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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GARSTON.—*Lodge of Harmony* (No. 220).—A special meeting of the Garston and Woolton members connected with the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, was held at the Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., the object of the special gathering being to present Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington, I.P.M., with a testimonial in remembrance of his very successful chair year, and also as a token of respect and esteem for him, both as a member of the lodge and in his official capacity as medical officer of health for the district. A very sumptuous repast was furnished to the brethren in the lodge room, the table being greatly beautified by a choice collection of plants sent by Bro. J. Meredith, 1182, of "The Vineyard," Garston, whose kindness on occasions like this has more than once been displayed. Bro. W. Humphries, W.M. 1013, and Sec. 220, occupied the chair, and amongst the other members and friends of the lodge present were Bros. Dr. J. V. Worthington, I.P.M.; J. Hughes, S.W.; S. Tickle, I.G.; J. Tewkesbury, S.S.; G. Price, J.S.; J. W. Clarke, Org.; W. C. Lawson, W. Newall, Hatch, Hill, S. Hardy, Robinson, Sharples, Arthur, J. B. MacKenzie, and others. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Humphries, in a few well-chosen and eloquent words, referred to the special business of the evening, and dwelt at some length upon the great and leading principles of Freemasonry. After referring to the many excellent qualities which had distinguished Bro. Dr. Worthington, he called upon Bro. Tickle to make the presentation, which consisted of a very valuable microscope, subscribed for by the Garston and Woolton members of the Lodge of Harmony, to commemorate the "passing through the chair" of the first W.M. who was actually resident in and connected with the interests of Garston. Bro. Tickle said he felt very grateful for the honourable position in which he had been placed, in being privileged to make that presentation to Bro. Worthington. The presentation was exceedingly appropriate, inasmuch as the microscope would doubtless greatly assist Bro. Worthington in the performance of his duties as medical officer. He also referred to the courtesy and efficiency which had marked Bro. Worthington's occupancy of the W.M.'s chair, and concluded by formally presenting him with the microscope, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. V. Worthington, P.M., by the Garston and Woolton members, as a mark of their high esteem for his valuable services as W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220." Bro. Worthington said he felt unable to express sufficiently his thanks for the very handsome gift. It would be exceedingly useful to him in his duties as medical officer of health, and it would always remind him of the great kindness shown him by the members of No. 220. So long as he had been connected with the lodge, everything had worked smoothly, and they had had little or no dissension. The officers had worked remarkably well, and he had all the more pleasure in his position that evening

as he was the first W.M. from Garston, who had ever occupied the chair during the 85 years of its existence, and 15 of which had been attached to Garston. That expression of brotherly affection and esteem would always be cherished by him. Bro. Humphries afterwards gave "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. C. Price, "The Members," acknowledged by Bro. Robinson and Bro. Hardy. Bro. Worthington gave "The President of the Evening," which was well received, and acknowledged by Bro. Humphries. "The Press," acknowledged by Bro. Mackenzie, 1182, (*Freemason*) "The Woolton Members," given by Bro. Tickle, and a number of other toasts followed; and the pleasant proceedings were greatly enlivened by a number of capitally rendered songs.

WAVERTREE.—*Duke of Edinburgh Lodge* (No. 1182).—The annual installation meeting of the members of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, was held on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Coffee House, Wavertree, near Liverpool, and complete success attended the whole of the interesting proceedings. The lodge occupies the proud position of being one of the best worked, and most influential of the suburban lodges in the neighbourhood of Liverpool, and as there was the largest and most distinguished gathering of brethren on this occasion which has ever yet been witnessed in 1182, the greatest interest attached to the proceedings. Bro. J. W. Williams, W.M., opened the lodge in due form, supported by Bros. W. Woods, P.M.; W. Pugh, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; P. R. Thorn, P.M.; J. A. Edginton, S.W.; T. B. Myers, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. G. Bales, Sec.; R. Martin, jun., S.D.; J. Williams, J.D.; T. Davies, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; G. Musker, S.; and P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594, acting Tyler. The members of the lodge present during the afternoon's proceedings were Bros. J. Holmes, J. Bathgate, F. F. Jones, J. Haslam, A. D. Hesketh, M. Parkes, T. Lincoln, N. Walker, W. Green, D. Kaye, J. C. Brew, S. Whitfield, H. Sawyer, W. Thomason, T. Snelson, R. Pannock, J. T. Bullock, D. Morris, J. Pale, G. Collins, J. Jones, G. Marsh, R. Jones, S. C. Newbold, A. Vaughan, A. Thomas, J. B. McKenzie, and others. The following were the visitors present:—Bros. W. Doyle, P.J.G.D.; T. Evans, I.P.M. 1356; E. O. C. Rothwell, W.M. 1356; R. Ing, P.M. 594; M. Corless, W.M. 673; J. Jones, P.M. 594, 1393; Dr. J. V. Worthington, I.P.M. 220; C. Humphries, W.M. 1013; E. Kyle, P.M. 673; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; H. Hunt, W.M. 504; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; P. Askew, 1355; J. Seddon, 673; J. Whitfield, 594; J. R. Cave, 1394; E. Wilson, Sec. 1393; J. Jacobs, 724; A. Woolrich, 1356; W. Healing, J.W. 1094; W. C. Lawson, 220; G. W. Churnside, I.G. 1324; J. F. Hall, 673; W. J. Davies, 701; J. Winsor, S.D. 241; John Winsor, 241; R. Hulme, 673; D. Jackson, 673; J. W. Williams, 1356; J. T. Alston, 205; T. S. Atkinson, 594; C. Walton, 1356; H. Turner, 1356; and others. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the chair of Installing Master was taken by Bro. William Pugh, P.M. of the lodge, who proceeded to instal Bro. J. A. Edginton, as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Pugh has frequently given evidence of his ability, and thorough efficiency as a Mason, but the manner in which he performed the impressive ceremony on this occasion was the most striking evidence he has yet given of his Masonic capabilities. The following brethren were subsequently invested by the W.M. as his officers:—Bros. J. W. Williams, I.P.M.; T. B. Myers, S.W.; R. Martin, jun., J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; T. Davies, S.D.; G. Musker, J.D.; A. Vaughan, I.G.; W. Thomason, S.; T. Snelson, J.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; P. Larsen, Hon. Tyler. Immediately at the conclusion of the installation ceremonial, the newly chaired W.M. presented a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. W. Williams, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge. He also referred to the exceedingly efficient manner in which Bro. Williams had performed the duties of the chair,

and to the prosperous nature of the year which he had enjoyed. Bro. Williams acknowledged the gift in a very eloquent and effective manner, assuring the brethren that the remembrance of their kindness would always remind him of the duty which he owed to the Craft generally, and to No. 1182, in particular. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas should be voted for the purpose of purchasing a jewel for presentation to Bro. J. G. Bales, who had, since the consecration of the lodge, so admirably and faithfully fulfilled the duties of Secretary of the lodge. After the transaction of some further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, under the presidency of the W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the I.P.M. (Bro. Williams) gave "The Health of the W.M." who, in reply, said he hoped he would never give them cause to regret the choice of that evening. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Installing Master," referring specially to the thoroughly efficient manner in which he had performed the duties that day, and Bro. Pugh, in response, alluded to the interest he had always taken in the present W.M., and assured the brethren that he would ever continue to cherish a lively interest in the welfare of the lodge. The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "Visitors" were also given by the W.M., and Bro. Williams, I.P.M., responded to the former. The latter was acknowledged by Bros. J. Jacobs, 724; Evans, I.P.M. 1356; E. O. C. Rothwell, W.M. 1356; Morrison, 594; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; Humphries, W.M. 1013; Devaynes, P.M. 667; Larsen, P.M. 594; and H. Hunt, W.M. 594. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated, and about 11 o'clock on the following (Thursday) morning, 150 ladies and brethren started by special first-class carriages, from Lime-street Station of the London and North-Western Railway, for the purpose of enjoying the annual "1182" pic-nic. The scene of the day's festivities was the Crown of the Overton Hills, in the neighbourhood of Frodsham, and as the weather was in every respect of the most delightful character, there was nothing whatever to mar the general enjoyment. The usual out-of-door amusements were furnished, and Mr. Rigby, (mine host) at the top of the hill, attended carefully and satisfactorily to the "creature comforts" of the visitors. Mirth, music, dancing, games, pleasant rambles and a "thousand and one" other features made up a capital day's out, and the party returned safely to town at a comparatively early hour.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—On Saturday, August 15th, the regular meeting of this lodge was held. Bro. W. Hammond, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M.; presided. Mr. John Howe was initiated, Bros. Dench, J. Brogden, W. Middleton, Snackleton, and C. W. Bates were passed to the second degree. The sum of £5 was voted to the Male Annuity Fund, and a gold bar to the P.M. jewel of Bro. John Thomas Moss, P.G. Reg. Middlesex, P.M., as a mark of respect, and to show that he had served the office of W.M. for two years. Bros. F. Burdett, R.W. Prov. G.M. Middlesex; and J. C. Parkinson, D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex, were elected honorary members. Bro. W. Hammond, W.M., was unanimously re-elected W.M. The brethren partook of a capital banquet. Great praise was given to the W.M. for his excellent rendering of the ceremonies. There were present during the afternoon, besides those already named, Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, W.M. 1423, S.W.; J. Hammond, P.M. as J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; E. Hopwood, P.M.; J. C. Woodwin, P.M.; C. W. Fox, I.G.; H. Potta, P.M.; H. Gloster, C. Heitzmann, J. J. Marsh, Tucker, J. Lawrence, T. W. Stone, D. Steinhauer, T. Archer, W. Mitchell, E. Locking and J. Hurst.

