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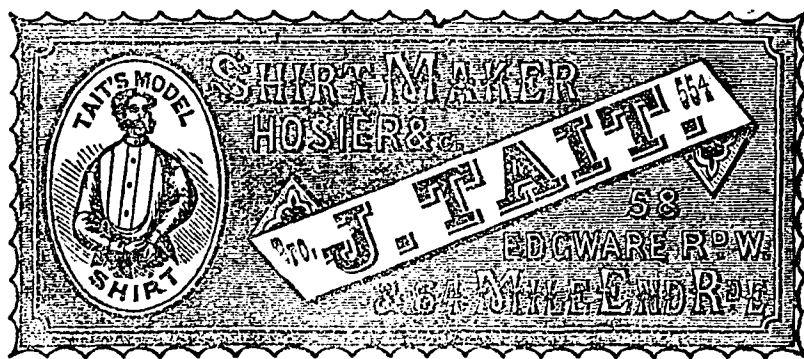
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GRATIFYING INTELLIGENCE.

We think it right to publish, for the information of our ever loyal Order, the following announcement from the *Times* of the 15th :—

THE TIMES OFFICE, 5.30 A.M.

ACCOUCHEMENT

OF THE

Duchess of Edinburgh.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, OCT. 15, 3.30 A.M.

Her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh was safely delivered of a Prince this morning at 2.45.

Her Royal and Imperial Highness and the Infant Prince are doing perfectly well.]

ARTHUR FARRE, M.D.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—This lodge held an Emergency at Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday, 1st inst., at 5 o'clock, to initiate Mr. Heerjeebhoy Shroff, justice of the peace and member of the Bombay Corporation (prior to his return to Bombay). Advantage was taken by the W.M. to initiate at the same meeting Mr. Thomas Dyer and Mr. George Britton. Bro. C. W. Gray, W.M., initiated Mr. Heerjeebhoy and Mr. Britton, but owing to severe hoarseness and sore throat was compelled to ask Bro. Russell, I.P.M., to do the intermediate ceremony of Mr. Thomas Dwyer. The manner in which the W.M. performed the ceremonies and delivered the charge elicited the compliments and congratulations of the visitors. Although an "emergency" meeting a banquet followed, and Bro. Percy Leith's name having been associated with the toast of Grand Officers, the Past Deputy G.M. for Bombay replied to the following effect : Worshipful Sir, it is somewhat a matter of regret that the Grand Treasurer and Secretary (who have been invited this evening) are unavoidably absent through previous engagements; for either of those would have been more in place in replying to the toast of the Grand Officers than myself. While thanking you and the brethren for the cordial manner in

which the toast of "the Grand Officers" has been proposed and welcomed, permit me in their name to say that we trust you will give us credit for having done our utmost to promote the welfare of the Craft. The duties of the Grand Officers comprise a careful attention to many matters of detail, which in the aggregate conduce mainly to the success or non-success of our Masonic Institution. If by our exertions this success has been attained, your approval will be our highest reward. It is, I think, and I trust you will agree with me, a happy event for the Craft that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has signified his willingness to accept the dignity of Grand Master if the brethren elect him to that position. Again I thank you on behalf of the Grand Officers for the kind reception we have met with this evening. With the toast of "The Initiates" the W.M. coupled the name of Bro Heerjeebhoy, who said : Worshipful Master and Brethren, I thank you cordially for the great favour you have conferred upon me in admitting me this evening into your ancient and honourable Society. It has been for years my fervent desire to become a Mason, as I find all my good friends enrolled in it in Bombay, and I have to thank my friend, Bro. Leith, for his kindness in introducing me to your Lodge. I have been deeply impressed by the solemnity of your ceremonial, and I admire the manner in which the W.M. has admitted me to be one of the fraternity, and I assure you that the impressions of this night, a new birth as I may say, will never be effaced. You will pardon me I hope, if for a few moments I occupy your time, to tell you one or two other impressions outside of Freemasonry which have been forced upon me during my sojourn here. I have been three and a half months here; I have seen, as far as the limited time permitted, the principal parts of England, Scotland, &c., your hills clothed with a verdure new to us Orientals, your magnificent lakes and the charming scenery delighted me beyond measure. When I first arrived, London bewildered me; I said to myself "can this be an Old World or a New?" The extent of this vast City, its population, the constant bustle of its streets, its gigantic commerce, and the wealth displayed in its shops, I say, bewildered me. Again, the enormous number of your grand public buildings, and the beauty and extent of your parks and gardens always remind me of the wealth of this great English nation. I hope, brethren, you will give me credit that I have looked at all this intellectually, and not in a casual manner, and that these remarks are not for the purpose of flattering you or your country, and that I shall truly convey these ideas to my fellow countrymen on my return to my native land. I regret that I have to leave for Bombay on Tuesday next, for it would have been to me a source of delight that I could have remained to perfect my position in Freemasonry in this lodge; but by the kindness of the W.M., the recommendation of Bro. Leith, the Past Deputy G.M., of Bombay, I shall carry a certificate to enable me to take the necessary degrees in the Lodge St. George, Bombay, under the Grand Lodge of England. In conclusion, I can only reiterate that the urbanity and hospitality I have experienced during my sojourn here have increased the admiration I previously felt for Great Britain and the British people (of course I always exclude the roughs), and I again thank you most heartily and sincerely for receiving me among you, and for your patience in listening to these remarks. On resuming his seat Bro. Heerjeebhoy, who had been frequently interrupted by the cheers of the brethren, was loudly applauded. On proposing the toast of the visitors, the W.M. called upon Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, W.M. Marquis Dalhousie, Lodge 1159, who said : W.M. and brethren, I have experienced the liveliest satisfaction this evening in visiting your lodge for various reasons. I am delighted with your working Worshipful Sir, and it is perhaps no flattery to you to say that I have learned something this evening. I have great delight in assisting at the initiation of my friend and fellow countryman, who is also my co-religionist, my old school-fellow, and now more than all, my brother in Masonry. In receiving him you have one whom I greatly esteem, and who will, I am sure, ultimately reflect credit on your choice. You have

