fifteen handsome suits of clothing, which had been sent from Bro. George Kenning's Glasgow establishment, were exhibited and much admired, the other brethren being determined to be snortly clothed in a like style.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge St. Andrew* (No. 465) held an emergency meeting on Friday, June 12th, when one gentleman was initiated, and five passed to the second degree, after which Bros. Walter Deed, Wm. Telfer, Jack Duncan, Cameron, and Jas. Creeling were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The whole of the ceremonies were admirably wrought by Bro. D. Reid, R.W.M., who though a young man is a good working Mason, he was ably assisted by Bro. J. MacLeith, D.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; J. Youill, J.W.; and the Sec., Bro. Wm. Cambell, who with Bro. Jennason acted as Deacons.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mark's Lodge* (No. 102) held their usual meeting in their own hall, on Monday, June 8th, 1874, the R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, presiding, assisted by the whole of the office bearers. The work consisted of one initiation, and one passing, after which arrangements were made for raising a fund for the support of the widow and daughter of the late Janitor, who had held that office many years, and died at the ripe age of 82. As he was so well known in the province, the R.W.M. said each of the lodges had taken the subject up, and he had no doubt sufficient would be raised to comfortably support the widow for the remainder of her days.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219).—This lodge met in their new hall, Trongate, on June 8th, Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M., presiding, James Luthie, acting S.W.; J. Harn, J.W.; G. Miller, Sec. There was a large attendance both of members and visitors. Amongst the latter we recognised Bros. Paterson, 27; A. Wilson, 27; Wheeler, 73; J. McKeckner, S.W.; G. Giles, P.M. 103; J. Bairn, P.M. 803; J. Muir, S.W.; J. Thomas, J.W. 103; and a deputation from Busby St. John's, 458. There were two brothers passed to the second degree, after which Bro. Bairn, P.M. 103, by the consent of the lodge Star, raised two brethren for his own lodge. The deputation from Busby invited the Glasgow brethren to join them in a procession they intended to have on Saturday. Arrangements were also made for the excursion by water on St. John's Day, by the united Committee of 103 and 219, which promises to be a well arranged trip.

GLASGOW.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 31) held an emergency meeting in their own hall, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, June 9th, the R.W.M., Bro. J. Fletcher, in the chair, assisted by Bros. W. Bell, D.M.; William McPherson, acting S.W.; T. Ewan, acting J.W.; J. Dick, Sec.; J. Buchanan; Org. Propositions were

read from Messrs. Gilchrist, and Anderson, and the ballot proving unanimous in their favour, they were then admitted, and at the request of the R.W.M., Bro. J. Dick proceeded to initiate them into this, the oldest lodge in the province, in a careful manner, the excellent way in which the organist performed his portion of the mystic rites, considerably enhanced the efficiency of the ceremony, and now that appropriate music has been published, we feel that no lodge should be without an harmonium, if they wish to give due effect to our varied ceremonies.

GLASGOW.—*Clydesdale Lodge* (No. 556).—An emergency meeting of this new lodge was held in the Hall of the Lodge Neptune, on Tuesday, June 2nd, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. William Phillips, R.W.M. 566; John McNaught, S.M.; 566; Dr. T. Russell, D.M. 566; T. B. Yuill, Treas. 566; Henry Jackman, A. 566; John Milner, R.W.M. 87; William J. E. Dodson, Prov. G.S. 566; Henry Fuge, 27; Charles Groves, 392; John H. Rogers, 392; Joseph Roddy, 566; John Park, 275; H. Sherry, 594; W. S. Vallance, 275; James Hucheson, 419. The lodge was opened in due form, and the S.M. then proceeded to initiate Bro. Peter J. Aitken, in the E.A. degree, in a very clever manner, after which the R.W.M., Bro. Phillips, proceeded to raise the lodge to the Fellow Craft degree. Bros. Roddy and Brown, were then passed to the said degree by the R.W.M., in his usual impressive manner, Bro. William J. E. Dodson, acting as conductor. The ceremony over, the R.W.M. in a short speech directed the attention of the brethren present, to the centenary of the Poet, "Tamahill," which would be celebrated in Paisley, on the morrow, Wednesday, June 3rd, and deputations from lodges in Glasgow and suburbs, being requested by the Masonic brethren of Paisley, to assist in the celebration thereof, he deemed it but right that though the new Lodge Clydesdale was but young, that we should go and assist in the demonstration, as many as conveniently could. Bro. J. McNaught then proposed a show of hands from those who were willing to form a deputation from Clydesdale, 556. On the show of hands, ten of the brethren were found willing, viz:—Bros. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; D. T. Russell, D.M.; Wm. J. E. Dodson, P.G.S.; H. Jackman, A.; J. Doig, C.; R. Scott, T. B. Yuill, Treas.; J. Straug; Sec.; D. Campbell. There being no further business, the R.W.M., proceeded to close the lodge, in due and ancient form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment. "The Health of the Last-laid Stone" was then proposed by the R.W.M., and drank with all the honours. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Visiting Brethren, &c., had been given, the brethren separated. "Happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again."

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., was in the President's chair; Bro. J. C. Parkinson, G.J.D., in the Senior Vice-President's; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in the Junior Vice-President's. Grand Secretary attended, and Bro. H. G. Buss, G. Treasurer, Middlesex. There were also present the following wearers of the purple:—Bros. Hutton, J.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P. Asst. G.D.C.; T. Cubitt, G.P.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; and a large number of brethren from various lodges; £322 in all were granted, including recommendations for two grants of £100 each to distressed brethren. The President and Senior Vice-President, were absent through illness.

ERRATA.—In the letter of Bro. Kolly last week, page 359, first column 11th line from bottom, for "or" read "so," last line, for "and" read "Arch," second column first line, for "It is" read "Is it," line 29, for "warrants" read "warrant," line 37, for "their," read "this," line 40, for "services" read "purposes," line 50, for "inimical" read "manual." Page 360 fourth line, for "figures" read "figure," line 15 from bottom, for "country" read "county."

CONSECRATION OF THE FELIX LODGE
No. 1494.

This lodge was consecrated at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, Middlesex, on Saturday, the 30th ult., by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, as S.W.; H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, as J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden as Chaplain; and T. W. White, Past Grand Steward, as D.C.

The usual ceremonies incident to the consecration were duly observed, after which Bro. Little installed Bro. Edward B. Grabham as First Master. The officers were nominated as follows:—Bro. Major George Barlow, S.W.; Felix Sumner Knyvett, J.W.; Daniel Nicholson (P.M. 19), Treas.; Edward S. Norris, Sec.; F. B. Archer, S.D.; J. W. Sanders, J.D.; R. Berridge, I.G.