TORQUAY.—*Jordan Lodge* (No. 1402).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting on Friday, 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing Bro. James Murray, S.W., the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form by W. Bro. T. Perry, I.P.M., and the W.M. elect was presented to receive the ceremony of installation. Having been obligated

in presence of a Board of Installed Masters, duly formed, consisting, in addition to Bro. T. Perry, P.M., of Bros. H. Howell, P.M. 487; Col. Ridgway, P.M., S.G.W. Devon; Watson, P.M. 328; W. A. Goss, P.M. 328; J. J. Drake, P.M. 1395; W. P. D. Michelmore, P.M. 1138; and S. Cash, P.M. 328. The ceremony was performed in a faultless manner by Bros. T. Perry, assisted by D. Watson, H. Howell, and J. J. Drake. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—F. Sarre, S.W.; G. G. Johnson, J.W.; T. W. Morgan, S.D.; J. Dodge, J.D.; T. Perry, Treasurer; W. Bradne, Secretary; W. A. Goss, jun., I.G. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where an elegant and recherché banquet was provided. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given in a graceful and elegant manner by the W.M., Bro. Perry proposed "The Health of the W.M.," followed by Bro. Watson, in deservedly laudatory terms. The members of the lodge were honoured by the presence of many visiting brethren from the sister lodge of St. John, and lodges in surrounding towns, whose healths were drunk with great enthusiasm, and were responded to by several brethren, headed by Col. Ridgway in a humorous speech.

NEWPORT.—*Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge* (No. 1429).—The installation of Bro. Wm. Watkins as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, on Thursday, 20th inst. The D.P.G.M., Capt. George Homfray, performed the ceremony in his usual able and efficient manner. Lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Randall as W.M., and the following brethren recorded their names in the signature book:—Bros. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, D.P.G.M. (Mon.); C. W. Ingram, S.W.; Wm. Watkins, J.W.; J. Wilson Bebel, (Sec.); J. Horner (Treas.); E. Whitehall, J.D.; John James, I.G.; F. Orders, Std.; Hy Fletcher, Tyler; Wm. Twist, Jas. Poole, W. Kinsey Morgan, Henry Richards, Chas. Rowe, W.M. 471; Jas. Sanders, R. Wilkinson, S. Brukewick, E. W. Perrin, Jos. Davies, 471; L. A. Homfray, P.P.G.S.W. and P.M. 683; R. B. Evans, P.M. 471, and P.G.S.W.; W. H. Wickey Homfray, S.W. 683; Thos. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C. and P.M. 583; George Griffiths, P.M. 95; Jno. Middleton, P.P.S.G.W. and P.M. 683; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 683; W. H. Lloyd, P.G.R. and I.P.M. 1258; Samuel Davies, P.G.S.W. (Gloucester) and P.M. 270 and 1363; J. Barter, 471; A. Sieverain, 471; Alfred Jacob, 471; John Gamble, S.W. 270; W. Parfitt, P.S.W. 683 and P.G.D.C.; G. B. Rellhood, Royal Leeds, 53; Fred. Wits, 471; Henry Howells, 472; Isaac T. Dando, Isea, 683; Jacob Druill, 394; H. Woolf, 471; A. Taylor, 471; John Pitman, 419; Isaac Jenkins, 442; W. Davies, 103; Jennings Hawker, 331; Peter Philands, Kilwinning Lodge, 4, Glasgow; George Bilson, 673, Liverpool; A. S. Fowler, 970, Stockton-on-Tees, and others. There were present at this interesting ceremony some sixty brethren at least. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Watkins having been duly installed in the chair of King Solomon, and having done his devoirs to his confederates of the same degree, commanded the Tyler to "sound an alarm," and presently there trooped forth into the splendid lodge room a large gathering, who, according to ancient custom, greeted the newly installed Master with great enthusiasm. Then followed the investiture of officers, the W.M. making suitable remarks on the delivery of each collar. We subjoin a list of the fortunate candidates.—Bros. W. Randall, I.P.M.; J. G. Huxtable, S.W.; E. Whitehall, J.W.; J. W. Bebel, Secretary; James Horner, Treasurer; Frederick Orders, S.D.; John James, J.D.; Edward W. Perrin, Organist; Robert Wilkinson, Superintendent of Works; L. Hermessen, D.C.; William Twist, I.G.; J. Horner, junr. and J. Poole, Stewards; Henry Fletcher, Tyler. The financial statement of the lodge was distributed, and showed remarkable progress. The sheet exhibited a balance in hand of £44 17s. 10d. The W.M. (Bro. Watkins) cordially thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him. He would endeavour to merit the good opinion which his brethren had been pleased to

form of him by their unanimous vote. He felt also deeply indebted to the large number who had attended to do honour to his installation. The W.M. then proposed, and it was seconded by Bro. C. W. Ingram, and carried unanimously, a cordial vote of thanks to "the Worshipful Brother Capt. George Homfray, D.P.G.M. (Mon) for his very able services rendered to the brethren this day, in the capacity of Installing Master." Bro. Homfray appositely returned thanks, promising his fatherly support as D.P.G.M. to the rising generation in Masonry. The usual votes of thanks to Bro. Randall, the retiring Master, and to the visitors, coupled with the name of Bro. L. A. Homfray, were recorded and duly responded to. The lodge was then solemnly closed. It is usual to have a banquet on these occasions, but we understand that it has been arranged to have a joint banquet of the three blue lodges, and January next has been indicated as the probable fixture for this festive gathering.

### Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Kilwinning Lodge* (No. 4) held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. J. Prout, S.W.; J. Jameson, J.W.; there was one candidate who was initiated in first-class style by Bro. J. Thorburn, R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Railway* (No. 354) met on the 5th inst., the R.W.M., Bro. J. Shaw, presiding, assisted by A. A. Smith, I.P.M.; D. Buchan, D.M.; Wm. Hadwell, S.M.; J. Stafford, S.W.; W. Joiner, acting J.W.; and a large attendance of members and visitors, who witnessed plenty of work, the R.W.M. initiating three candidates, passing three to the Fellow Craft degree, after which Bro. A. H. Smith raised four brethren to the sublime degree. The lodge having been reduced to the first degree, the R.W.M. said although it was late, he would like the brethren to remain a little, as they were about to lose the services of Bro. Hardy, their excellent Director of Music, who had helped them to pass so many pleasant evenings. Bro. Mackenzie then in a highly eulogistic speech, proposed the thanks of the lodge to Bro. Hardy, D. of M., who in reply said that when he got to Canada he should often think of the happy hours he had spent in company with the brethren of 354. The R.W.M. proposed "The Visitors," coupling it with Bro. J. O. Park and G. W. Wheeler. Both brethren replied, Bro. Wheeler giving "Prosperity to 354 and its very worthy Master," who promised to emulate the good P.M.'s, of whom the lodge could boast. Bro. Park proposed the Wardens and other officers. Bro. Stafford briefly acknowledged the compliment; after "The Fireside of the Master" had been given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed, all well pleased, though regretting to lose a brother.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge St. John* (No. 3½).—This old and influential lodge held their bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 15th, in their own hall, 213, Buchanan-street. There was a very large meeting. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Thomas Fletcher, who had the assistance of most of his officers, and in the working of the degrees the aid of Past Masters J. Smilie, McMillan, and Wm. Bell. There was a very heavy night's work, viz., two initiations, two passings and the raising of no less than thirteen brethren. All the ceremonies were carefully wrought by the Past Masters and Deputy Master. The raising of the fees has evidently not deteriorated from the popularity of this, the oldest lodge in the province, and which claims to date even before the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar*.—The monthly meeting of this body was held in St. Mark's Hall on Monday, the 16th August, Sir Knight R. Bell, G.S., the E.C., presiding; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; Wm. Cameron, C.C., C. McKenzie, S.C.; J. Johnson, J. C.; S. Scott, M.; McClanahan, W. A petition was presented from Comp. P. Hastie, of 69. The ballot having been unanimous in his favour, he was admitted as a Pilgrim and afterwards created an Esquire of the Order. The nomination of

officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge* (No. 73) met at 170, Buchanan-street, on the 17th inst., J. Balfour, F.N.; J. O. Park, S.; J. McDonald J.; W. Wheeler, P. Application for admission on board was received from Bro. J. Hastie, of Lodge 4, who was admitted and duly installed in the duties of a Royal Ark Mariner.

GLASGOW.—*The Council of Red Cross Knights*, in connection with Chapter 73, met on Tuesday, 17th inst., J. O. Park, P. of C.; Balfour, acting President; G. W. Wheeler, Scribe; W. McDonald, S.G.; J. Johnston, J.G.; J. Bryde, 1st C.; J. S. Oliver, 2nd C.; J. Bannerman, S.; J. Hay, O.G.; Visitor D. Ramsey. Two companions of Chap. 69, Jas. Gibson and Jas. Hastie, were candidates for admission, and the council being unanimous, they were admitted and created Knights of the Sword. The council was subsequently opened in the other degrees, and the same two gentlemen were thereafter admitted into the other two points and created Knights of the East, and also Knights of the East and West. Both the new Sir Knights afterwards returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them, and expressed their satisfaction with the ceremonies they had gone through.

### Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—This lodge met for an emergency on the 8th inst., Bro. Charles Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. A dispensation had been obtained from the Grand Master for the removal of the lodge from the 1st Surrey Volunteer Quarters, and all the future meetings are to be held at Masons' Hall. The brethren who attended on this occasion were Bros. Robert Berridge, S.W.; James Stevens, P.F.W.M.; Thomas Meggy, P.R.W.M., and Treasurer, W. P. Collins, G.D.; N. J. Z. Basnett, D.C.; G. Yaxley, Steward; F. H. Cozens, I.G.; J. K. Pitt, J. M. Wohlgenouth, G. W. Verry, F. Binckes, G. Sec.; and H. Massey (*Freemason*). Bro. T. Meggy, P.M., advanced Bro. Partridge to the ancient and honourable degree, and as there was no other business before the meeting, the brethren adjourned to banquet. After banquet the usual toasts were duly given, and honoured. Bro. James Stevens, in obedience to the call of the W.M., responded for the Past Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers. Referring to Bro. Portal's reign over this degree, he said that that brother had done more good for this Order than probably any of his predecessors; but he trusted not more than his successor would do. Bro. Portal's service to the degree during his three years of office had been very great in rendering it so perfect as it was at the present time. The officers appointed by him had given every satisfaction, and they had endeavoured by all the means in their power to promote the interests of the degree. The efforts of those three years of Bro. Portal's rule had not been lost, and it might safely be considered that the degree was both taking and holding a position which should give all members connected with the degree the greatest pleasure to know. The officers, it must be remembered, could do nothing of themselves if left alone. It was only by the support of the other members of the degree they could hope to achieve success. From the support they were getting from these members there was no doubt the prospects of the degree were extremely encouraging. Bro. Basnett responded for the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex and Surrey, Col. Burdett, and said he was present at the last annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund at Richmond, when he represented this lodge as Steward, and he had to thank the brethren heartily for the support they gave him on that occasion. The Provincial Grand Lodge would hold its next meeting in London in October, and he hoped that all the brethren of the Macdonald Lodge, who were Provincial Grand Officers would attend it.