had the privilege to number among you in Neptune Lodge, I am informed, ten Parsees; at least I have seen a list of ten names, and these almost without exception are fit and proper men. Bro. Heerjeebhoy will also prove to be, I am confident. I have the honour to be the second who has held the proud position of Master of an English Lodge, and I esteem it a high honour. I thank you on behalf of the visitors for your remarks, and for the reception we have met with. The visitors were, Bros. Percy Leith, P.M. 2 and 549; Leith Tomkins, P.M. 1118, P.G.D.; Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, W.M. 1159; Earl, 186; King, 1056; Nott, 1441.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday, October 5th. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bros. Wm. Slater, Prov. S.G. Deacon, W.M.; W. H. Horrocks, J.W.; E. Ainsworth, Sec.; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; Jas. Brown, J.D.; Thos. Glaister, S.G. Warden; Samuel Isherwood, Prov. G. Treasurer; T. H. Winder, Prov. G. Registrar; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, Prov. S.G. Deacon; Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Steward; Frank Ainsworth, Prov. G. Steward; Jas. McAdam, P. Prov. G.D. Derbyshire; F. W. Pacey, P. Prov. G. Org. Berks and Bucks; Wm. Hamer, P.M. 350; and others. The lodge being opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. John Horrocks was passed to degree of F.C. by the W.M. There being no other business the lodge was duly closed.

HARWICH.—Star of the East Lodge (No. 650)—Monday, Oct. 5, this Lodge met at the Pier Hotel, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following were amongst those present :—Bros. J. Durrant, W.M.; J. W. C. Butcher, P.M.; J. South, P.M.; R. S. Dixon, P.M.; J. Watts, S.W.; G. G. Pye, J.W.; S. Dutton, sen., Secretary and Treasurer; J. Dunlop, S.D.; S. Dutton, jun., I.G.; J. Cartledge, Steward; W. Cockle, J. Robinson, J. Warren, I. Howard, G. L. Jackson, G. King, R. Guy, W. Barker, W. Basham, R. Barlow, Tyler. Visitors: R. J. Bagshaw, Esq., R.W.P.G.M. Essex; Dr. R. B. Barton, LL.D., P.P.G.M. Western India; — Burton, P.G.T. Essex; J. Carr, P.G.S. Essex; W. Frederick Laxton, P.M., S.G.D. Middlesex; Samuel Chaplain, P.S.W.; W. Cobb, W.M. 51, Angel Lodge, Colchester, Fred A. Cole, P.M. 51, P.G.R., Essex; W. Westgate, P.M., P.P.A.D.C. Suffolk; and R. Clemens. Brother J. Durrant, the W.M. for the past year, was again installed W.M., after which he appointed and invested the following officers :—G. G. Pye, S.W.; J. Dunlop, J.W.; S. Dutton, sen., Secretary and Treasurer; S. Dutton, jun., S.D.; J. Cartledge, J.D.; and R. Barlow, Tyler. The installing ceremony was very efficiently performed by Bro. T. Townsend, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk. At the conclusion of the business, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, expressed himself highly pleased with the choice of the W.M., and also the great gratification he experienced at finding the lodge in such an efficient state. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served in admirable style by Brother Brice. After various loyal and other toasts, "The health of the Right Worshipful Grand Master for Essex, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw," was proposed and received with all the usual honours. Bro. Bagshaw, who was most enthusiastically received, in the course of his remarks observed that the Essex Lodge owed its existence to him, and it was peculiarly gratifying to him to find that it had become a pattern lodge. He also said he was glad they wished their Worshipful Master to continue in office. He then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. Durrant responded. "The Grand Officers of Essex," coupled with the health of Bro. Burton, was next most cordially drunk, and Bro. Burton, in responding, commented on the pleasure which it afforded them to rally round their Prov. G. Master on all occasions. It was very gratifying to see how uniformly the lodges worked, and the high state of proficiency of this particular lodge. He was