Among the brethren present besides those mentioned were R.W. Bro. Colonel Bardett, the Prov. G.M.; J. C. Parkinson, J.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; R. A. Houstoun, Dep. Prov. G.M. East Lothian; W. Smithett, G. Steward; Major S. H. Clerke, P. Prov. G.W. Devon; H. C. Levander, P. Prov. G.D. Wilts; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., P. Dep. Prov. G.M. Isle of Wight; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; J. C. Goldsmith, W.M. 19; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141; H. Phythian, W.M. 1293; F. Kelly, S.W. 1293; D. W.; Pearce, J.W. 1293; H. Robinson, P.M. 180; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; F. Knyvett, 160; E. S. Horne, 227; G. P. Gillard, 657; and E. J. Southwell, 1293.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. R. Limpus, Prov. G.O., assisted by Bros. A. Hubbard, T. B. Evison, and G. Musgrave.

The rank of honorary member was conferred upon the consecrating officer and several other brethren, and several propositions for initiation, &c., were announced. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent a delightful evening together under the presidency of the W.M., who elicited the warm congratulations of all present upon his having attained the Master's chair.

Masonic Tidings.

The death is announced of Bro. Frederick Ledger, for many years proprietor and conductor of the *Era* newspaper. Bro. Ledger died on Sunday last at his residence at Balham-hill. He was 58 years of age.

The advice of the late Mr. Thackeray was as much prized by his friends as his literary genius was appreciated by his fellow-countrymen. A young lady of his acquaintance, knowing how wide and deep was his knowledge of worldly matters, one day asked him what would be the best present to make to her old friend and school-fellow, who was just married, and was setting up housekeeping. "My dear," replied the great novelist, "you may be certain your young married friends are thinking only of the luxurious and the ornamental in their purchases. Now, suppose you take the useful and the practical side. My dear, you cannot do better than present your friends with a filter—a Lipscombe's filter, mind. It is the best kind of filter I know." This was some years since, and the merits of Lipscombe's filters have become more and more esteemed as their use has spread. Numbers of valuable lives were saved during the Ashantee war by means of these filters, sent out by Government from the well-known establishment near Temple Bar, which converted water absolutely poisonous into a pure and wholesome beverage.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 1874.

NEW LODGES.

We were present at the dedication of a new lodge on Wednesday, the 11th inst. (the Athenæum, No. 1491, Camden-road), of which a condensed report appeared in our last impression, and as some thoughts seemed to force themselves upon our mind, during the interesting ceremonies of the day, we think it well to take our many readers into confidence, and impart them, with their fraternal permission, to all who peruse our pages to-day. Independently of the fact that the ceremony, always most edifying, was most ably performed by our distinguished Bro. John Hervey, our much valued and much respected Grand Secretary, assisted by that "facile princeps" of all ritual work, Bro. Fenn, and by Bros. Buss and Little, we were rejoiced to see so many well-known members of our Craft assembled, including the ever genial presence of Bro. Joseph Smith, and the Secretaries of our three great charitable Institutions. The new Master is a most worthy and energetic Mason, and he is supported by an array of excellent officers, mostly Past Masters, we observed, and with the promise of several well-known Masons and young brethren as joining members, everything appears to augur well for the future prosperity of the Athenæum Lodge. One consideration came before us very strikingly, during the day's proceedings, namely, the onward progress of Freemasonry. Each weekly Freemason that we read tells us of new lodges springing up, in different parts of our land, and go where we will we see some stately building, which we are told is the Freemasons' lodge. We say nothing of the grammatical use of the word lodge. We only state the fact—a very remarkable one it is for the reflecting Mason—that English Freemasonry has practically doubled the number of its lodges during the last quarter of a century, and despite the vast accession of new lodges in our long extended roll, "the cry is still they come." Indeed, we do not see at present any possible limit to the expansiveness and elasticity of our English system. Now this great increase of Masonic lodges proves two things, we think, incontestably. The one is, that Freemasonry is, in itself a want for the age in which we live. It is a very remarkable fact, that, in this prying and bustling age, in which everything seems to be sacrificed to the dust, and dirt, and turmoil of

public life, an institution so peculiar and so unobtrusive, so much averse to open recognition, and so difficult of access, should be popular with all classes of society. And yet the secret of such a want and of such popular appreciation is, we think, not hard to find. Freemasonry may have its frailties and its defects, like everything else, that, is earthly or human, but Freemasonry has this great recommendation—it is a neutral ground for us all—an open platform on which the most differing and the most distant may happily meet together in peace and goodwill, a little green oasis in this arid wilderness of toil and strife, in which the genial, and the friendly, and the tolerant and the true, and the scholar and the statesman, may find alike rest for their bodies and refreshment for their minds. Many of us, who day by day are toiling at "the forum" or in the counting house, in the senate or in the camp, or are labouring as bread winners, by the energy of their brains, to cheer and sustain those nearest and dearest to them, can find in Freemasonry, many an hour of intellectual improvement, many a season of faithful work, many a pleasant moment of social relaxation. Around the portals of our lodges and on the pediments of our stately halls, seem still engraved, in words of light, that good old English motto "Friendship, Goodwill, and Brotherly love." For there we all can gladly resort, after the toils of the busy day are over. There when we meet once within the lodge, the divisions and the separations of social political and denominational life end, for there the echoes of political war cries do not penetrate and there the acrimony of sectarian controversy is unknown. So despite all our boasted publicity of life and thought and ways and words to day, the tyled lodge room of us "Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," has a great attraction for many a wandering and weary child of earth. And again Freemasonry is recognized as a medium of doing good. The old idea was, that we were a club of good fellows, a convivial and benevolent Order, whose very best aspiration was a good dinner, and whose chief qualification was a Masonic speech. But now we, like others have "lived down" the ancient jest or the childish calumny, and can point with laudable pride to our charitable institutions and benevolent endeavours, our institutions which emulate, if they do not excel any similar ones in the land, and so many of the public are beginning to believe, what we have long proclaimed in our good old formularies, that the chief characteristic of a Freemason's heart is charity. Each new lodge, then, that we found to-day is meant to be a centre of light, friendship, toleration, and charity to its members. From it, we trust, some rays of brightness may fall on many of our fellow men. And if, alas! it be true, that all things here are at the best but ephemeral and transitory, that, they fade like the dying flower, and pass like some pageant of the day, yet let us hope, that, from the crumbling fragment of many an earthly lodge, there may emanate a spirit of truth, and love, and loyalty, and benevolence, which shall outlive both the material fabric and the earthly members, and be perpetuated in a happier scene of perfected knowledge, of undimmed light, and of eternal love.