Bro. T. Meggy then proposed "The W.M." He said that from the admirable way in which he had performed his other duties, the lodge

looked forward to a happy and prosperous year. He gave this toast with confidence because he had seen his working in a lodge before. The W.M. was one of those Masons who, when they undertook a duty, did their best to perform it properly. It was not every one who had the gifts to perform a W.M.'s work, but when a brother did all he could, and devoted much time and attention to it, his efforts ought not to be unacknowledged. Bro. Worrell did this, and he (Bro. Meggy) hoped that before this time next year, when he went out of the chair, he would be presented with that acknowledgment of his services which the lodge was in the habit of bestowing on those Masters with whose work they were satisfied. Bro. Worrell was glad his efforts met with approval. Called upon at rather a short notice, to occupy the W.M. chair, he had not been able to get up the ritual with the fluency he should have wished, but he meant to do so yet. There was no Masonic duty, since he had been connected with the Order, that he had shrunk from, and he did not intend in this branch of it to shirk what fell to him. He should do all he could to work the degree to the satisfaction, not only of himself, but of all his brethren. It was somewhat difficult to accomplish the work of a Mark Lodge when the Master's duties in the Craft and Arch also devolved on a brother, as he was apt to mix the little variations that occurred in the three together, and some confusion was thereby created. Before the Lodge next met he hoped he should overcome all difficulties that presented themselves in the working of the Mark Degree.

Bro. Worrell next proposed "The Newly-advanced Brother, Bro. Partridge," whom he had great pleasure in introducing himself. In the Craft it was always a pleasure to shed the new light of Freemasonry on a brother, but when they came to this degree, with the new light they gave, a better and fuller enjoyment of Freemasonry was conferred, and he might also congratulate the brethren on having acquired such a brother as the one they had advanced that evening. He was of that kind and genial nature which the brethren of the William Preston Lodge were famous for. Moreover he took a wonderful interest in Freemasonry, and was anxious to go on in the various degrees. Such a brother he called on them to welcome.

Bro. Partridge said it was a difficult task for him to reply, in fact "speechifying" he always dreaded, as he was not adapted for it. But after the remarks which had fallen from Bro. Worrell, he could but state that he would endeavour to act as a Mark Master and should do what was most conducive to the benefit of the Order and this lodge. Bro. Worrell next proposed "The P.M.'s" Bro. Meggy, Stevens, Wolton, Cronin, and Hammerton." Bro. Meggy responded, and in reply to some flattering remarks of the W.M., on the use the P.M.'s had been to the lodge, said that as regarded himself he looked on this lodge as his family. He took great pride in it, and he was glad the brethren behaved as obedient children and with proper attention to the W.M. in the chair. He was glad to find they were getting on in numbers, and he thought if they went on increasing as they had already increased they would become the most prosperous lodge in the degree. It was always a great pleasure to him to come amongst them and in any way he could assist them in the working of the lodge, because it was a great thing in this degree that the work should be done correctly to give the candidate a proper appreciation of the beautiful ritual they had in Mark Masonry. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., added that he should not have said anything to this toast if it had not been that some acknowledgment was due from him for the kindness which enabled him to be present at this meeting and others in the course of the year. They had made him an honorary member when he felt bound to resign on account of the Great City Lodge, of which he was Master, meeting on the same day as this lodge. Among Mark Lodges the Macdonald was the one nearest his heart, and if he had had to give up any on account of their clashing with his other engagements he should certainly have selected the Macdonald to remain connected with. Whenever he could promote the interest of the

Macdonald Lodge they would always continue to have his earnest efforts on its behalf, in whatever position he might be placed in Mark Masonry. "The Visitors," and "The Officers," were the remaining toasts, Bro. Berridge replying for the latter, and the brethren separated, some excellent singing having been given between the toasts by Bros. Meggy and Stevens.

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at the Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck-street, Calcutta, on Wednesday, the 24th of June, 1874.

Present:—The W. J. Pitt Kennedy, Past Dep. D.G.M., as District Grand Master; W. J. B. Roberts, Past Dep. D.G.M., as Dep. Dist. Grand Master; W. F. Jennings, Past Deputy District Grand Master; and the rest of the Dist. Grand Officers in their respective places.

Representatives of Lodges were present from Star in the East, 67, Industry and Perseverance 109, True Friendship, 218, Humility and Fortitude, 229, Marine, 232, Anchor and Hope, 234, Courage and Humanity, 392, St. John's, 486, Excelsior, 825, Star of Orissa, 1106, Temperance and Benevolence, 1160, Sandeman, 1374, Pioneer, 1490; and visitors from lodges 229, 234, 392, 486, and 1374.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 6.45 p.m.

The Acting District Grand Secretary reported the receipt of apologies from several brethren for unavoidable non-attendance.

The District Grand Master in the Chair said that, before proceeding with the work before the District Grand Lodge, he would call upon the Acting District Grand Secretary to read a letter lately received from the District Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Sandeman. He (the D.G.M. in the chair) was sure that it would be a great pleasure to all present to hear the words which their absent District Grand Master had addressed to them.

The minutes of the quarterly communication of the 21st March, 1874, having been printed and circulated, were, on the motion of the District Grand Master in the Chair, taken as read, and Bro. J. B. Roberts, P.D.D.G.M., wished to call attention to a very grave error of account in one of the reports embodied in the minutes of the last communication of District Grand Lodge. He thought that a note should be made of this.

The District Grand Master in the chair pointed out that the confirmation of minutes did not imply more than that, in the opinion of those present, they correctly recorded what had actually taken place at the meeting to which they referred. If the error in the report from a different body, now pointed out by Bro. Roberts, was actually in the report, as submitted to the District Grand Lodge, it was not only necessary, but it would even be improper for the District Grand Lodge to attempt to rectify it. As Bro. Roberts was aware the correction of the error referred to had engaged the attention of the body which was competent to deal with it, and the next report which the District Grand Lodge received from the Bengal Masonic Association would doubtless afford all that was necessary for the removal of any misapprehensions into which the members of the District Grand Lodge might have been led by the mistake in question.

The motion was then put and was carried, and the District Grand Master in the chair then addressed the District Grand Lodge as follows:—

Worshipful Brethren, I have not very many observations to make either on the matters which will come before you in the several reports which will be submitted this evening, or on the state and prospects of Masonry in the province generally. As there may be discussion on some of the subjects which are brought forward in the various reports, it appears to me to be a more convenient plan to reserve until then what I may have to say than to take up your time by entering into details now. I may, however, say generally, that the several reports seem to me sa-

tisfactory, and certainly, whatever opinion may be held as to whether Masonry is in all respects as flourishing as could be wished, it must be admitted that in one direction, and that which is, I take it, a sound test of the condition of the Craft, we have no reason to be dissatisfied. I congratulate the District Grand Lodge upon the condition of its Fund of Benevolence.

Of our other Charity, the Bengal Masonic Association, I am not able to speak so favourably. By a mistaken construction of one of its bye-laws it was supposed to be in a better position than it really was, and it is now, I regret to say, in a situation of temporary embarrassment. The capital, of course, remains what it was, and is even increasing; but the annual subscriptions have fallen off, and the result is that there are not enough funds to carry on with. This has been to some extent relieved—relieved I may say for the moment—but it will be necessary to consider what efforts can be made to place the association on a really safe footing, and I am informed that a proposition upon this subject will be brought before you this evening.

I regret to have to announce to you the exclusion of a brother from Lodge Marine, No. 232, for non-payment of dues.

I have next to make an announcement of a quite different character: I have appointed Messrs. T. Black and Co. to be book-sellers, stationers, and printers to District Grand Lodge. Messrs. Black and Co. are, as you are aware, our sub-tenants, occupying the ground floor of these premises; and the head of their firm is a well-known and esteemed brother among us, the Master of one of our Calcutta lodges, and an officer of District Grand Lodge. I venture to think that much convenience to the Craft in Bengal generally, as well as to District Grand Lodge in particular, will result from the appointment to which I am referring.

Finally, I would say a word or two upon a matter more personal to myself. In respect of one of the duties belonging to the office which I have the honour to hold among you for a time, I fear greatly that I must have seemed to you to be culpably negligent. I refer to the duty—the very pleasant duty as it has always been considered by the occupants of this chair—of officially visiting lodges. Brethren, I simply am not able to do it; my professional occupations will not permit me to do it. Visiting a lodge officially implies a late evening—not necessarily an unpleasant evening—quite the reverse, still less an evening that is not temperate and moderate in its enjoyments; but at the same time the result is decidedly a later evening than it is my custom to enjoy—later than the labours of my profession permit me to give myself. I have to express my regret that this is so, but so it is.

In other ways, it is possible that I may be able to be of use to you. I mean that in many questions that arise regarding lodges, involving reference to, and readings of, bye-laws, constitutions, and so forth, and it is not unlikely that, as a mere result of my professional training and daily habit of thought, I may be able to be of service; but in respect to that other duty, I must tell you that it is not possible for me to perform it, and I must ask your forbearance and indulgence regarding it.

W. Bro. Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., moved—that the report of proceedings of the Committee of General Purposes, at a meeting on the 5th June, 1874, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read. Seconded by W. Bro. Mac-tavish, D.J.G.W., and carried unanimously.

The accounts of the Committee of General Purposes were passed.

W. Bro. Locke moved—that, under the circumstances urged in the second paragraph of section 3 of the report, the Committee of General Purposes be held excused for having taken up the question of the remission of rent to Lodge 392, informally brought before them.

W. Bro. Lindley, D.G. Registrar, seconded the motion, and it was carried.

W. Bro. Locke moved further—that the remission of the sum rs. 66-10-8, on account of two months' rent from lodge 392, as recommended by the committee in the last paragraph of section 3 of their report, be sanctioned.

Seconded by W. Bro. Turner, and carried unanimously.

The Acting District Grand Secretary reported concerning the question of the lodge-building at Agra.