one of the seven who founded the lodge. Bro. Dr. Barton's name was associated with the toast of "The health of the Visitors," and this gentleman in the course of an ample speech, referred to the exodus from the Craft of the late Grand Master of England, Lord Ripon. He also made allusion to the remark made in one of the leading newspapers, as to Freemasonry being a very foolish but harmless benefit society. He deprecated the entrance of men for aggrandisement, ambition, or self-interest. "The members of the Angel Lodge, Colchester," having been responded to, by the present W.M., Bro. Cobb, the Chairman next gave "The Brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge," making special allusion to Bro. Townsend, who, the Chairman said, was always ready to wait upon them. Amongst other toasts was that of "The Health of the Secretary and Treasurer," Bro. S. Dutton; and the Chairman, in proposing it, spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Bro. Dutton, adding that it was in a great measure owing to the indefatigable services of that gentleman that the lodge was in such a satisfactory state. "The health of the Mayor and Corporation of Harwich" was also drunk. It was proposed by Bro. Dr. Barton, who made some flattering remarks in reference to the Mayor (J. Watts), observing, that, as a brother magistrate of the county he could bear testimony to the good name, irrespective of party, that Bro. Watts held amongst all classes. Some excellent songs were sung, and the proceedings throughout were most successful and enjoyable.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 26th September, 1874, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Wm. Worrell, W.M.; A. Braun, S.W.; J. Pringle, J.W.; M. Newton, S.D. Also Bros. G. Newman, P.M.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; R. H. Whiteman, P.M.; G. J. Kain, P.M. and Treasurer. Also Bros. A. C. Rees, Dr. Cutmore, G. Smithers, J. A. Keen, W. Roberts, W. Johnston, W. E. Newton, P. Steinmann, H. T. Partridge, E. Kidman, and R. Lyon. Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. B.S.; H. Garrod, P.M. 769; J. H. Broomhall, 569; G. W. Long, 569; Lewis Phillips, 822; A. Le Grand, 1298. The business of the evening consisted of the passing of Bros. Williams and Sutcliffe, the raising of Bros. Reissman, Davies, Broomhall, and Reinhardt, and the initiation of five candidates, viz: Mr. F. G. Barnes; Mr. C. Colgrave; Mr. R. Gunner; Mr. A. Ransby; Mr. R. B. Smithers. The election for W.M. for the ensuing year, and Treasurer and Tyler then took place, when Bro. A. Braun, S.W., was elected W.M., Bro. G. J. Kain, P.M., re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant, Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a jewel be presented to Bro. Worrell, W.M., on his leaving the chair, to mark the appreciation of the lodge of his valuable services during the past year. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M., after which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge rooms at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday evening, October 9th, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. James Stevens. There were present, among other brethren, Bros. Senior Warden and W.M. Elect, N. B. Headon; Junior Warden J. H. Townend, P.M.; Senior Deacon, J. Seex, P.M. 186; Secretary, E. Moody, P.M.; Treasurer, Jas. Freeman; G. W. Blackie, Barker, Catchpole, G. Page, P.M., Jenkins, Boulton, T. Preston, Taylor, Colmer, Hamer and Cox, and several visitors. After the usual routine business had been transacted, Mr. John Phillips and Mr. F. Keeble were duly initiated. On the motion of the W.M. elect five pounds was voted from the benevolent fund to assist a distressed brother, and Bro. Preston then moved, in accordance with his notice, that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to Bro. James Stevens, with the thanks of the brethren, and that he be asked to accept an honorary membership of the lodge. Bro. Preston expressed his regret that it had not

fallen into abler hands to make the proposal, not that he feared being well supported, but because he thought the occasion was worthy of an abler tongue. As, however, the jewel was intended to commemorate the work of Bro. Stevens in the Great City Lodge, there was some excuse for his (the speaker's) presumption in undertaking to make the motion, for he had been in the lodge every hour that it had been open since he was initiated. He was therefore able to testify to the admirable way in which Bro. Stevens worked the lodge. The task of presiding over such a lodge as the Great City was not a light one, nor was the position of the W.M. altogether easy. Brethren well knew that it is upon the wise and judicious exercise of the high functions committed to him that the satisfactory progress of the business of Masonry in a great measure depends. We look to him, too, for counsel and advice, and he (Bro. Preston) felt sure the brethren would agree with him when he said, that during the time Bro. Stevens had been in the chair, his help had always been readily given to any brethren who sought it, and as he was a most experienced Mason the advice was always valuable. His firmness and impartiality must have impressed the brethren, while the admirable way in which he had performed the lodge work was beyond all praise. A better Master never presided over a lodge, and if his successors followed in his footsteps and copied his example the future of the Great City Lodge could not but be a great success. The jewel would serve to remind him that his efforts were appreciated, and the honorary membership would keep him amongst the brethren, and his name would thus be associated with the lodge as long as it lasted. The motion having been seconded and carried unanimously, the Senior Warden made the formal announcement to the W.M. In reply, Bro. Stevens said, it had been his good fortune to have several jewels presented to him, all of which he prized most highly; but there were particular reasons why he should prize the Great City Lodge Jewel more highly than them all. For one thing it represented eighteen months in the chair. Then it was the jewel of the first W.M. of a Lodge that had some difficulty in making its entry into the Masonic world; but by the continued exertions of himself and others, the bantling had kicked itself out of its swaddling clothes, and once on his legs its strides had been rapid enough. There had been twenty-eight initiates during his Mastership, and he believed that every one of them would be a credit to the Craft. The lodge, young as it was, was well known amongst Masons, and was always hopefully spoken of. But this creditable position could not be placed entirely to his credit. Indeed he doubted whether he had done so much as the worthy brother, the W.M. elect. They had, however, worked hand in hand, with brotherly love and unity, and profit and pleasure had been the result. All the officers were entitled to share in any praise that the W.M. had gained, and he heartily thanked them for the support they had given him, and for the admirable way in which they had performed their various duties. He accepted the honorary membership with thanks, and hoped still to be of some service to the lodge. The balance-sheet was then read and received, and the report of the auditors appointed by the lodge, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed and adjourned till the next day.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City, on Saturday last, and passed off remarkably well. The brethren assembled at 3 o'clock, and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Stevens. The lodge room was crowded, and presented a brilliant appearance. Amongst the visitors were noticed several of the leading officers of the Grand Lodge of England, besides a large number of Masters and Past Masters of Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges. Most of the members of the lodge were present, including Bros. N. B. Headon, Senior Warden, and W.M. elect; J. H. Townend, Junior Warden; Freeman, Treasurer; Moody, P.M., Secretary; Seex, Senior Deacon; Stanway, Junior Deacon;