AN ORATION.

DELIVERED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE
ATHENÆUM LODGE, No. 1491.

By THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A. P.G.C.

Worshipful Presiding Officer and Brethren:—

I esteem it a great honour to have been asked by the Master Designate of this new lodge, our very worthy and much respected Bro. Samuel Poynter, to deliver the customary oration, as Consecrating Chaplain. For I think, that, all such ceremonies as we take part in to-day, are not only interesting in themselves to us all as faithful members of our ancient Order, but are suggestive of many very useful thoughts and valuable considerations.

As Freemasons we rejoice to see another promising offshoot of our old Masonic tree, and as brethren bound together by the ties of old friendship and sympathy, as well in solemn work, as in the social hour, we must feel within us all, those associations both pleasant yet somewhat saddening, which every new dedication of every new lodge evokes from all our minds and memories. For we are taken back even to-day from this new lodge, with all the accessories of Masonic ceremony and appointed dedication to old days, and to other meetings and to happy gatherings gone by, and ancient friends now no more. It has been my lot as W. Presiding Officer to take part in many dedications, and to deliver more than one oration, and therefore, I cannot hope, as I do not pretend, to offer you this afternoon, anything very striking or novel. All I profess to do to-day is, only to retrace after all a beaten track, and to draw from our old teaching, and our time-honoured landmarks, and the unchanged witness of Freemasonry, some few lessons of practical Masonic lore, which may be improving to our younger brethren, and will not be, I would fain hope, unedifying even to the older members of our Order now present.

I propose then (leaving out all other topics and considerations, owing to the shortness of time) to look at Freemasonry from three main points of view. First of all, let us look at it as a centre of union and harmony for men of different views and often differing opinions. It is the special characteristic of Freemasonry, that, it offers, so to say, "a harbour of refuge," a wide and a peaceful platform, where, and on which may gladly gather those who differ on most other subjects in the world outside the lodge. We cannot go into busy life, or mix much with our fellows now without becoming instantly aware, that, many severances sever us, and many divisions divide us from one another daily here. What these divisions and severances may be, matters nothing to our present consideration, whether they be religious, political, national, or social, but they do exist, and they affect us all in a variety of ways. Yet once within a lodge of Freemasons, they are happily practically altogether unknown. Within that peaceful region, so far, the voice of political animosity has never been heard, the din of religious controversy is stilled. Material and social severances, the demarcations of sectarianism, the various class antagonisms of this world's social organization have no existence there. We are all brothers. Once within the lodge-room, once admitted into Freemasonry, be we who we may, and whatever our social rank or condition outside our lodge may be, there we all meet "upon the level, and part upon the square." Freemasonry receives all candidates within its ample fold, who are good, honest, true, moral men, whatever their denominational views may be, except, as our old formularies say, "the stupid atheist, or their irreligious libertine," and enrolls gladly under her great and tolerant banner all who believe in the common Father of the human race. Our position in this respect, has been blamed by some, and anathematized by others,

who censure so wide a "formula" of religious profession and adhesion, but the experience of many years has told me, as I believe it tells us all, that, Freemasonry is right, in laying down this law of acceptance into her fraternal assemblies, and, that, they are gravely in error, who impugn too hastily either her precepts or practice in this respect.

Again Freemasonry is an institution whose foundation is the moral law of the Divine Lawgiver, and the inculcation on her members of every moral and social virtue. Freemasonry is not religion, and does not put forth dogmas of belief. But Freemasonry is a great and world-wide philanthropic society, and may be said to be a handmaid to religion, inasmuch as brotherly love, relief, and truth, are its unchanging watchwords, and because, from first to last, from the hour of our initiation to our closing moments of work, it tells us in clear and touching tones of moral duty and moral living. Sending us to the best of books, the Bible, always open in our lodges, it urges us thereby and therefrom, to be good husbands, good fathers, good brothers, good sons, good members of society, loyal subjects, and peaceable citizens. More than once, in many a lecture, and many a portion of its mystic ritual, Freemasonry forcibly appeals to us, to follow all our worldly avocations, and to perform alike our public and private duties with freedom, fervency, and zeal. For let us remember how idle is our profession of Freemasonry if we do not make obedience to the moral law, both the proof and the end of our Masonic profession. It is indeed idle to call ourselves Freemasons, idler still to disport ourselves in lodge, in all the external decorations of our excellent fraternity, if all the while our lives are a scandal to morality, and a discredit to our lodge, and the Craft at large. I do not wish to take a too professional view of the subject, always a difficult one to deal with, or to give even the tinge of a sermon to what I am now saying, and therefore will only add, that, we shall never go very far wrong, if we endeavour carefully to conform ourselves in our passage through life, to those admirable exhortations to morality and sobriety, to decency and to decorum, which we hear so often in well known words, from that "curule chair," Sir, you so well and worthily occupy to day. And so once again, Freemasonry is a great philanthropic institution, whose unchanging teaching finds its best and most active expression in deeds of charity and labours of love.

Now whatever else may be alleged against Freemasonry, it cannot be said, that, in this respect its profession and practice do not go hand in hand. I know of no other body, which so unnecessarily labours to carry out its own great principles into beneficial and persevering activity. Yes, W. Sir, I make bold to say Freemasonry may fairly claim the approval of all honest men for the zeal with which it seeks, in its divine mission of charity and goodwill, and forbearance and toleration towards men, to practice its old teachings of sympathy, and succour, towards those of its own members whom sickness or calamity have reduced to poverty or distress.

For as Freemasons, we ever do assiduously labour, and let this be ever our unchanging aim, amid all the changes and calamities of life, to relieve distress, to support old age, to aid infirmity, to educate the orphan, and to cause the "widow's heart to sing for joy."

If we wanted any defence for Freemasonry, which we do not, either as regards its utility or its mission, we surely can find it in our great charities, and our benevolent contributions. To any one who asks us to day, what does Freemasonry do of good in the world, pointing to our charities we can say "Si quæris circumspice."

Why, Sir, in 1856, at the Anniversary Festival of the Girls, our most distinguished brother, then Lord Panmure, now the Earl of Dalhousie, lauded in glowing words the munificent contributions to the Girls' School of £1500. The whole returns for the charities that year amount to £4,500. This year the subscriptions and donations of our ever ready and sympathetic brotherhood exceed £21,000, an amount not only large in itself, but, testifying in a most striking way, to the zeal and liberality of our

order, which, instead of slackening or decreasing, seems only to be augmented year by year. And when, Sir, I call to mind our Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge and private lodge grants to suffering or indigent brethren, when I number up our many local Masonic charitable efforts, I say, that, any one who still professes to believe that Freemasonry is a mere idle form, a mere club of good fellows, or a selfish convivial assembly, must be insensible to any evidence you can offer to his mental capacity, must be, in truth, as big an idiot as exists on God's glorious earth. And so let us leave all idle cavils and frivolous objections to this practical proof of reality both of profession and of work. Let us disregard all impugners and calumniators, let us quietly put by us all anathemas and interdicts, and let us go on our way, proud of our good old Craft, which has weathered so many angry squalls, and let us gladly welcome to-day another addition to her long list of effective lodges.