Permission having been accorded by the District Grand Master in the Chair, W. Bro. Locke read the following, being a portion of Art. 50 of the bye-laws of District Grand Lodge, under the Chapter "Lodges placed in abeyance."

"The presiding Officer of a lodge, at the time of its being placed in abeyance, shall, with the above report [a report concerning the necessity of placing the lodge in abeyance] forward an account of the Lodge Property and Funds; and he will be guided by such instructions as may be communicated to him by the District Grand Master, with the view of holding the property and funds in trust until the lodge may be reopened; but if it be not resuscitated within two years, they shall be disposed of, and the proceeds made over to the Fund of Benevolence.

Wor. Bro. Roberts expressed himself as satisfied.

The report of proceedings of Grand Committee of the Fund of Benevolence, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read, received and ordered to be recorded.

Bro. Roberts had to make a remark which, he said, perhaps hardly came within the four corners of this report, but a mistake had been made, connected with the Fund of Benevolence which he thought should be set right. In the list of the members of the Executive Sub-Committee, a name, that of Bro. W. H. Jones, had been left out. There was also another mistake, the name of Bro. Le Franc had taken the place of W. Bro. Frew, but this was not perhaps a matter of very much consequence now, as Bro. Frew had gone away from Calcutta and his place on the Sub-Committee was filled by W. Bro. Le Franc. The omission of W. Bro. W. H. Jones from the list, however, was certainly a matter which he, Bro. Roberts, wished to have rectified, lest he might at any time be charged with irregularity in sending the minute book to Bro. W. H. Jones, as he was in the habit of doing.

The Acting District Grand Secretary was wholly unable to see how W. Bro. Roberts could ask District Grand Lodge to consider the statement which he had made as to errors, which whether they existed or not, were certainly not contained in, nor in any way connected with, the report which was now before the brethren upon regular motion. The motion before District Grand Lodge was to receive and record a report of proceedings at a meeting of the Managers of the Fund held upon a particular date therein set forth. The names of W. brethren found in that report were simply those of the members of the Grand Committee who were present at that meeting and of two who sent apologies for their absence. The report did not profess to give—it did not fall within its scope to give—a complete list of the Sub-Committee (or of the full committee for that matter), but only, as he had said, the names of those present at the meeting, with the incidental mention of two names of brethren who had sent apologies. He, W. Bro. Locke, regretted now that he had (with a view to the saving of time) moved District Grand Lodge to take the report as read, and, were it possible to withdraw that motion, he would, inasmuch as if the report was read, word for word, it would be seen how wholly irrelevant to it were the remarks which Bro. Roberts had made. He, Bro. Locke, would appeal to the Chair as to whether those remarks could be considered until the motion before the brethren was disposed of.

W. Bro. Roberts claimed the right of taking what steps he pleased in order to bring mistakes to notice. He was quite aware that those to which he was now referring were not in the particular report before them—he had said so on first rising—but they had to do with the Fund of Benevolence, and it did not seem to him to be at all out of order that he should ask for a mistake to be corrected.

The District Grand Master in the chair said he must overrule W. Bro. Roberts. The statements made by that brother certainly did not bear upon the motion which was before District Grand Lodge, and they could not be considered until that motion was disposed of.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

Brother J. H. E. Beer, D. G. Organist, in moving the resolution of which he had given notice, and which stood in his name on the agenda paper, said that the object of his motion was the supply of a want which he had felt since he had held the office of District Grand Organist, and which he had ascertained had also been felt by his predecessors. District Grand Lodge did not possess a sheet of music, but had entirely to depend upon the kindness of musical brethren, who had frequently been sufferers by loss of what they had lent. He did not think that this state of things should continue. They had now a comparatively wealthy Musical Instrument Fund, and as it certainly appeared to him that the application of a small portion of this fund to the use which he proposed was quite a legitimate one, he would move that a sum of money not exceeding Rs. 100 be taken from the Musical Instrument Fund, and placed at the disposal of the D. G. Organist for the purpose of providing a suitable collection of music for the use of the D. G. Organist in Lodge and after banquet, and a box or almirah in which the music can be kept in safety. He would add that it was not his intention to spend the whole of the money at once, but carefully, from time to time, in getting what might be thought desirable. In selecting, he (Bro. Beer) intended to take counsel with other musical brethren, whose advice he was sure he could count upon.

The motion was seconded by W. Bro. James W. Browne.

The District Grand Master said that perhaps he could hardly refuse to put the motion, but he must confess that he felt considerable difficulty in putting it. It seemed to him to be really a motion for diverting the moneys of a fund to uses other than those for which they were subscribed. A sheet of music might be held to be a "Musical Instrument," but it certainly seemed to him to be stretching the definition. He could not himself think that the necessity for the purchase of music for special use at meetings of District Grand Lodge could be anything like a pressing one. Surely the musical brethren must have a large amount which they could use when they favoured us with music. It had always seemed to him to be a characteristic of musical people to have very large collections of sheets and books of music. He had often noticed in houses where music was cultivated what had appeared to him to be an over-abundance in this respect, and he really thought that the musical brethren in District Grand Lodge could hardly be put to much inconvenience for want of music books. As to the almirah or box in which to keep carefully any music that by accident or otherwise brethren might leave behind them occasionally, there was perhaps no objection to that; but he must confess that, for his part, he should be adverse to see any expenditure made from the Musical Instrument Fund for the purchase of music sheets or books. They must remember that pianos were not long-lived things. The amount now at credit of the Musical Instrument Fund bore but a small proportion to the cost of a new piano, and if drains upon the fund were made of the kind now proposed, we might at no very distant date find ourselves in want of a new instrument, and without sufficient money in the Musical Instrument Fund to buy one.

W. Bro. Locke asked whether, under Article 13 of the District Grand Lodge Bye-laws, which said that all questions of finance should be referred to the Committee of General Purposes for consideration and report, the mover of the present proposition could ask the District Grand Lodge to pass a definite vote upon the subject until it had been so referred. It seemed to him that the most that Bro. Beer could take by his motion that evening would be leave to refer the proposal to the Committee of General Purposes.

The District Grand Master concurred with Bro. Locke, whereupon Bro. Beer said he would, with the permission of District Grand Lodge, amend his motion by prefixing to it the words, "that the following propositions be referred to the Committee of General Purposes, viz." The

seconder of the original motion expressed his assent to the proposed amendment.

W. Bro. Roberts was of opinion that there was no need at all for Bro. Beer to have been troubled to make any alteration in the wording of his motion. It was quite open to him to have moved it as it stood, and some other brother, if he had wished, could have moved any amendment.

Bro. Locke thought that W. Bro. Roberts was mistaken. He (Bro. Locke) had asked the chair whether by art. 13 of our bye-laws District Grand Lodge could be asked to take the proposition into consideration that evening, and the District Grand Master in the chair had said it could not. After that it was very evident that there had been some need for the alteration which Bro. Beer and his seconder had made.

The motion was then put—

"That the propositions be referred to the Committee of General Purposes."

The business as noted in the Agenda paper having terminated with the foregoing motion, the usual enquiry was made from the chair as to whether any brother had aught further to propose for the good of Freemasonry, upon which

W. Bro. Roberts said yes, he had something to propose for the good of Masonry. It was, he thought, decidedly for the good of Masonry that the public should see that our charities were not less cared for than they had always been. Amongst the works of charity which Masonry had always encouraged, that of educating the children of our poorer brethren had always been conspicuous. There was nothing that so effectually stopped the mouths of objectors to Freemasonry as our being able to point to those noble institutions at home which the Craft had founded and were supporting, those schools where the children of poor Masons received the inestimable blessings of education. We had among ourselves an institution of the kind, humble, of course, as compared with those at home, but still not altogether unworthy of us as a beginning. The work had been earnestly begun, and it had, there was no doubt, prospered under the hands of R. W. Bro. Sandeman, that he was willing to admit, for he desired not to raise contention of any kind over the proposition he was now about to bring forward. He did not wish to contend even with the Acting District Grand Secretary. All would, however, admit—all did admit—that lately there had been a falling off in the support afforded to our Bengal Masonic Association, and the result had been that the Association had been placed in a position in which it had seriously to consider how it could continue to carry on that which it had undertaken to do. The necessities of the present year, however, were not now so pressing as they were even a few days ago. There had been a deficit of Rs. 152, and the Fund of Benevolence had passed a resolution declaring that if the remainder of the deficit were not made up by similar subscriptions, their Treasurer should meet the calls of the Treasurer of the Association up to Rs. 500. There was no longer therefore the pressing necessity to consider any such questions as the removal of a child from school, how means should be raised to prevent such a removal. There did remain, however, a matter which he thought demanded their serious consideration, and it was upon this that he desired to give formal notice of a motion to be brought forward at the next communication of the District Grand Lodge. Were the brethren in Bengal content that (even supposing all difficulties up to that point to be surmounted) the Bengal Masonic Association should go no further than to undertake the charge of five children? Would they be satisfied to be able to reply to any caviller against Freemasonry that they had an institution which supported five children? Would they let the institution sicken and wither, or would they hold that the time had arrived when it behoved them to place it upon a similar footing as regarded regular and assured support as that which the kindred charity, the Fund of Benevolence enjoyed? Did they, or did they not, consider that the Bengal Masonic Association was not less worthy of such support than the other fund, and would they tax themselves to give

that support? These were the questions which it was his desire to bring to an issue, and he therefore now gave a formal notice that at the quarterly communication of this District Grand Lodge, to be held in September next, he would move—

1st.—That, in the opinion of this District Grand Lodge of Bengal, the Funds of the Bengal Masonic Association for educating children of Indigent Freemasons should be aided to the like extent and in the same manner as is the kindred and cognate institution, the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence, by a fixed scale of contributions from all the lodges in the province.

2nd.—That such steps be taken to add to the bye-laws of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal (under the sanction of the W. Grand Master of England and the United Grand Lodge of England) as may be necessary to give effect to the above resolution.

W. Bro. Locke:—Worshipful Sir, I too have something to propose in the interests of this District Grand Lodge, although I cannot for a moment pretend that it will stand comparison, as to importance, with the topic that has just engaged our attention. It is nevertheless a matter which nearly concerns our convenience, at any rate, if not our welfare, and it is one also which calls for immediate consideration. In fact, I am not able to content myself with merely giving a "notice" of motion: I am about to ask District Grand Lodge to consider at once a subject which, owing to circumstances which I shall explain, has not been entered upon the paper of agenda for this communication.