Blackie, Inner Guard, Barker, acting Director of Ceremonies; and Bros. Catchpole and Preston acting Stewards. Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, presented the W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was then performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. James Stevens, in ancient form, and according to the laws of Grand Lodge. Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D.C., acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. Bridges, P.M., made an able Director of Ceremonies. The following officers were then invested in due form, the W.M. addressing to each a few appropriate words:—Bros. J. H. Townend, P.M., Senior Warden; John Seex, P.M., Junior Warden; James Freeman, Treasurer; Edwd. Moody, P.M., Secretary; Richard Stanway, Senior Deacon; J. W. Colmer, (for Bro. Wisby, absent through illness), Junior Deacon; G. W. Blackie, Inner Guard; W. H. Hook, Organist; W. H. Catchpole, Director of Ceremonies; Thos. Preston, 1st Steward; Thos. Hamer, 2nd Steward; and Bro. W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the hall, where they did justice to the banquet. After grace had been sung, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; he said that no eloquence was needed, he was sure, to induce them to respond to that toast with enthusiasm—for wherever there was an assemblage of Freemasons, there also was an assemblage of faithful and loyal subjects, who would be ever ready to join in giving "God save the Queen," and in the Great City Lodge they would ever delight to give expression to that sentiment. Followed by the National Anthem, the toast being given as "The Queen and the Craft." The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Acting Grand Master." He said, Brethren, much as we regret the resignation of the late Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, and the causes which led thereto, we cannot but feel highly gratified that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has accepted the office of Grand Master. (Loud cheers.) We have every reason to believe that he will carry out the duties of that high office to the satisfaction of the brethren and that, with him as chief, head, and ruler of the Craft, I believe that Freemasonry will flourish, as it has hitherto done, and spread its benign influence throughout the land. The toast was drunk enthusiastically and with Masonic honours, and after Bro. Hook had sung "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the W.M. proposed the health of "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, past and present," coupling with it the name of Brother Fenn, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies. The toast was very cordially responded to. Bro. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.: Worshipful Master and Brethren, I knew that our Bro. Hervey would be present this evening, and of course expected that he would reply to this toast. It is therefore much to my surprise that I find myself called upon to respond to the toast which has been so warmly given and received. It is, of course, very painful to refer to our late Grand Master in any other terms than those we have been accustomed to use concerning him. He has undoubtedly for many years been a sincere and true friend to Masonry, and we have regarded him, and rightly, I think, with the greatest possible respect. We have always looked up to him, not only as an ornament to the Craft, but from his position in life as an element of our strength; but I venture to say that there are very few in the room—and I would almost say there are few in the Craft—that can feel any sympathy with our late Grand Master in the step he has taken. He has asked us to give him credit for sincere conviction; but it seems impossible to believe that our late Grand Master, who, yesterday as it were, spoke in all the warmth of his eloquence of the high principles of the Craft, and the good it has done the world, should to-day from sincere conviction look upon it as a thing accursed. (Hear, hear.) I really think it is a more charitable view to take of the course which our late Grand Master has adopted to believe that he has given up his convictions altogether to the guidance and keeping of others. (Hear, hear.) However, our Grand