But before I close my oration (if I have not wearied my brethren), I must add two words of caution, which seem to me very appropriately to come in at the opening of a new lodge; the first is, as to the admission of new members. We are suffering at this moment, in our Order, in our great material prosperity, from a "plethora" of candidates for admission. With a new lodge there comes in always a temptation to a new Master, and its first Master, at the expiration of his year of office, to point exultingly to a long list of recently admitted members. Now I feel sure, that my worthy Bro. Samuel Poynter will pardon me for saying, that, after an experience of 32 years as a Freemason, I earnestly recommend him to adopt for his motto, in this respect at any rate, "Festina lentè." There is a popular view, I am aware, amongst us, that, as Freemasonry is a public institution we have no right to refuse any who come with fair credentials and a proof of social respectability.

Now, I venture to assert to-day, that, this, Worshipful Sir, is a great fallacy. Our lodge is a brotherhood, a family, and we have no right to admit into our lodges, those whom we cannot, or will not introduce to our own families, whom we do not believe to be morally "good men and true," whom we do not think likely to rise in the lodge, or to do credit to Freemasonry. I would, therefore, earnestly urge upon the members of this lodge carefully to scan the pretensions of all who seek to be enrolled amidst the honourable ranks of our ancient and useful sodality.

And one other caution. We live in an age of much restlessness externally, many questions, more doubts. Under our Most Excellent Grand Master, and under our active and efficient Masonic administration, our great fraternity is moving on peacefully, prosperously, and well contented. But those who, like myself, see and hear a good deal of Masonic opinion, we know well, that, there is in some a hankering after novelties and changes, an "unsettlement," so to say, of ideas and aims, as regards what, at any rate since 1813, has tended wonderfully to preserve the peace and promote the progress of Freemasonry in this country.

Therefore I say, and especially to the officers and brethren of this new lodge, "keep by the ancient landmarks." Let nothing tempt you, on any pretence, or in any degree, to part with them or depart from them. They were laid down by good and expert brethren in olden days; they have withstood the lapse of years, and the onward experience of time; they are commended to our affectionate loyalty as Craftsmen, and let us resolve to hand them on unchanged and unaltered, to those who shall come after us, in the lodge, and in Freemasonry.

And now, Worshipful Sir and brethren, I commend this good work, in which we have been engaged to-day, to the providential care of the Great Architect of the Universe. May all of success attend the Athenæum Lodge, and may it long remain a centre of light, and intellectual strength to this district, a source of unfailing happiness and edification to all its members, a credit to Freemasonry, an honour to God, and a benefit to mankind.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think it necessary to address you once more on the subject of Masons' Marks with reference to the letters of Bros. John Yarker junior, W. J. Hughan, and the brother signing himself "A Masonic Student," which appeared in the numbers of *The Freemason* of dates May 23rd and 30th, and June 5th and 13th. And with this I intend that the discussion which has been carried on in your columns, shall, in so far as I am concerned, be concluded. I have stated my opinion and given reasons for it, that a Mason's Mark ought to have an odd number of points, and that a mark with an even number of points is not allowable. I have been met by the assertion of an opposite opinion, but with no proof nor argument to shake my conviction, for I cannot acknowledge the authority of the brethren, who have attempted, as they think, to set me right, as in the least degree worthy to be set against that of the Ritual which I quoted, and which has been in use in Scotland for nearly 200 years, nor can I yield to that of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, which in abolishing the rule that required an odd number of points, proceeded I believe, on a wholly mistaken view of the facts concerning the marks on the stones of old buildings, and also, as I will presently proceed to show, without right to make the change it did.

Whilst the letters of Bros. Yarker and Hughan contain nothing but what is gentlemanly and brotherly, I am sorry that I cannot say the same of those which have been written by "A Masonic Student" since he began to take part in this discussion, and his abusiveness has seemingly reached its climax in that published on May 23rd, (*Freemason*, pp. 311, 312,) in which he uses language with regard to me, such as in all my connection with the press, I have never seen put in type before, and such as would certainly not be permitted to appear in any ordinary newspaper. I cordially agree with Bro. Hughan that it would be well if the Editor expunged all references of an offensive, or personal or abusive style from the communications sent for insertion in *The Freemason*. It would be more to the credit of the brotherhood, and more pleasant, I believe, to readers in general. From his last letter, published on June 6th "A Masonic Student" seems himself to have become aware that he has gone a little too far, and he makes a kind of half apology for his intemperate expressions, which, however, is not worth much, for he at the same time justifies himself, by saying that he does not see the use in free and open discussion, of being "mealy-mouthed," and that he thinks it always better to speak and to write as "Downright Dunstable." There is no excuse, however, that I know of, for downright Billingsgate. The cause which excited a Masonic Student's choler in the first instance was, as he now tells us, no offensive language of mine, but merely the opinion which I had ventured to express. He says—"We have suffered so much from unsound dogmatic and fallacious theories, that I confess, in 1874, to be gravely told that the double triangle is not a Masonic Mark, and that all marks must have odd points, was too much for my patience and stomach." If a man is to get angry, whenever an opinion is advanced that is contrary to his own, there is not likely to be much good done by any discussion in which he takes part, nor is the cause of Masonic truth likely to be much promoted. But I pass from this disagreeable subject, and hope I shall not be betrayed into any expressions in what I have further to say, that can reasonably be deemed offensive by "A Masonic Student" or by any other brother. He must try to keep his temper, however, and bear with me as patiently as he can, whilst I repeat that the Double Triangle is not a Masons' Mark, and that all Masons' Marks ought to have an odd number of points, and even when I add that

he has mistaken the very subject of the discussion into which he so eagerly rushed. He seems to have fancied and still to fancy that it relates to operative Masonry, whereas my statement, as made at first, had reference to speculative Masonry alone, and all that has been said about Operative Masonry in course of the discussion has been merely because the subject of operative Masonry has been dragged into it by himself and others.