The District Grand Master in the chair suggested that when the report of the Bengal Masonic Association was ready it might be sent to all those whom this notice of motion would reach. There was one remark made by W. Bro. Roberts with which he (the D.G.M. in the chair) could not agree, and that was when Bro. Roberts had seemed to speak with satisfaction of the Bengal Masonic Association having got out of its immediate difficulty by means of a credit given to it by the Fund of Benevolence. Now, although he (the D.G.M. in the chair) was extremely pleased that the Grand Committee of the Fund of Benevolence should come forward in this way to aid the sister charity when in temporary difficulty, he could not help hoping that the assistance thus proffered would only be taken as a last resource. If it were not exactly "a robbing of Peter to pay Paul," it had nevertheless a dangerous resemblance to it, and he trusted that a great effort would be made to do without taking any portion of the money voted by the Fund of Benevolence.

W. Bro. Roberts entirely concurred with the chair. It was quite a misapprehension to suppose that he (Bro. Roberts) was satisfied at a deficit in the funds of one charity being made good by a grant from the other.

The District Grand Master—Very well; I am glad my brother Roberts repudiates the idea—but, brethren, I want you likewise to repudiate it by coming forward to prevent Bro. Roberts, the Treasurer of the Association, from drawing upon Bro. Jones, the Treasurer of the Fund of Benevolence, and you can prevent it by means which I need not more particularly dwell upon.

Some other business was then transacted. The usual collection was made for the Fund of Benevolence. The amount collected (in cards and cash) was announced to be Rs. 117-8, and was made over to the District Grand Treasurer.

District Grand Lodge was then closed, in form, at 8-15 p.m.

The *Devon and Cornwall Masonic Register* has just been issued by Bro. Leonard D. Westcott, of Plymouth. It contains a capital photographic portrait of Bro. L. P. Metham, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, and some account of his Masonic life. The accounts of Lodges, Chapters, Mark Lodges, and of the other degrees of Masonry are extremely valuable for reference, and the work ought to command an extensive circulation amongst Masons.

The Stability Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at Guildhall Tavern, has been removed to Bro. Charles Gosden's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street,

FREEMASONRY IN N. S. WALES.

ZETLAND LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, No. 655 E.C.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, 12th inst. The W.M., Wor. Bro. Chas. Davis, and his Officers assumed their chairs at prompt time. On the dais supporting the W.M., were noticeable several distinguished past and present D.G.L. Officers and Past Masters. The lodge opened its labours in the first degree. The Secretary, Bro. Higstrim, then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved of and confirmed. The lodge then took into consideration the propriety of becoming annual subscribers to a lodge of Instruction, which was unanimously agreed to; Wor. Bro. P. M. Ryall, D. G. Organist, and Bro. Cameron, Senior Deacon, being appointed delegates to assist in drawing up by-laws for the guidance of the same. A candidate for the second degree was approved of, intrusted, and retired. The lodge then passed to the second or F.C. degree, when the secrets pertaining to the same were communicated to him. The lodge then resumed business in the first degree. Apologies were tendered by the W.M. on behalf of two of his officers, who were unable to attend the meeting. A communication from a sister lodge, E.C., was read, announcing the erasure of sundry brothers' names, for non-compliance with by-laws, anent dues. The Treasurer's statement showed a healthy state of funds; exception was taken to the loose way in which invoices were rendered by various parties to this lodge, and an intimation, to be conveyed to them, that the same must be altered. Bro. Secretary received instructions to forward a G.L. certificate to a brother who had applied for same in the usual way. No further business offering, the lodge was closed at 9.45 p.m.; the brethren adjourning, with the W. M., to the banqueting room, where a social and happy hour was passed.

AUSTRALIAN LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 556, E.C.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th May. The W.M. opened in first degree with prayer, and accustomed formalities. There were present, amongst others, the D.D.G. Master and visitors. Apologies were received for the absence of several brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot took place for the admission of a brother from the Armidale Lodge of Unity, who was unanimously accepted as a joining member, and who on entering the lodge after the ballot, was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate. A similar document was also delivered to another brother. There being a candidate for the second degree present, he was fully examined in the ritual leading to that degree, which was quite satisfactory; after which the W.M. opened the lodge of Fellow-Craft, and the brother was passed to that degree, with ancient form. A candidate for the third degree was now examined, and the test proving satisfactory, the W.M. opened the lodge in the third degree, and then vacated the chair, which was taken by the very Worshipful the D.D. Grand Master, who raised the brother, on the five points of fellowship, to the degree of a M.M. The various ceremonies attending the degrees were greatly enhanced by the performances of Bro. Read, the Organist, on the fine harmonium, which is the property of this lodge. The chair was resumed by the W.M., who then closed the lodge in the third degree, continuing labour in the first degree. The correspondence was then entered into. An application was read from the furnishing committee, soliciting further assistance (this lodge having already voted £20.) towards liquidating the expenses incurred by them, in decorating and improving the lodge room, and suggesting that a vote of £3, from each of the four principal lodges, meeting in that room, would be sufficient for the purpose. It was, after debate, proposed that £5 be voted, in addition to the previous amount paid, which was seconded and carried *nem con.* A circular was read from the Hon Sec. of the provisional committee, for the formation of an Instruction Lodge for the E.C. on a new and independent basis, soliciting the co-operation of this lodge towards its formation and support. The W.M., and other brethren,

having explained the causes which led to the present Instruction Lodge becoming virtually defunct, it was carried unanimously, upon motion made and seconded, that £3 3s. be voted in favour of this subject; and the W.M., and Past Master Bullard, were elected to act as delegates from this lodge, to assist in framing by-laws, &c., for the new Instruction Lodge. A circular was then read from the Robert Burns Lodge, announcing the names of three brethren, who had been erased from membership of that lodge for non-payment of dues. A clearance certificate was signed by the W.M. and Wardens for a brother who desired to call off; and four candidates were proposed for initiation at the next monthly meeting. The lodge was finally closed by the W.M., with prayer and praise, at about ten o'clock, when the brethren and visitors were invited to partake of refreshment in the adjoining room.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

GRAHAMSTOWN, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—*Albany Lodge (No 389).* The Masonic descendants of the Albany Settlers of 1820, in the Eastern province, forgot not the antient custom of the Craft, by meeting at High Twelve on the Festival of St. John (24th June). Of the forty brethren who met together to form this lodge, on the 20th September, 1828, only one is now living to see the installation of the 40th W.M. The lodge being opened by the venerable P.M. Bro. R. Curren, (in the absence of the W.M. Bro. A. Brittain) and assisted in the ceremony by the W.M. of St. John's Lodge No. 828, and Bro. P. M. Solomon, duly placed the W.M. elect, Bro. O. Lester, in the East. The investiture of officers then followed, viz.—Bros. W. A. Smith, S.W.; Wm. Wedderburn, J.W.; D. Sampson, Treas.; J. Vialls, Sec.; A. J. Alcock, S.D.; W. S. Streak, J.D.; J. Quait, I.G.; and A. Will, Tyler. An initiation and raising completed the labours of the day. The prospects of the lodge are once more encouraging, having again purchased a site with a building thereon, temporarily to be used as a lodge until time and circumstances, energy and liberal donations will enable them to erect a new Temple worthy of the oldest lodge in the Eastern province, and the oldest but two in South Africa, under the English Constitution, the oldest being the British, No. 334, (D.G.L.) 1812; and Hope No. 365, (1821), both in Capetown, six hundred miles from Grahams-town. When Albany Lodge is in a financial position to build, it must take the opportunity of inviting England's Naval Prince to lay the foundation stone, as they have in their possession the very self-same silver trowel the then Prince Alfred used in laying the foundation stone of the tower of St. George's Cathedral, Grahams-town, in 1860, which was given by him to the lodge.

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ROMAN EAGLE LODGE.

Can Bro. D. M. Lyon tell me anything of the Roman Eagle Lodge, which our able Bro. Mackey says, received a warrant from the Scottish Grand Lodge, in 1874, to work in Latin?

I do not find the statement in Laurie.

Is Bro. Browne, whom Bro. Mackey terms the "celebrated and learned," the same as Dr. John Browne, who published the "Master Key," &c., in 1786?

A. F. A. WOODFORD;

BRO. PRESTON'S FUNERAL.

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A. F. A. WOODFORD.

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**Births, Marriages and Deaths.**

**DEATH.**

HARPER.—At Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., suddenly, of heart disease, Bro. Thos. Harper, of 36, Bloomsbury-square. He was the son of the late Bro. Edwards Harper, for many years Grand Secretary, in conjunction with Bro. White.

**The Freemason,**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1874.

**THE ONWARD PROGRESS OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.**

At this dull season of the Masonic year, when almost all our London and many of our country lodges are in recess, when brother Paterfamilias has taken our sister, the partner of his bosom, and his little "Lewis," and many other little Masonic blessings, to some seaside haven, to prawns, and sand, and donkeys, and dippings in the sea, we want something to write about. The heat of the dog days is over, August and grouse have come in, both "shadily" this year, and September and partridges are close at hand. What shall we "discourse" about? It is difficult to be eloquent when one has nothing to say, and useless to compose leaders, when you have little to tell. And yet we must say something. "What better theme than Masonry?" says a good old poetic brother, now, alas! no longer to the fore, and our worthy brother, P.M. Tim McGuire, alluded to recently in the "Masonic Magazine," chimes in, "I'll tell ye what; write something nate about the Order, and put in a little poetry to make the prose rowl down asier!" So following alike the advice of our poetic and our prosy brother, we have composed the following article, (without, however, any poetry in it), which we carefully commend to the notice and the patience of our many and suffering brethren.