Master has chosen to disconnect himself from Freemasonry, he has retired from his lodges and relinquished all claim to Past Rank, and, of course, his name will soon be unconnected with the toasts, and we shall not have the painful duty of referring to what has occurred. Let us, therefore turn our eyes to the more pleasing phase of events, and contemplate with satisfaction the results—no less than the advent of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as our Grand Master—an event which I feel sure will be hailed with gratification by every member of the Craft, and that when he comes among us in the Grand Lodge, he will be received with the greatest acclamation. Some of you probably are aware that I have the honour to be Secretary of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, of which his Royal Highness is W.M., and in which he has recently initiated his brother, the Duke of Connaught. I have, therefore, in the discharge of my duties, been placed in respectful communication with his Royal Highness, not only at Marlborough House, but in the lodge; and I have no doubt from the interest he took in the proceedings, that his heart is thoroughly in Masonry. It struck me that he grasped in a marvellous manner the peculiar points of beauty in our ceremonies. And I am quite sure of this, that he will be the most popular Grand Master that has ever occupied that position. His highly genial qualities peculiarly fit him for that office. I have no doubt that the step he has taken in accepting the office will not only be highly appreciated by Masons, but by all the liberty-loving people, who will rejoice in this act of defiance on the part of the Prince of Wales against the interference of a foreign potentate with the liberty of conscience in England. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, so much for "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers." Our Bro. Hervey will have the opportunity of responding to another toast later in the evening. You will permit me perhaps to say I am exceedingly gratified to be present at this lodge on this occasion; it is indeed extremely gratifying at all times to watch the progress of a lodge in which you have taken an early interest, and in the consecration of which you have taken part. It affords me much pleasure to see that all the prognostications of this lodge have been justified. It promises to be one of the most prosperous in the City of London. Allow me to congratulate you on the excellent working which your late Master has inaugurated in this lodge, and which I hope will be continued in the person of your present Master. Bro. Stevens, I.P.M., then proposed "The Worshipful Master of the Great City Lodge, Bro. N. B. Headon." Brethren, said he, next to the pleasure of being in the chair myself is the pleasure of proposing the health of my successor, a man and a brother whom we are all delighted to honour, not only for his personal worth, but as being the prime mover in the foundation of the lodge. We all know that he almost single-handed fought the battle, and by his indomitable perseverance ultimately obtained the charter for the lodge. But he has his reward in the well-won honours of his present position in the lodge. No Worshipful Master ever ascended to the chair with a better prospect before him, for he had the hearty co-operation of his officers and the sympathy and support of us all. The toast was drunk with Great City honours. The Worshipful Master, who was received with great cheering, said in reply that he hardly knew how to begin to return thanks for the handsome terms in which the toast had been proposed, and the cordial manner in which it had been responded to for "When he was not thanked at all, he was thanked enough, he had done his duty and had done no more." It was true that he had had many obstacles to encounter, but he was encouraged by the reflection that perseverance in a just cause would overcome all difficulties, and on looking at that splendid assemblage that evening he felt amply rewarded for all his exertions, especially when he found that the Great City Lodge had been such a great success, and had, so to speak, made a home for so many worthy brethren. He again thanked them all most heartily, and trusted that he might

during his year of office justify their high opinion, and he would do his utmost to promote the welfare of the lodge and the happiness of the whole of its members. (Loud cheers.) He would now call on them to unite with him in congratulating Bro. Stevens on completing his arduous term of office. They knew how zealously he had worked from the formation of the lodge, and under his guiding hand how the whole machinery had soon been brought into working order. In addition to that he had initiated, passed, and raised no less than thirty members in the most careful and praiseworthy manner. No one knew, unless he had gone through it, what an amount of labour and anxiety all that involved. His zeal and assiduity had been untiring, and his impartial conduct and genial bearing had endeared him to them all. In short, in him they felt that they had had an exemplary Master and a sincere friend. They had done themselves an honour, therefore in having voted him the Past Master's Jewel and an honorary membership of their lodge. The Worshipful Master then handed the Great City Lodge Past Master's Jewel and said: Bro. P.M. Stevens, I am proud that it has fallen to me to present you with this handsome Jewel, and I hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may spare you to be with us for many years to come that you may wear it as a tangible proof of our sincere esteem and regard. Bro. Stevens acknowledged the compliment in glowing terms, and the next toast was "The Honorary Members," for which Bro. Hervey, G.S., appropriately replied, and the toast of "The Initiates" was proposed duly honoured and replied to. The Worshipful Master then rose and said our next toast is "The Visitors." The Great City Lodge is always ready to extend the right hand of fellowship and give a hearty welcome to visitors. This evening we have such an illustrious assemblage of visitors, that I scarcely know whose name I should couple with the toast, but Bro. Woodman, P.G.S. Middlesex and P.M. 66, is one of the greatest strangers, and I shall couple his name with it. Dr. Woodman, P.G.S., said he knew he was expressing the sentiments of all the visitors when he said they had been delighted at the sight within the lodge, and had heartily enjoyed the banquet. The hospitality of the Great City Lodge seemed to be as unlimited as it was genuine, and he trusted the lodge would prosper and continue in the road they had travelled since the consecration last year, for that road, he felt sure, would lead to prosperity. Bro. Hine, D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, also responded, agreeing with the last speaker as to the pleasure the visitors had felt at the kind welcome given to them, and proposed the next toast, which was "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge." The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," remarking that if there is one reason more than any other that should make us proud of being Freemasons—it is that we can point to those glorious Institutions, the Boys', the Girls' and the Royal Masonic Institutions, as evidences of the grand principles we profess. We know that these noble institutions, each in its sphere, is doing a grand work, and I hold it to be the duty of every Freemason, and especially every lodge of Freemasons to promote the interests of the charities, and if need be to make some sacrifice to advance their usefulness. Last year, brethren, we put our shoulders to the wheel on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution, and although the little self sacrifice we then made was decried by some unthinking persons, we have the satisfaction of knowing, that in the year one of our Masonic existence, our Steward took up some £130; our lodge is now V.P., and the S.W. and J.W. chairs are endowed with a life vote each. During my year of office, it is my intention to offer myself as Steward for the Girls' School, and I know brethren, I may safely count upon your liberal support, when the time comes. Brethren, I hope the Great City Lodge will never be unmindful of the charities, and that every year a Steward will represent the lodge for one of the three in turn. The other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were made more than usually enjoyable by the delightful music provided under the direction of Bro. Hook. The glees and

part songs, sung without accompaniment were a great treat. Bro. C. W. Jordon, Mus. Bac. Oxon, also treated the brethren to a solo on the pianoforte. The banquet was served by Bro. Spencer, in his best style, and the members did not begin to separate till near midnight, sorry to part and happy to meet again.