I utterly fail to follow Bro. Yarker, junr., in his arguments, when he says, "I can show either 'Masonic Student,' or Bro. Hughan, a Mark ritual furnished to me by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, upon which to start the first lodge founded here under their jurisdiction, which makes the odd points compulsory, but to my mind this is the very strongest argument in favour of these writers against Bro. Paton, since it shows the ritual to be a modern concoction, opposed as it is, to the facts of operative marks." It appears to me that Bro. Yarker falls into confusion here, and that apart from his notion as to the meaning of "the facts of operative marks," the fact that the ritual sent to him by the Grand Mark Lodge did contain the rule that marks should have an odd number of points ought to be regarded as strongly in favour of the opinion that such is the true rule of Freemasonry. How it can be regarded as tending to show that the ritual is a modern concoction, I am unable to perceive. Might it not have occurred to Bro. Yarker, that, be it framed when it might, "the facts of operative marks," were in all probability fully present to the minds of those who framed it, and that they had taken a different view of the meaning of these facts, and of the evidence afforded by them, from that which he has taken, and which was taken by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, when, on 14th December, 1864, it abrogated this rule, and allowed the selection of marks with an even number of points? The original ritual of the majority of Mark Lodges in England, was sent to the first of them that were founded, by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, from which they received their charters, and the regulation which it contained as to marks was no recent concoction, but has been included in the ritual used in Scotland, for, as I have said, nearly 200 years. And how was the Grand Mark Lodge of England entitled to abrogate this regulation? It was itself founded by the majority of lodges, which had received their ritual with their charters, and nothing could be more unmasonic than to make such a change in the ritual without consulting the parent body. It might have been expected that in such a matter, the Grand Mark Lodge of England should not have proceeded hastily, and without consulting the highest Masonic authorities. But it appears from Bro. Hughan's account of what took place, (*Freemason* p. 328), that the Grand Mark Lodge, a body of very recent origin, proceeded in the most summary manner, on the ground that "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." That is, as I apprehend, the Grand Mark Lodge mistook the meaning of the evidence which these old stones afforded, and hastily swept away a regulation which had been in force from time immemorial amongst the Freemasons of all countries.

I have no wish to say anything disrespectful of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, but when its authority is appealed to in such a matter as the present, I am compelled to call to mind its very recent origin, and that it has never been in any way recognised as yet by the Grand Lodge of England, nor by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, nor by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, from which last nearly all the lodges that united to found it, had received their charters.

Let us now consider what consequences must ensue from the innovation which the Grand Mark Lodge of England has made. Masons' Marks are of use that brethren may recognise one another, and a change of the rule regarding them is calculated to produce confusion. As well might pass-words and signs be changed. Every Mason must have his own mark, and he cannot change it. The rule of having an odd

number of points, aids a Mason in deciding whether a stranger who comes to him, asking brotherly kindness, is a true Masonic brother or not. The Mark Grand Lodge of England has done all in its power to deprive us of one mode of detecting an impostor, which a man asked to show his mark, and showing one with an even number of points, would properly be held to be; unless indeed, now, an exception would have to be made in the case of one professing to have been initiated since 1864, in one of the Mark Lodges of England. But supposing anyone so initiated, and having adopted a mark with an even number of points, to become resident in Scotland, and to be affiliated to a Scottish Constitution Lodge, in any part of the world out of England, he would need to take a new mark with an odd number of points, and thus have two marks, one for England and another for Scottish Constitution.

I have no need to look again into any Masonic work for proof that marks with an even number of points are to be found on the stones of old buildings. I am as perfectly aware of this fact as any of my opponents in the present discussion, even "A Masonic Student" himself. But I know the explanation of it too, which is more than he seems yet to have found out. At some future time, I may perhaps give it, but meanwhile I would only ask him, or any other brother who thinks this subject worthy of attention, if he has ever observed a mark with an odd number of points and one with an even number appearing together on the same stone; and further, if he ever saw a mark of the latter description without one of the former nearly alongside of it.

"A Masonic Student" has never yet said if he is a Mark Mason, or what lodge he belongs to. I am still inclined to doubt if he is a Mark Mason at all. With this, however, I have nothing to do, except as bearing on his capacity for forming an opinion on the subject on which he has written so confidently, and with so much passion. I cannot help saying that I am somewhat amused by the way in which Bro. Hughan and he certify for one another. I doubt, however, if this will give much additional value to the opinion of either. To the authority of both I prefer that of the late Bro. Dr. Oliver, to whom "A Masonic Student" expresses surprise that I have referred in this discussion. But I know no author whose opinions on Masonic questions are entitled to greater respect, and his opinion that Masons' Marks ought to have an odd number of points, is clearly enough expressed in his works. I have heard him also express it in conversation, having had the happiness of being acquainted with him, and having enjoyed many a long conversation with him on Masonic subjects.

A single sentence in reply to Bro. Kelly. Although a number of irregularities may have crept into some of the Mark Lodges in England, such as adopting a bell for a Masons' mark, this is no rule to set aside an established law and custom. Many Freemasons have tried to introduce their coat of arms for their mark, but it has been refused to be allowed by many Mark Lodges in Great Britain.

And now, for the present, I take leave of the subject of Masons' Marks.

I am, yours fraternally,

CHALMERS I. PATON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Kelly's clear and instructive letter with very great pleasure. It is very seldom that we have the opportunity of perusing so thoroughly satisfactory a statement as regards a point of controversy. I am inclined to think that the question is settled for the present, as our good Bro. Paton must see that the consensus of nearly all our Masonic writers is against his peculiar views. I don't myself profess to realize what more can be said pro or con, but it is satisfactory to have arrived at this agreement, that whatever partial or temporary law there may have been of Speculative Mark Masonry, there is no such law affecting operative marks as Bro. Paton proposed to lay down.

Being a Mark Mason myself, having received my Mark from a very old Mark Lodge in Yorkshire, I certainly never heard of any such rule in English Speculative Masonry, and the marks of the Scotch lodges are fatal to the theory. But I will not pursue the subject. Will Bro. Kelly send me his history of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, and I will send him a little Masonic brochure of mine.

I am, yours fraternally,
A MASONIC STUDENT.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in last week's issue of *The Freemason* Bro. Sutcliffe's letter respecting the non-appearance in that paper of the subscription list handed in at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and I quite agree with him in reference thereto, that it would be interesting to see whence the money comes and to know who have taken an interest in that excellent institution and deserving charity. Anxiously awaiting the publication of the several Stewards' lists.

I am, yours fraternally,
HARRY W. J. MOXON.

NATIONAL GRAND PRIORY.

To the Editor of *the Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having hoped for weeks past that some more efficient writer would bring to the notice of your readers the last tyrannical act of the leaders in the National Grand Priory of the Masonic Order of Knight Templars, I find myself constrained to ask, whether our Templar brethren throughout England and Wales are aware, that at the last meeting of the National Grand Priory, the appointment of its Grand Officers was made for life, "ad vitam," moyennant regular attendance, the consequence of which measure being that neither metropolitan nor provincial knights have any change of Grand Priory rank.