We have been perusing the quarterly papers and returns of Grand Lodge, and we are struck with this fact, that between the months of June and September, since the last quarterly communication in fact, nine lodges have been added to our English master roll, and that 106 lodges, nominally, are on the list of English warranted lodges. And even that number, we are inclined to believe, does not quite exhaust the Catalogue, as since this return was printed other warrants have probably been granted, and as we ourselves know, applications are being made almost daily for warrants for new lodges. What a wonderful fact in itself does this increase of our lodges present for our reflection and consideration. At the beginning of the present century the number of lodges "returned by Grand Lodge," we are told in the July number of the "Masonic Magazine," for 1873, amounted to 584, an increase of 224 lodges in thirty-four years. And now, in 1874, despite a large number removed, despite erasings and renumberings, we have 1510 names

of lodges, in round numbers, reported by the Grand Secretary—an increase of nearly 1000 lodges in 73 years. In 1873, the Calendar contained the names of 1329 lodges, in 1874 of 1469 lodges. Thus, we note that close upon 200 lodges have been added to our numerical strength in two years, very nearly an average of 100 per annum, up to Midsummer, 1874. When our new Calendars are published in November, in all probability, some other additions will have been made to the long roll of English lodges. Thus far, we think we may fairly assume, that we are progressing at the rate of 100 lodges per annum, and that, supposing, too, the present rate of increase is maintained, and that nothing occurs to check or hinder the extension of our prosperous and united Order, in ten years' time—say 1884—our English Grand Lodge will number about 2500 warranted lodges. There are those amongst us, who affect to think they see evil in this increase of our Order, and who are inclined to shake their heads at the applications for new warrants. We entirely dissent from such ill-founded and narrow views of the subject, and we will give our reasons for so doing. In the first place, we think that, according to the Book of Constitutions, the appointed number of lawfully made Masons under our Grand Lodge, for "good and sufficient causes them thereto moving," applying for a warrant, according to the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, and duly recommended by the Provincial authorities should be encouraged in forming new lodges. Many of our popular lodges are far too numerous and unwieldy for Masonic sympathy and work, and sociality, from that very cause, to suit the position or gratify the not unreasonable Masonic aspirations of many of our younger brethren. Whenever a lodge exceeds 80, or at any rate 100 members, a "swarm" of industrious Masonic bees (not drones) should be encouraged from the mother hive. For each such new hive of Masonic industry and pleasant fellowship is, like its prototype in nature, a gain to the brotherhood of workers, a nucleus of other equally active little communities in due time, and a fosterer of strength and unity, of good will and light. It very often happens alike in London as in the provinces, that some of our lodges become, through material prosperity, so well to do and often so exclusive, that the hardest of all tests of admission, the most severe of all probation, are alike the voice of introduction and the word of favour. There is a tendency in these cases, as in every thing else human, to be lenient to one and exact to the other, neither one nor the other, in some particularly famous lodge, you have not the slightest chance of passing successfully through the grave ordeal of the ballot. And without seeking to derogate for one moment from the absolute and inalienable right of all our lodges to exclude any one they think fit from their roll of members, we yet feel that cases may arise, and they often do arise, where many worthy brethren who are unable, from some cause or other, to join particular lodges, should be permitted to form new lodges, according to the wise and liberal provisions of the Book of Constitutions in that respect. And in the next place, we entirely disagree with those who think that we weaken old lodges, or unduly increase our body

by granting new warrants. We, on the contrary, strongly hold, that, supposing all the preliminaries are arranged in a Masonic spirit, and on true Masonic principles, each accession to our Order is to be hailed with pleasure by every sincere and thoughtful Freemason. It is said in some things, that nothing "deadens like custom," and sure we are, that lodges, like everything else, are apt to become sleepy and indifferent, careless of anything but routine, alike in work and refreshment, and intolerant of improvement or change. Hence we are always requiring, so to say, a little Masonic revival amongst us, a little new blood thrown into the stagnant veins, a little awakening of the old "dry bones" of good old-fashioned easy-going Masonry. Every new lodge properly founded, and as properly ruled over, has a distinct place to occupy, and a mission to fulfil, in the economy of our little Masonic world. That then we conceive to be a very one-sided view of things, which deprecates new lodges, for fear of interfering with vested interests, or which condemns any active brethren, whether in town or country, to a practical exclusion from the rights and privileges and benefits of Freemasonry, because by some possibility, a young and new and active lodge may impinge on the prior claims of some old-established body, or in the slightest degree withdraw from its ranks or candidature, some who might otherwise have sought to be initiated in or affiliated to it. We therefore heartily approve of the fair and clear and truly Masonic principles, on which our Grand Lodge authorities are so happily acting with regard to the granting of new warrants and new lodges to-day.

#### A COMPLAINT FROM OUR SOLDIER BRETHREN.

We think, that, all our readers will have shared with us in the deep regret, with which we perused the letter from a "Soldier Freemason," which appeared in our last issue. We had warmly congratulated our Devonshire and Cornwall brethren on the successful result of their united "Grand Assembly" in honour of our Royal and Exalted Brother, when we received the letter of remonstrance and complaint, at what was treated upon as a distinct "slight" and unmasonic treatment, by a large number of worthy brethren, non-commissioned officers in Her Majesty's service! Now we say at once, and without any hesitation, assuming the facts to be correctly stated, that a very great mistake has been made by some one, and a mistake opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry. The sooner therefore, such a serious blunder is acknowledged, and rectified for the future, the better for all parties concerned. But one remark as to the facts of the case. Are they quite correctly stated? Our "Soldier Brother" makes the Masonic authorities liable for the error entirely, and distinctly states, that the Major-General-Commanding, did not object to the non-commissioned officers appearing in uniform, but did object to their appearing in "coloured clothes," or being utterly ignored as soldiers. And such is a very understandable objection. Bro. Col. Elliott, we observe, however, states, that, the

non-commissioned officers were forbidden by the "Commander-in-Chief"—we presume he means the Major-General-Commanding,—according to the Queen's Regulations, to attend the procession. But we confess that, we do not quite understand the statement of our gailant Bro. Col. Elliott, as there is nothing in the Queen's regulations, which applies specially to "non-commissioned officers," to the best of our remembrance, which does not equally apply to commissioned officers, and private soldiers. On the whole then, we are inclined to hope and to believe, knowing well some of the excellent brethren who composed the Joint Committee, that no slight whatever, was intended to our gallant brethren, but that the whole dilemma arose, purely, from some inexplicable and fatal misunderstanding! We are quite aware, that amongst our Order, as amongst all bodies of men, ecclesiastical, or civil, or social, there are those ever to be found, who, "dressed in a little brief authority," take upon themselves to issue orders and concoct regulations, which in less excited moments, they would themselves be the very first persons in the world to repudiate and to protest against. In the "nature of things" as people say, our non-commissioned-officer brethren had every right to be in the procession as Freemasons, if not as members of the two provinces, perhaps, yet certainly as visiting members, belonging to military lodges, probably under English, or Irish, or Scotch warrants, supposing of course they were properly vouched for, and duly introduced. And if they marched in the procession, in what dress were they to appear? It is idle, and worse than idle, to talk to non-commissioned officers in a garrison town like Plymouth, of "black coats and hats," &c., when the offence of a soldier appearing in "coloured clothes," is in itself a very serious one, and for which, without special leave from his superiors, he would at once be placed under arrest. Is there then any objection to the uniform? Or is there any to the fact, that the complaining brethren were only non-commissioned officers? We at once repudiate both such ideas, as we feel persuaded, that such unworthy and unmasonic feelings never for one moment swayed any of our good Devonshire and Cornwall brethren. Let us trust, that, the real explanation may be found in this simple little fact, as we have before said, that, some worthy, but fussy brother, keenly alive to a sense of propriety and respectability, and also remembering the normal dress of the Craft on state occasions, did not unfortunately realize, what a parody on the teaching of Freemasonry, such a regulation must appear to our soldier brethren. We do not for one moment, ourselves see, that, any possible impropriety could be found in the circumstance of non-commissioned-officers, appearing both in uniform and their Masonic clothing, as we remember, years ago, seeing a long procession, when officers and non-commissioned officers appeared in uniform, and the paraphernalia of Freemasonry, with the approval of one of the best officers, and strictest disciplinarians, the English Army has ever seen. We do not however, profess or presume, to day, if Bro. Col. Elliott's version of the affair be correct, to call in question in any way, or complain of the

decision of the Commander-in-Chief, or of the Major General-Commanding in Plymouth, which if arrived at by one or the other, in deference to the Queen's Regulations, no soldier and no Freemason, will seek to impugn or to arraign. But as we understand our correspondent, the "Soldier Freemason," the Major-General's real objection was this, and in this we quite agree with him, that the non-commissioned officers were utterly ignored, that if they appeared at all, they must appear out of uniform,—to use a classical expression—in "mufti." We therefore deeply regret, that our soldier brethren were excluded from the procession, though why they were so, we do not yet quite clearly comprehend! Perhaps some authoritative explanations may clear up the obscurity in which the matter is at present involved, and till then, let us assure our soldier brethren, that we are but expressing the universal feeling of the Order, when we say that we must truly grieve to think, that, any untoward mistake or hasty conclusion, (if such be the true cause of the error,) should have prevented so loyal and so worthy a body of men, from joining as faithful Craftsmen (soldiers though they be) in the public expression of their fraternal attachment, and their devoted allegiance, to their and our Royal Brother the Prince of Wales, in the famous meeting of the United Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall. Since we wrote the above, we have received Bro. W. J. Hughan's letter, which seems clearly to show, that the decision and regulation were purely Masonic. Like Bro. Hughan, we know of no such binding law of Masonic costume, whatever the custom may be.

### 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.]

#### BOGUS DECORATIONS.

Mr. Editor,

The *Westminster Gazette* hits out fiercely at what is absurdly called by Freemasons, that should know better, the "higher" grades, and I for one deem it no business of Craft Masons, to couch the lance in defence of the "vain and ignorant farceurs," that undermine the dignity of the Order, and are very properly ignored by you, Sir, and all true and accepted Masons.

As an old liberal Freemason, I have no thanks to render your editorial pen for the apologetic strain in which you speak of the principles of the Order, believing that it must tend to bring the English into contempt with their continental brethren, and lead them to suppose that we have no aspirations above number one, or that we are altogether oblivious of the fundamental principles of the Craft, inculcated throughout our formula in our lodges.