BAGSHAW LODGE.—(No. 1457).—The Anniversary Festival of this lodge was held at the Bald-Faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, on Saturday, October 10th. This lodge during the past year has made considerable progress, and the working has been everything that could be desired. Young as it is, it shows strength of members, and the business has been carried out with great satisfaction. The lodge met at three o'clock, and was immediately opened by Bro. Joseph Tanner, P.M. 101 and 453, and P.P.S.G.D. Essex, W.M., who was supported by his officers, members of the lodge and visitors. There were present, Bros. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; C. F. Hogard, W.M. 453; W. P. Billis, W.M. 1000; Joseph Tydeman, W.M. 1437; W. F. Wheeler, P.M. 865; A. A. Richards, P.M., P.G.Sec.; J. H. Harusworth, P.M. 1178; J. Carter, 101; R. Martin, 453; F. Whitmore, S.W. 276; H. C. Velley, P.P.G.J.W. 276; F. Smece, W.M. 276; M. E. Clarke, P.M. 255; J. Williams (*Freemason*), and others. After the usual ceremonies, and on presentation, Bro. Joseph Tanner installed Bro. Joseph Clarkson, P.M. 165, in the chair of W.M. The brethren below the degree of Installed Master having been re-admitted to the lodge, and the customary salutes having been given, Bro. Clarkson invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. R. Cover, Prov. G. Reg., S.W.; D. Reid, J.W.; W. Babington, Treasurer; Samuel Lilley, Secretary; T. W. Nicholson, S.D.; W. Holloway, J.D.; G. J. Thompson, I.G.; C. I. Edwards, Dir. Cer.; E. H. Kearley, W.S.; Smith, Tyler; Bro. Hogard then completed the ceremony with the delivery of the three addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where they partook of a splendid dinner, provided by the proprietor of the Bald Faced Stag Hotel. For magnificence it could scarcely be surpassed, and the fragrance thrown out by the flowers which were tastefully displayed, gave the room the lively aspect of summer. Bro. Clarkson ably presided, supported by Bros. Col. Burdett, Joseph Tanner, T.W. Nicholson, Reed, Lilley, and many others of the brethren mentioned above. At the conclusion of the excellent repast, the chairman rose and said:—Brethren, I think to-night we must be as brief as possible, owing to some of the brethren, including the worthy Bro. Col. Burdett, having to leave by the 9.15 train, therefore, I shall refrain to night from making any long speeches. The first toast of the evening is "the Queen and the Craft." The toast was duly honoured whilst the brethren lustily sang "God save the Queen." The chairman then said:—The next toast is "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., P.G.M. of England." Whilst proposing that toast I feel an unknown pleasure. We all feel a pride in having him as our Grand Master. I shall not to-night enter into the details which have led to his having accepted the office. In H.R.H. the Prince of Wales we have one who has shown great interest in the Craft, and will, I am sure, in the future, carry out the same principles for the welfare and progress of the Order. We all regret losing the Marquis of Ripon, but I think we should take his resignation in the same way as we should that of any other person in the Craft. I have now very great pleasure in asking you to drink the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The toast was drunk enthusiastically. The chairman: I next propose "the health of the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupling with that toast the name of Bro. Col. Burdett. I have on several occasions met our Bro. Col. Burdett, and I consider he is, along with our Bro. Bagshaw, one of the best working Masons we can possibly have. If we can always combine Middlesex and Essex as we do now, we shall work amicably together. After having eulogised the career of the