Under these circumstances, if I may be permitted to give a word of advice, I should say to all the preceptories that it is advisable to become dormant, until the Masonic, religious and moral tone be restored to our chivalric degree.

Yours fraternally,
A PAST PRECEPTOR.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of *the Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

While thanking "Enquirer" for the good opinion he has been pleased to express regarding myself, I think he has missed the pith of my former letter (p. 323). I did not object to his making enquiries through the pages of *The Freemason*; those enquiries I replied to, but I did object to his charges made against the Knights Templar of Edinburgh, and asked for proof that they had acted as he has stated. That is the sole ground of my dispute with him, I admitted that there might be a little jealousy, quite unfounded, but it may arise from the cause he now states as the result of his further enquiries. I frankly confess that I was not aware that the Priory of the Lothian claimed the right to work the Red Cross of Constantine, I knew that some priories as well as some Royal Arch Chapters in Scotland do work another Red Cross Degree, of which I am also a member. But with the exception of the name it has nothing in common with the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. I am glad to hear that there is a probability of this difficulty being arranged between our Edinburgh friends.

I am sorry, if by using the word "credulity," I have wounded the sensitiveness of "Enquirer," but I know from experience when there is a divergence of opinion amongst the brethren how difficult it is to get a dispassionate statement of facts.

I hope in this and all future controversies we bear in mind the Red Cross charges of which "Enquirer" has so kindly reminded me.

I am, yours fraternally,
G. W. WHEELER.

FREEMASONRY IN PRUSSIA.

W. H. D., writing from abroad to Bro. J. K. Larke, Masonic Editor of the *New York Courier*, furnishes the following interesting items concerning the present condition of Masonry in Prussia:

"I was stopping some weeks since in Crefeld, a manufacturing town of Rhenish Prussia, a place about an hour's ride from Cologne, and a little more from Dusseldorf. Business commanded my stay here for nearly two weeks, during which time it was my pleasure, when at table in the Hotel Wildemann, to be seated with an accomplished gentleman, of English birth, and a member of the Lodge of Crefeld, named Henry F. Greene, Esq., of the house of Klemme & Co., manufacturers there. By him I was introduced to many of the brethren, whom we met at his club, and was conducted to his lodge room on their night of meeting. The building is owned by the fraternity, with the tastefully decorated grounds surrounding. On the entrance floor are the reception rooms, with all the conveniences necessary for the brethren; hat racks, mirrors, tables, &c., with their own servants and attendants. Here some of the brethren repair, before the opening of the Lodge, and partake of the choicest cuisine. In their banquet hall, were some venerable pictures (Masonic subjects) with historical reminiscences. They were lost to them for some years in the war with the first Napoleon, by whose command the Lodge was closed, because of the loyalty of the membership to its own king and country—as characterizes the Craft everywhere throughout the world. The Germans are truly loyal to their duly constituted government—their great Emperor, and Grand Master of the Craft in his dominions. On the next floor are rooms for the various degrees, separate rooms for each. I was present at the opening in the first degree, and was not a little surprised to find myself requested to equip in hat and sword, as were all the brethren present. My rank in the Craft (Past Master) being known, I was furnished with the appropriate jewel. After the ceremonies incident to opening of the Lodge, the Master, Worshipful Bro. Hermendahl, tendered a cordial welcome to the visiting brethren present, and, alluding to the presence of an American Brother, addressed himself in faultless English, expressing, as do Germans everywhere, the greatest regard for our country and people. On behalf of America, whose poor representative I found myself on the occasion, I made my acknowledgments, informing them that my lodge was largely composed of their countrymen, and that it was an element in the composition of our Lodges as highly appreciated as was their highly swelling numbers, by emigration, in our body politic. Their work was transacted with great dignity and decorum. The officers and members were all men of high social standing in the place, which shows what care they exercise in guarding the ballot box. After the closing of the lodge, I was invited to participate with them at the festive board, and enjoyed myself with great satisfaction. Here the Master called on the brethren to discuss some matters which were furnished from a printed programme at intervals snatched from the enjoyment of their choice Moselle and Rhenish wines.

"Previous to my visiting the Lodge at Crefeld, by invitation of Brother Gustave Gebhard, Esq., of Gebhard & Co., Elberfeld, I visited his Lodge, in that city, where I was also very cordially welcomed. The Master's speech was translated to me by Brother Gebhard, who, doubtless, replied for me in much improved language to any I could muster—the Brother being a highly accomplished linguist, as well as an eminent manufacturer. He is also consul of the Persian Empire, director in various monetary institutions, one of the dignitaries of the city government of Elberfeld, and for some years a resident of this city.

"After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren repaired to their elegantly appointed club room, where some few hours were passed in social enjoyment; and, with a most fraternal "bon voyage" to the writer, who, on the morrow, was to set out for other parts of the European Continent."

MASONIC NEWS FROM AMERICA.

We take the following interesting excerpts from our respectable contemporary the *Philadelphia Keystone*, in the belief that they will be acceptable to our many readers.

DESCRIPTION OF NEW YORK MASONIC TEMPLE.

The new Masonic Temple in New York city (says the *N. Y. Courier*) is 140 feet long on Twenty-third street, nearly 100 feet on Sixth avenue, and to the top of the shield is 163 feet in height from the street level. On the second floor are the Grand Secretary's offices, consisting of a suite of three rooms, with that of the Grand Master adjoining. Opposite to these is the Grand Lodge room, 94 feet by 90, and 28 feet high. This is not yet completed. A broad staircase, in the Ionic style, leads from the Twenty-third-street entrance to this floor, and another broad staircase to the third floor, on which are located the Tuscan, Doric, and Ionic rooms, all constructed in the styles after which they are named. The first and last are 62 x 27 x 21 feet, and the Doric, 62 x 30 x 21 feet. The description of one answers for all, except in the colour of the carpet and style of architecture. The altar and lesser lights are fixtures, and are suitable to the style of architecture. The steps leading to the stations are covered with velvet, and the floors with rich Wilton carpets. The organ is located in a gallery above the West, where, on extraordinary occasions, a powerful choir can be placed. In the East are columns supporting a portico, representing the entrance to a Temple and forming a recess. Each Lodge room is supplied with suitable ante-rooms, hat and coat room, with facilities for performing the toilet, property rooms, &c. On this floor will be located the Grand Lodge Library, separated from the Lodge rooms by a hall in the Corinthian style, with the flooring after the pattern of the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple.