You tell the outside world that the great motto of Freemasons is "Glory to God, and good will to man." This is true, but you seem to keep back, or hold in "mental reservation," that Glory to God and goodness to man, can only be realized by and through the glorious principles of our Order, now blazoned all the world over, in the more expressive and direct terms of "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity." You say that no state need fear anything from the true principles of Freemasonry; this may be also accepted, if states were wise enough to receive them, but what of priest-ridden Spain? Freemasons of free countries can afford to be loyal and obedient to the State they are under, and indeed it is somewhat notorious that English Freemasons, as a body, belong to the old Tory school,

and that the liberty-loving principles of Freemasonry have no vitality amongst them. With many of our continental brethren it is very different, and with all due deference to your view of Freemasonry, Mr. Editor, any citizen of the world without politics cannot uphold the principles of the Craft, and is, in fact, a non-entity. I am willing to admit that a large proportion of English Freemasons, especially amongst those of the "higher" grades, glory in the "abomination of desolation," more than the life-giving principles of Freemasonry, but because we have no longer a necessity to exercise our politics secretly, and in brotherly confidence, let us not deny or turn our countenance away from the principles of our Order, and our struggling brethren abroad.

A LIBERAL CRAFTSMAN.

[We print the above letter, as we have received it, on the principle of full and free discussion, with all its faults of grammar, and its somewhat startling statements. We think it will be a matter of great surprise to our brethren to learn of their supposed political "animus," and we believe that they will be equally astounded to hear that "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity," instead of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," are the actual and implied teaching of Freemasonry. But, as we have said above, we are not responsible for the sentiments of the writer, who thinks well to term himself "A Liberal Craftsman" (as if every other brother was illiberal), and we alike repudiate his views, as we protest against his assertions. We have thought it only our duty to the Craft to say this much.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The remarks in your leading article of the 15th inst., on the language adopted towards our ancient and honourable fraternity, by the *Westminster Gazette*, are very much to the point and richly deserved. Of course, no true Mason, whether he has taken the so called exalted and Christian degrees or not, will care one straw for any amount of abuse lavished on us by the Ultramontane organs. And those amongst us, and I am thankful to say, they are not a few, who fall under the ban of the *Westminster Gazette* on other grounds know exactly how to estimate such expressions of hostility. I very strongly suspect that they are prompted by such a conscious weakness of our opponents' case, as suggests the abuse of the plaintiff's attorney as the most "pragmatic" course to be pursued.

But, Sir; such wholesale and reckless vilifying may perhaps alarm and mislead some amongst us who, being as yet young Masons, have had no opportunity of testing the value or sounding the true depth of our Masonic principles. It may too startle our wives and daughters, and other relations and non-Masonic friends, who are only too apt to take for granted whatever they read in print.

Let me, therefore, temperately and candidly state the case as it stands between the Roman Catholic authorities and ourselves. We admit of course, that it is within the power of any society, religious or otherwise, to make regulations for the conduct and guidance of its own members. We do not therefore assert that the Roman Church, or any other religious community, has no right to put us under a ban or forbid her members joining our Society, but we do say this,—that seeing we are what we are, that we have enlisted under our banners, not only Princes of the Blood Royal, but others of every degree, clergy in great numbers, and commoners of every respectable grade in society, each of them being men interested in maintaining peace and order, seeing this, we have a right to ask why we should be condemned, and not plead our cause if necessary, before our fellow countrymen, and answer as well as we can the charge brought against us.

For here is the position of affairs. The Roman Church has thought fit to forbid any of her faithful sons having any participation in our society. And many of the Roman Catholic laity ask "why." We know hundreds of our Protestant brethren who are zealous Masons, and have been so for years, who wilfully neglect none of their civil, religious or domestic duties. They tell us that to fear God and honour the

Queen, and to do unto all men as we would they should do unto us, is stamped upon the very forefront of all Masonic obligation. Why, then, may we not be permitted to join with them in what is at least a harmless society, and go hand in hand with them, as far as our duty to the church will permit, in promoting the peace and good order of society, and inculcating the practice of every moral and social virtue?

Now the Christian way of answering such a very natural question would be, to point out calmly and temperately whatever objections may be urged against Freemasonry, as, for instance, the mischievous tendencies of secret societies generally, and then to show that these mischievous tendencies pervade the working of English Freemasonry, and, lastly, to prove that there are evils of principle or detail in the Craft which render it an unfit society for good Roman Catholics to be associated with.

This, Sir, would be the Christian mode of reply, and if there be any substance in these charges, not only Roman Catholics, but others also, would do well to pause before joining or continuing to work with the Masonic body. But no! Modern Rome does not reason. She travesties the old saying "Roma locuta est, causa finita est," and instead of giving her sons and the world at large the children's bread of reason and demonstration, she flings at them the stones of cursing and excommunication.

And what is the result? One of the best Masons and truest Catholics I ever knew, fell under the ban of his church in this matter. He bore a name well known in Grand Lodge, and honoured wherever it was known, and I believe if ever a man was faithful and true, it was the brother and friend of whom I am now speaking, Catholic to the backbone, and Mason to the core, he failed to recognize any just or lawful impediment to his joining the two characters in his own person, and other Masons, knowing the justice of our cause and the futile nature of the charges brought against us, came to the very natural conclusion that the layman was right, and the ecclesiastical authorities wrongheaded and tyrannical. Thus the Roman Church lost the respect she might have won, embittered her enemies, and alienated, to a certain extent, one of her most devoted sons.

I feel, Sir, that I have already trespassed at too great length on your space and patience, but if you will bear with me I will endeavour, on another occasion, to reply to their objections to our Order, honestly felt and honestly expressed, in many quarters, which claim at your hands, every respect and attention.

I am, Sir and Brother, Yours most fraternally,  
P. PROV. G. CHAPLAIN, OXON.  
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#### GRAND MASONIC GATHERING AT PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I feel quite sure that you rejoiced most heartily on reading the report of our assembly at Plymouth on the 14th inst., and your very kind notice of our proceedings will, doubtless, be perused by a large and appreciative body of subscribers to *The Freemason*. I am sorry, however, that you have again drawn attention to the fact of the meeting being termed the "United Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall," as the omission of "Provincial" was an unfortunate oversight, it having been ordered by the Committee that the prefix "Prov." or "Provincial" should be inserted in every instance where the "Provincial Grand Lodges" were mentioned.

If you will again consult the programme, you will find that the "Prov." (or Provincial) is only omitted once, whereas it is inserted many times.

Of course, you are quite correct as to its being an assembly of the "United Provinces of Devon and Cornwall," and not of the "Grand Lodges," and had the error not occurred in the title page, I do not suppose you would have castigated us because of the omission. As it is, we must submit to the punishment, but happily have a little wherewith to soften the stroke, in seeing that you, as the Editor, head the article in question "Grand Masonic Gathering," whereas we pre-

sume you refer to our Provincial Grand Masonic Gathering.

Relative to the alleged unmasonic treatment of the numerous and respectable non-commissioned officers, who are members of Lodges in Plymouth and neighbourhood, I can only say; as one of the Committee, we had no option, but to require the brethren to assemble and take part in the procession, clothed according to the usual custom, thereby naturally prohibiting any from appearing in regimentals. We were told on authority we could not question, and by one who had done his best to get the regulation relaxed in this case, that the orders were peremptory and that we should be running counter to the military laws, if we aided in our brethren appearing in uniform; hence though we regretted the fact, we felt compelled to adhere to our printed programme, any who attended as soldiers, doing it on their own responsibility.

I confess as to being in ignorance of such a regulation before, and have annually been in the habit of welcoming our military brethren, in our processions, and if the law is altered, I shall be delighted to continue to do so. Bro. Col. Elliott, also a member of the Committee, explained our position to the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon, at a meeting reported in last week's *Freemason*, but which I presume you had not read, when you noted your agreement with the "Soldier Freemason." We all desire the law was otherwise, and if the law has been incorrectly explained, please let us know.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.  
P.G.S.D.

#### MASONIC PIC-NIC AT LIVERPOOL.

No lodge in the province of West Lancashire enjoys a greater popularity than the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, which numbers amongst its members some of the best known and most respected brethren in this part of the country. What was familiarly called "Our Second Annual Pic-nic," which took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Stanley Arms Hotel, Roby, about four or five miles from Liverpool, got up by a number of the leading spirits of the lodge, was one of the most pleasant character, and fully maintained the "happy family" characteristics of the lodge. The weather, it is true, was the very reverse of pleasant, rain fell almost continuously until a late hour in the afternoon, but as unpleasant untoward circumstances had little effect upon the "outers" there was no lagging in the enjoyment of the select party. A company of about 50 ladies and brethren started from Lime-street Railway Station, on the London and North-Western service, about a quarter to 3 o'clock, by special saloon and first-class carriages, and were quickly whisked away to the scene of the afternoon's amusements and recreation. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Dayle, P.J.G.D.; A. Bucknall, who fulfilled the duties of Secretary with considerable tact; Bros. Gregory, Carter, Leaming, Firth, Douglas, Morrison, Maswell, Hikin, Lloyd, Brittain, Jacobs, and others, besides several visiting friends and brethren, the whole company comprising a party upon pleasure bent. On arrival at the "Stanley Arms" the large hall attached to the hotel was at once made use of, as the rain continued to come down with provoking persistency, and dancing was at once commenced to the strains of Mr. Martin's quadrille band. This was carried on with the greatest zest until about five o'clock, when a capital "knife-and-fork" tea was provided, to which ample justice was done. Afterwards recreation was again found in dancing, bowls, music, &c., and time sped very pleasantly with all who were present, until the train time arrived, when all returned to Liverpool, highly delighted with "our second annual pic-nic." The arrangements were most satisfactory and the committee therefore deserve much praise for their capital generalship.

#### MASONIC EXCURSION AT BIRKENHEAD.

One of the most pleasant and successful excursions of the season took place on Wednesday,

12th inst., when the members of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, held their first excursion and pic-nic, the place selected being Overton Hills, near Frodsham. There was a pretty good muster of members and friends, the party numbering about 90 ladies and gentlemen, and the weather being all that could be desired, the greatest enjoyment was experienced from first to last.