Earl of Carnarvon throughout as a Mason, the Chairman said, I have now heartfelt joy to ask you to drink "The Health of our most excellent Brother the Earl of Carnarvon, the Grand Officers, past and present, and couple with that toast the health of our Bro. Col. Burdett. The toast was highly honoured. Bro. Col. Burdett on rising said: Worshipful Sir and brethren all, It gives me very great pleasure to return thanks for the Grand Officers. I have been highly gratified with what I have seen to night. Young as this lodge is, it is holding a high position in Freemasonry, there is an earnestness displayed to carry out the beauties of Masonry, and the younger brethren present have every opportunity to be led in the way they should go. I am very happy to see so many officers of the province here. The working I have seen this day has been excellent, and I feel confident that if the younger brethren will follow the example that has been shown to them, they will rise in Masonry and add lustre to it. I am very happy to be here in this province, happy that we have some connection with Middlesex. It is a very good thing that we are able to visit each other. I certainly think I have received a benefit from coming here to-night, and I thank you sincerely for the very kind manner in which you have received the toast of the Grand Officers, and the high compliment you have paid me. Again I beg to thank you. The Chairman: I now rise to propose "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master for Essex, the Right Worshipful Bro. Robert J. Bagshaw," after whom this lodge is named. He has expressed himself well pleased with the working of this lodge, and has become a member of it. We felt very much gratified when he informed us that this, the Bagshaw, was the only lodge of which he was a subscribing member. We all regret to hear of his declining health. It was very painful to us, when at Grand Lodge, to see such a change. I trust he may be spared to do his work in the future, and that T.G.A.O.T.U. will again grant him health and happiness. I therefore ask you to drink the health of our worthy brother, the Right Worshipful Robert J. Bagshaw, P.G.M. of Essex, and couple with the toast the name of Bro. J. R. Cover, Prov. G. Reg. The toast was received with due Masonic honours. Bro. Cover, in responding said: I have very great pleasure in returning you thanks for the Provincial Grand Master, and also for myself. I trust that the health of our P.G.M. will be speedily restored, and that his valuable life will be long spared. Bro. Joseph Tanner rose and said: I have the opportunity to propose the next toast. It is that of "the W.M. of the Bagshaw Lodge," from the able manner in which he has worked in the Lodge of Instruction, I am led to believe he will carry out his duties as W.M. of the lodge. I now ask you to drink the health of our W.M. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. The W.M. in rising to return thanks, said:—Brethren, I thank you all for the very kind manner you have received my name. I am highly pleased if I have in any way contributed to the welfare of this lodge, and also that of the Lodge of Instruction, and I hope to give satisfaction in the future as W.M. of this lodge. The Chairman: I next propose "The Visitors," and couple with that toast the names of Bros. Vellely and Hogard. In the name of the lodge I tender to them our sincere thanks for coming here to night. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Vellely rose and said: I thank you kindly for the compliment you have just paid me, I wish you God speed in this great work, and trust you will continue to prosper. Bro. Hogard responded in brief, but very appropriate terms, at the same time wishing the lodge every success. The Chairman: Brethren, I have now a very pleasant duty to perform, whilst proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Tanner." I hardly know how to begin. It is highly gratifying to know that our worthy brother has manifested great exertions in working this lodge. To-night we see the result of it, and to show our appreciation we have a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, which I shall now present to our well-beloved brother. In presenting this jewel the Chairman said: Bro. P.M. Tanner, I have very great pleasure in presenting you, on behalf of the members of the Bagshaw

Lodge, this very handsome P.M.'s Jewel. It has been designed purposely for this lodge. It gives me a deal of pleasure to present this jewel, it being the first presentation of such in this lodge. You have gained the esteem of us all, and I trust you will live long to wear the jewel you have so worthily won. Bro. Tanner: Brethren, I thank you kindly for the very high compliment you have just paid me. As far as Masonry is concerned, I love it, and take delight in its principles. I thank you kindly for the jewel, and shall always look upon it with reverence and respect. Wherever I may be, no matter in what lodge, it will always remind me of the very pleasant evening spent in the Bagshaw Lodge. I trust, most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I may be spared many years as P.M. of this lodge, and see it multiply with that goodness of quality that should always exist amongst Masons. I sincerely trust that I may see many of the brethren of this lodge pass the chair, so that they may gain the privilege I have. I again thank you for this beautiful present, and shall ever value it as one of the greatest of my treasures. The Chairman: I now propose "The Health of the Officers of this Lodge." The Master is nothing unless he is well supported with officers. I therefore ask you to drink the health of the officers of this Lodge, and couple with the toast the name of Bro. Reed. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Reed responded in suitable terms, thanking the Chairman and the brethren all. The rest of the Officers responded in brief. The Tyler's Toast brought the proceedings to a close. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enlivened by the singing of Bro. D. King. The presentation jewel was made at the well known manufactory of Bro. George Kenning, and was greatly admired by all the brethren present. It contained a fac simile of the Most Worshipful P.G.M., Bro. Robert Bagshaw.

Royal Arch.

CARLISLE.—*Union Chapter* (No. 318).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic rooms, on Monday the 28th ult. The chapter was opened by Comps. Jesse Banning, Z. 828, as Z.; Slack, Z., as H.; P. Z. Blacklock, as J. After the admission of the companions, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Murray, and proving in his favour, he was properly prepared, and duly exalted into this supreme degree, the historical, symbolical, and mystic lectures being rendered in an efficient and highly impressive manner by M. E. C. Jesse Banning, to whom a vote of thanks was passed, and entered on the minutes, for his valuable services on this and other occasions. Nothing more appearing for the good of R.A.M. in general, or this chapter in particular, it was closed in solemn form, and the companions separated, looking forward with pleasure to the next meeting of the chapter.

Mark Masonry.

IRSWICH.—*Albert Victor Lodge* (No. 70).—The usual quarterly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 28th September, when there were present Bros. E. J. Robertson, W.M.; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.M.M., Past Grand Chaplain of England, (Mark); C. T. Townsend, P.M.M., Past Grand Deacon of England (Mark), Acting S.O.; Enra Holmes, P.M.M., Past Grand Inspector of Works, Acting J.O.; W. T. Westgate, P.M.M., M.C.; George Cresswell, S.W.; J. A. Pettit, Acting M.O.; &c., &c. The lodge being opened and minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Jas. Turner, P.M., St. Luke's Lodge, and M.E.Z. St. Luke's Chapter, who being accepted was duly obligated and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Sanderson in his usual impressive and admirable manner. This being the night for the election of W.M., Bro. Cresswell was elected to that high office by the almost unanimous vote of

the lodge. Bro. Walter Cuckow was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Spalding, Tyler. The ordinary business of the lodge being disposed of, the brethren retired for refreshment, and under the gavel of the W.M. enjoyed a very pleasant social hour.