On the fourth floor are located the Corinthian and Composite rooms, 62 x 27 x 21 feet, fitted up in similar styles as the rooms on the third floor, only as the architecture is more beautiful, fittings are made to correspond. Between these two rooms are the Chapter room, constructed after the Egyptian style of architecture, and representing the inside of an Egyptian Temple. The capitals of the columns in this, as in all the other rooms, stand out in bold relief, and, although the room is 62 feet 6, by 30 feet, and 21 feet high, the massive caps and columns make it appear much smaller. The peculiar appliances of the R. A. D. are to be located in an adjoining room, and are well arranged. Being fixtures, the companions are saved a great amount of labour. The carpet of the main floor is scarlet, with emblematical devices, and the Council carpet is of scarlet velvet. The Grand Council is located at the entrance or within the portico of the Inner Temple. The grandeur of this room can be better appreciated by an inspection, and when completed, during the summer recess, will present a fine effect. On this floor is located the handsome parlour of the Temple.

On the fifth floor are the Commandery rooms, the Asylum of which is to be in the Gothic style, but it is yet incomplete. The entrance to the Asylum is through the Sentinel's room, which is formed like a tent, and presents that appearance. The banquet hall, on the north side, is after the Norman style, and is 54 x 27 x 21 feet. The Council Chamber is after the Persian style, and is elegantly fitted up. The Chamber of R—and the Transparency Room are suitably arranged, and in the dome are located three armories, with accommodation for over 700 Knights, and with a private staircase leading thereto. By means of an elevator, this floor, as well as all the others, can be reached without labour or difficulty.

MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM.

Bro. Rob Morris, LL.D., Past Gr. Master of Kentucky, and the present Worshipful Master of Royal Solomon Lodge, No. 293, of Jerusalem, the only Masonic Lodge in Palestine, is now organizing a Masonic party to be composed of Master Masons, limited in number. He will leave New York by one of the first class lines, on September 26th next, and will visit Liverpool, London, Paris, Turin, Milan, Venice, Trieste, Alexandria, Cairo, the Pyramids, Suez, Hebron, the Pools of Solomon and Jerusalem, and from thence to the Dead Sea, the Jordan, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Mount Hermon, Damascus, Baalbec, the Cedars of Lebanon, and all points of Masonic interest through the Holy Land, opening his Lodge in many of these appointed places; returning from Beyrout in Syria, the party will go to Smyrna, Ephesus, Constantinople, Athens, Corfu, Brindisi, Naples, Pompei, Vesuvius, Sorrento, Rome, Florence, Bologna, Mt. Cenis, Geneva, Berne, Bale, Paris, London, York, Edinburgh, Ayr, Glasgow, Belfast, Dublin, Liverpool, paying official Masonic visits to the Lodges and Grand Lodge at all these points.

Bro. Morris has a number of the brethren already enrolled, and has made a contract with Cook, Son & Jenkins, of New York and London, the great excursion managers, in which they agree to conduct this party from New York over the entire route back to New York, to provide the best hotels and first class travelling arrangements for a period of one hundred and forty two days, by sea and land, by rail and steamer, in carriage and on horseback, and in tents, providing guides, camp equipage, omnibuses, portage, *backsheeh*, and servants—in a word, paying all expenses necessary for the tour, from the date of departure from New York until the return to New York, for the sum of eleven hundred dollars.

It will be remembered that this is the firm that so successfully managed the Pilgrimage of Alleghany Commandery, Knights Templar, to Europe, three years ago, which was pleasantly commemorated in St. John's Commandery at its last meeting, where we had the pleasure of again greeting Bro. E. M. Jenkins, one of the Pilgrims, in person.

We may remark, here, that upon that occasion Bro. Jenkins took upon himself the conduct of the Pilgrims, prepared for them a printed volume containing a complete description of the tour, in advance, with every place of note to be visited, and what were the prominent points to be seen.

He manifested such ability as an excursion manager throughout the Pilgrimage, that Messrs. Cook & Son resolved to utilize his services on this side of the Atlantic, and he became, as a result, and is now, a member of their firm, stationed at New York.

STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The seventh half-yearly meeting of this association was held at Hawkstone, on Tuesday, 9th inst.

Twenty-one new members were enrolled, bringing the present number of subscribing members to 154, of whom seven have entered their names for double subscriptions.

The Treasurer's statement showed funds in hand sufficient for twenty-one life subscriptions to the charities, which were balloted for accordingly. The winter meeting was appointed to be held at Lichfield on the first Tuesday in December.

Thirty-one members and ladies dined after the meeting, under the presidency of W. Bro. Marsh, P.P.S.G.W., Vice-President of the Association. W. Bro. Binckes, P.G.S. (who was present as a visitor), Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, proposed "Success to the Association," and congratulated the members upon its excellent basis, and the success which had already attended their efforts, assuring them that he saw in it the elements of a farther steady growth and a more influential organisation for good than they were perhaps aware of. He urged the co-operation of ladies, not as visitors only, but as members.

The Secretary in replying to the toast, called special attention to the Local Education Fund

recently added, and announced that the present drawing would make a total of upwards of £400 contributed to the three great charities through the instrumentality of the Association during its short existence.

The healths of "The Committee," and "The Ladies," were then drunk, and the brethren separated, all having to drive some miles to the different railway stations, agreeing that the Hawkstone meeting had been one of the most enjoyable as well as one of the most successful meetings yet held. The weather was beautifully fine, and the visitors were charmed alike by the varied scenery of the park and the magnificent distant views.

BRO. SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, BART.

On Tuesday Sir George Elliot, Bart., was appointed Senior Grand Warden for the Masonic Province of Middlesex for the year 1874. Sir George Elliot owes this promotion to his zealous and varied efforts for the spread and development of Freemasonry in all its branches. The worthy baronet is at this time the Worshipful Master of a distinguished Middlesex lodge, to the chair of which he was re-elected on the termination of his first year of office in 1873. He is also First Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter, in which the Earl of Limerick is Second Principal; High Prelate of a Knight Templar Preceptory of which Bro. Staveley Hill, Q.C., is the Preceptor; M.W.S. of a Rose Croix Chapter; and he also holds high office in a conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Sir George is a Vice-Patron of the Freemasons' Boys' School, and a Vice-Patron of the Freemasons' Girls' School, and he has served the office of Steward for both institutions. By the promotion just conferred upon him, he will succeed Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart., as Senior Grand Warden of the Metropolitan Province, and his investiture will take place at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, to be held at Enfield, in that county, on the 4th July next, and at which many of the leading Masons in England have expressed their intention of being present.—*South Durham Herald*.

Obituary.

BRO. J. R. STEBBING.