The party left Monk's Ferry by the regular train at 10 a.m., arriving at Frodsham in about an hour, and thence made their way past Overtont village, to the top of the hills beyond. Here they dispersed in various directions in quest of recreation. To some bowls, to others croquet, dancing, and gymnastic exercises, while to a great many the splendid landscape which can be viewed from the summit of the hills, was a great attraction, the panorama being one of the finest in the country, having a wide sweep from Derbyshire and Delamers Forest, by Halton Castle, the river Weaver, Runcom and Garston, the broad estuary of the Mersey, bounded by Oxtan and Bidston Hill and the Irish Channel, and thence to the blue mountains of Flint and Denbigh.

Dinner was presided over by Bro. R. Gracie, W.M., and amongst the other officers present were Bros. D. Fraser, S.W.; T. Dixon, J.W.; J. M. Ratcliffe, Treasurer and P.M. 605; Polford, S.D.; John Griffiths, I.P.M.; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.; Thornton, &c. Dancing and other amusements were the order of the day. After tea, on the motion of Bro. Platt, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gracie, and to Bro. Fraser, who had been the chief promoters of the excursion, for the trouble they had taken, and the party returned by the regular train, arriving at Monk's Ferry about ten o'clock. The balance in hand, after paying expenses, will be devoted to the funds of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, for the education of orphans of deceased members of the Order.

#### MASONIC PIC-NIC AT BOOTLE.

The spirit of emulation and independence by which the inhabitants of the neighbouring borough of Bootle are actuated extended a short time ago to the formation of a Masonic Lodge (No. 2473), holding its meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Molyneux Assembly-rooms, Merton-road. The lodge was fortunate in having for its promoters some of the most efficient and zealous members of the Craft, thus assuring its prosperity, which has exceeded the expectations of its founders, the lodge already numbering nearly seventy members. Unfortunately for the ladies, the rules of Freemasonry not only preclude their being initiated into its mysteries, but the performance of Masonic duties frequently deprives them of the society of their husbands and sweethearts. As a small *solatium* for this exclusion and deprivation, it has recently become the custom (at all events with the majority of local lodges) to hold an annual picnic, at which both brethren and their friends of the gentler sex can attend, without infringing any of the regulations of the honourable and ancient fraternity. In observance of this much-honoured custom, the members of the Bootle Lodge held their first excursion and picnic on Wednesday, 19th inst., and a most enjoyable one it proved to be. The party, which consisted of about thirty brethren and as many ladies, left Lime-street Station in saloon carriages by the 10.45 a.m. express train for Chester, the ultimate destination being the Rope Ferry Pleasure-grounds, near Easton, which, after an exceedingly pleasant row up the picturesque river Dee, were reached shortly after one o'clock. The services of Bro. Bolland, of Chester, had been secured as caterer, which is a sufficient guarantee that the creature comforts were well provided for: A substantial if not sumptuous dinner having been satisfactorily disposed of (the appetites of the guests being apparently unimpaired by the journey), the chairman, Bro. S. E. Ibbs, W.M., proposed in felicitous terms the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Ladies," which having been duly honoured, the party dispersed for further

enjoyment. Some strolled about the grounds and along the banks of the river, enjoying the beautiful scenery, whilst others became votaries of the terpsichorean art, or engaged in the usual out-door pastimes. Owing to the celebration of Lord Grosvenor's majority at Easton Hill, the grounds were closed to the public; but there was no lack of enjoyment on that account, as the time of the pleasure-seekers was fully occupied in other amusements. Tea was served at five o'clock in the open air on the river bank, and at six the party embarked for the return journey, arriving safely home about nine o'clock, all much pleased with the day's "outing," and anxious for a repetition of it. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Ibbs, W.M., and his coadjutors, Bro. Wyatt, S.W.; Bro. Surley, J.W.; and Bro. M'Arthur, Treasurer, for the efficient and courteous manner in which the arrangements were carried out, the whole proceedings passing off without a single hitch. Bro. Burrows was in attendance with his photographic apparatus, and secured the "shadows" of several very effective groups, which will, no doubt, be in great request as pleasing mementos of the occasion.

#### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV R. J. F. THOMAS.

The late Rev. R. J. F. Thomas, vicar of Yeovil, was one of the most valued members of the Yeovil Lodge of Freemasons. He successively filled the principal offices, and was beloved and esteemed by every member. His death was deeply regretted by the members, in common with the whole of the inhabitants, and it was determined to raise a lasting memorial expressive of their feelings towards him. Bro. Shout, architect, of Yeovil and Wincanton, gratuitously prepared a design for an altar tomb to be erected over the vault in the cemetery, and the work was entrusted to Mr. Swatridge, marble mason, of Yeovil. The brethren also resolved to fix a monumental brass, appropriately inscribed, in St. John's Church, and Messrs Petter and Edgar, ironfounders, of Yeovil, were commissioned to carry out this portion of the work.

Saturday was appointed for the unveiling of the tomb, and the Committee deputed to carry out the arrangements invited the past and present officers of the lodge to witness the ceremony.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. JOHN MEEARS.

The funeral of the late Mayor of Woodstock (Bro. John Mearns), who died suddenly on the 19th inst., took place at Woodstock, with Masonic ceremonies, the deceased having been Treasurer of the Marlborough Lodge of Freemasons. At 3 o'clock the Masons from Oxford assembled in the town-hall, where they were met by the brethren of deceased's lodge, and at about half-past 3 they proceeded in procession, in their aprons and badges, to the residence of the deceased, where the members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, and several representatives from the Foresters, of which body the deceased also was a member, had already arrived. A choir, principally composed of the singing men of New College, under the direction of Bro. Haliwell, was also present. The streets were thronged with spectators from different parts of the country, the deceased, who was 64 years old, and who had been twice Mayor of Woodstock, being highly respected, while the funeral was the first that had taken place in the province with full Masonic ceremonies. At the church adjoining the cemetery the Rev. M. Yuell, the curate of Woodstock, commenced the impressive service. On the termination of the Burial Service the brethren formed in a circle around the grave, and P.M. Brown, who conducted the Masonic arrangements, read the Burial Service generally used by Masons on the death of a deceased brother. At its conclusion the brethren, who each carried flowers and slips of acacia, dropped them on the coffin. The whole of the service was choral.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted on Wednesday, 2nd September, 1874.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd June for confirmation.
2. The M.W. Grand Master will propose a resolution, expressive of the regret felt by Grand Lodge at the death of the late Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., Past Deputy Grand Master, and its sense of the eminent services which he rendered to the Craft; and will further propose, that a vote of condolence be transmitted, on the same melancholy event, to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which the late lamented peer was Past Grand Master Mason.
3. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—
 

A brother of the [Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, Kew Bridge .....	£100
The widow of a brother of the Universal Lodge, No. 181, London .....	100
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 102, North Walsham .....	50
The widow of a brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, London.....	200
The widow of a brother of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 817, Sydney, New South Wales .....	50
4. Report of the Board of General Purposes :—

"The Board of General Purposes have to report that their attention having been called to an announcement in a public newspaper of a meeting of a 'Club of Instruction,' to be held at the Hind's Head, Chiswell-street, at which the ceremony of Consecration was to be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, and that of Installation by Bro. J. Beckett, Preceptor, they resolved that the brethren mentioned in the said announcement be summoned to attend the meeting of the Board in July. The brethren so summoned duly attended and answered the questions put to them with a view of ascertaining the nature of the so-called Club of Instruction. After a lengthened investigation the further consideration of the subject was deferred until the meeting of the Board in August, and Bro. Simpson, who was stated had acted as Secretary, was also summoned to attend, and to produce all books, papers, and other documents relating to the Club. The whole facts having been arrived at, the Board was unanimously of opinion, that the so-called Charterhouse Club of Instruction, held at the Hind's Head, Chiswell-street, is a General Lodge of Instruction, within the terms of the Book of Constitution, page 88, and they resolved, that the said Lodge of Instruction having been held without the sanction of a regular warranted lodge, or other lawful authority, that notice of the times and place of meeting not having been given to the Grand Secretary, that regular minutes of meetings not having been kept, Bro. James Terry, who presided at the rehearsal of the ceremony of the Consecration of the lodge, Bro. J. Beckett, who acted as Preceptor, Bro. Gilbert, the landlord of the tavern, and Bro. Simpson, who acted as Secretary, have committed a serious breach of Masonic law, and have thereby incurred the censure of the Board. The said brethren were then called in, the above resolutions were read to them, they were censured accordingly, and cautioned as to the future.

"(Signed) PETER DE L. LONG,  
"Vice President."

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of August, inst., showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer £3,488 17s. 5d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £95.

5. Memorial from the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1,338, Auckland, New Zealand, for assistance to build a Masonic Hall.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The "Freemason" of May 10th and 17th, 1873, (numbers 218 and 219) being out of print, the publisher will be glad to receive copies from brethren who may have them. Stamps will be sent on receipt.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

The attention of Secretaries, &c., is called to a circular which has been sent to each lodge and chapter, for information as to the place, day and months of meeting. We would urge upon our friends the necessity of an early reply, as no alterations or additions can be made, after Saturday, September 12th.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 4, 1874.

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

Saturday, August 29.

- 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, August 31.

- Premier Red Cross Conclave, Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-st.
- 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 (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, September 1.

- Colonial Board, at 3.
- Lodge 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- " 1359, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
- Chapter 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
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- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, September 2.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
- 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.
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- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Thursday, September 3.

- Lodge 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
- " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
- " 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.
- " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road N.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
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- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, September 4.

- Longe 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 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.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor
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- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
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- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
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MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, September 5, 1874.

Monday, August 31.

- Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30
- Tuesday, September 1.
- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
- " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
- " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Warrington, at 6.
- " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

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

Wednesday, September 2.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
- " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
- " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
- " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, September 3.  
Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.  
Friday, September 4.  
Lodge 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.  
" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
Chap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

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For the week ending Saturday, September 5, 1874.  
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Monday, August 31.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.  
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street.

Tuesday, September 1.

Lodge 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.  
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.  
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.  
" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.  
" 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.  
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.  
" 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell

Wednesday, September 2.

Lodge 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.  
" 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.  
" 128, St. John Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.  
" 166, St. John, 26, Olive Hall, Airdrie.  
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

Thursday, September 3.

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

Friday, September 4.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.  
" 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.  
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.  
" 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.  
" 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.  
" 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Shockhaven.  
" 244, Lockhart St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Carnwarth.  
" 427, St. Clair, Stane Inn, Shotts.  
" 551, Clydesdale, Sibbald Hotel, Larkhall.

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