With reference to the lamented decease of this distinguished brother, on Monday evening, 2nd inst., at his residence, Willbrook, near Southampton, we are enabled to add the following outline.

He came to Southampton from Portsmouth, about forty years ago, and in conjunction with his brother established a business there as an optician, and nautical instrument maker. With an aptitude for business, and great mechanical ingenuity, he combined a highly scientific intelligence, for so far back as 1833 he was a frequent lecturer on subjects connected with scientific investigation, at the Southampton Literary and Philosophical Institution. His powers of eloquence and business habits soon brought him into notice, and led to his taking part in the business of the Borough. In 1838 he entered the Town Council, and in 1840 was appointed sheriff of the town, subsequently chosen an alderman; but it was not till 1867 that, having been frequently urged to accept the Chief Magistracy, he yielded to the solicitation of his friends, and was unanimously elected Mayor, the somewhat onerous duties of which office during an eventful year, he discharged to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He had been appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Lord Chancellor some years previously. He took an active part in establishing the Chamber of Commerce, at Southampton, in 1851, and was chosen President of it, a member of the Pier and Harbour Commission, a director of the Hampshire Banking Company, and of the Southants Permanent Building Society. There was no subject involving the interests of the inhabitants of Southampton in which he did not take a prominent part. For many years he was President of the Polytechnic Institution, the members of which will long remember his kindly counsel and advice. Here he frequently delivered lectures.

The original scheme for establishing the Hartly Institute, it is understood, was drawn up by Bro. J. R. Stebbing, and approved by the Court of Chancery, with but slight alteration. He was an earnest supporter of friendly and benefit societies, and a member of several of them. The volunteer movement was warmly promoted by him, and when a few years ago, he took up his residence at Milbrook, he took a lively interest in parochial affairs, and was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of a new church for that district, and he materially aided its construction. He was not however, permitted to witness its completion, for on Whit Tuesday, this handsome building was consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester, and our Bro. Stebbing was suffering from the illness which carried him off. In a word he possessed all the sterling qualities of an Englishman, unwavering integrity, bold manly independence, fervent eloquence, kind hearted and genial indisposition; every one acquainted with him was his friend. At present we have to dwell upon his Masonic career. He was P.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130, of the Twelve Brothers No. 785; of the Peace and Harmony 359, at Southampton, of the Economy Lodge, Winchester, 76; of the St. Hubert at Andover, 1373; of the New Forest at Lymington, 319; and also of a lodge at Portsmouth. In 1836, he was Grand Steward of his province (Hampshire), in 1842, Provincial Grand Secretary, in 1849, Provincial Grand Warden, in 1870, on the resignation of the late Bro. C. E. Deacon, the M.V. Prov. Grand Master appointed him Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In 1860, elected by Grand Lodge a member of the Board of General Purposes, and subsequently the Vice President, during the past 20 years, a constant attendant at Quarterly Communications. His frequent speeches were always listened to with pleasure, his clear, emphatic, ready, voice being raised in support of the extension of Masonic privilege, and in defence of what he deemed justice and fair play. When Grand Lodge determined in 1862 to erect suitable buildings for a Freemasons' Hall, and emancipate the Craft from being a mere appendage to a tavern, our Bro. Stebbing was elected by Grand Lodge a member of the committee of seven brethren, under the able presidency of Bro. John Havers, to conduct the building operations, and all the Craft know how zealous and indefatigable were the exertions of that distinguished Heptarchy, and the successful results of their labours in what we may call operative Masonry. Their names cannot be too frequently kept before the brethren, they were Bros. John Havers, J. Llewellyn Evans, John Herbert, Job A. Savage, J. Rankin Stebbing, George Plucknett, and Henry Grissell. When the erection of Freemasons' Hall was completed and consecrated, Bro. Stebbing received the reward of his labours by being called to the dais as Senior Grand Warden of England, and on the grand staircase of the hall a medallion portrait of the handsome face of our deceased brother, by the distinguished sculptor, Bro. Durham, perpetuates his likeness, and records his services. That tablet erected as a testimonial to the Building Committee is now, alas! become for Bro. Stebbing, also a funereal monument. In Royal Arch Masonry he succeeded Bro. Deacon, in 1872, as Second Principal of the Provincial Grand Chapter, having from 1846 to 1865 officiated as Scribe E. He was Grand Treasurer of the Mark Degree, and First Master of St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, as well as of the Solent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he was Past Sovereign of the Rose Croix. The Peace and Harmony Lodge presented his portrait to the Masonic Hall, Southampton. He was also Chairman of the Masonic Assurance Society. Such is a brief outline of the busy and useful life of our departed brother.

On Wednesday the foundation stone of a new chancel to All Saints Church was laid with full Masonic rites. The brethren of the local lodge, with a number from those of Hampshire and the surrounding counties, met in the Clarence Schoolroom, and the ceremony was performed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. W.W.B. Beach, M.P.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 26, 1874.

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

Saturday, June 20.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood-green.
 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 22.

Lodge 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.
 Knight Templar Preceptory, 128, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-square.
 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. 11.55, 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, 32.3, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, June 23.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Dematic 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 24.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Swan, Abchurch-lane.
 Knight Templar Preceptory D., Mount Calvary, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 Red Cross of Constantine 15, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Ancrley, 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 25.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishops-gate-st.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, Northend Fulham.
 Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 118, Northumberland.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 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 26.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
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For the Week ending Saturday, June 27, 1874.

Monday, June 22.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.

Tuesday, June 23.

Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1393, Hamer, 2A, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.30.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, Joppa, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, June 24.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows;
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, June 25.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
 " 1313, Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Chap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150 Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

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For the week ending Saturday, June 27, 1874.

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Monday, June 22.

Lodge 541, Marie Stuart, Wilson's Academy, Langside-road, Crosshill.

Tuesday, June 23.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, June 24.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.
 " 844, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, New Cumnock.
 " 505, Burns, St. Mary, Harford.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Friday, June 26.

Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

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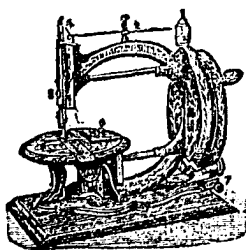
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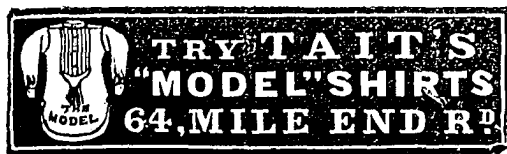
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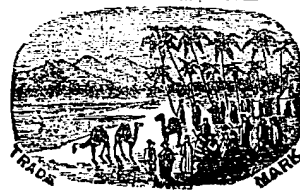
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