BOLTON.—*Rose and Thistle Lodge* (No. 158).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Thursday, 1st Oct., when there were present Bros. John Tunnah, P. Prov. G. Mark Overseer, W.M.; T. H. Winder, S.W.; Thos. Wilson, J.W.; J. M. Rutter, M.O.; Jas. Brown, S.O.; Jas. Pilkington, J.O.; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master; C. F. Matier, Past Grand Mark Warden; G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Mark Warden; Robt. Harwood, P. Prov. Grand Mark Deacon; Jas. Newton, Prov. Grand Inspector of Works; Thos. Morris, P. Prov. Grand Mark Sword Bearer, and others. The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A candidate for advancement was balloted for and elected. This being the meeting for installation of W.M., Bro. J. H. Winder, S.W., the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of A., by Bro. Matier, Past Grand Warden, and the following brethren were appointed and invested as officers of the lodge, viz.—Bros. Wilson, S.W.; J. M. Rutter, J.W.; Jas. Brown, M.O.; Jas. Pilkington, S.O.; R. K. Freeman, J.O.; Rev. E. J. Bolling, Chaplain. G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Jas. Newton, Sec.; Robt. Harwood, Reg. of Marks; S. Crowther, S.D.; Frank Ainsworth, J.D.; Thos. Morris, I.G.; Chas. Walker, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

Ultim in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I noticed by the papers the other day, that Baron Ceschi, Deputy Grand Master of the Order of Knights of St. John, has been appointed by the Emperor of Austria a life member of the Upper House of the Austrian Reichsrath. I should like to ask any Masonic member of the titular English Langue, of the Order of St. John, what connection exists between the bodies represented by the Duke of Manchester and Baron Ceschi, and whether the latter recognise the former in any way? I ask this in the *Freemason* because now and again we have paragraphs in that organ of our fraternity, having reference to the doings of that English Langue, emanating doubtless from Masonic members of that august brotherhood, and one would like to know how the Roman Catholic and Protestant members coalesce.

AN OLD MASON.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM AND FREEMASONRY.

I desire to thank our good Bro. Cowling for his note respecting the Duke of Wharton, but his Grace was not a Roman Catholic, either before, or during his Grand Mastership, but afterwards. The Duke of Wharton, (so Bro. Findel tells us in his "History of Freemasonry," (p. 146, 2nd edition, Geo. Kenning, London), when his fortune had become much impaired, retired to Spain, became a Roman Catholic, and ended his restless career in a Spanish Monastery. Bro. Preston, in his "Illustrations of Freemasonry," (p. 168, Spencer's last edition) tells us that his Grace was diligent and attentive to his duties as Grand Master. As to the Roman Catholic Grand Master, Lord Petre, Bro. Preston declares that his amiable character as a man, and his zeal as a Mason, may be equalled, but cannot be surpassed (p. 208).

W. J. HUGHAN.

The consecration of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, took place at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday last. Bro. W. Hammond, P.M., P.G.S. Middlesex, is the W.M.; Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., S.W.; Bro. S. Hill, P.M., J.W. A full report will appear in our next.

The Convent General of the Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, on the 30th inst.

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF LEINSTER, GRAND MASTER OF IRISH FREE- MASONS.

We have to announce with deep regret the passing away from this busy scene of the venerated Grand Master of Irish Freemasons.

His Grace the Duke of Leinster, the premier Duke of Ireland, died at Carton House, Maynooth, at noon on Saturday October 10th, in his 84th year.

The late distinguished and large-hearted nobleman has been so long Grand Master of our Irish Sister Grand Lodge (namely 61 years), that his loss will be much deplored, and his rule will be long remembered by our warm-hearted brethren of "Erin's Green Isle."

Though our late lamented brother has never taken any active part in public affairs, and has mainly confined his attention to the many important duties connected with his large estates, and the amenities of hospitality and the pleasant intercourse of family and social life, he has ever earned for himself the warm regard and attachment of all classes in Ireland.

The *Times* says, and no doubt says truly, that he was endeared to the people by the unassuming simplicity of his manners and the genuine urbanity and good nature which characterised his intercourse with the humblest as well as the highest with whom he came in contact. His hospitality is gratefully remembered by his numerous guests, and is referred to in gracious terms in the "Queen's Diary," giving an account of the Royal Visit to Ireland, in 1848.

We believe that under his kindly regime the Irish Grand Lodge has progressed, and been tided on by the same wave of material prosperity which has swept over our English brotherhood.

The only subject of regret we have, and which we feel bound honestly to express to-day is, that, the *Freemason* has never yet received official acknowledgement or aid from the Irish Grand Lodge, though accounts of the Grand Lodge meetings have continually appeared in non-Masonic journals.

Let us hope that in this respect, we may witness a better state of things, and we say this, because we think that it is always right to be honest and above-board in all our communications with the Craft.

We sincerely sympathize with our Irish brethren in the loss of their venerated Grand Master, and we feel sure of this, that his kindly courtesy and his ever friendly and truly Masonic spirit will be long gratefully remembered by all who knew him personally, and by all those over whom he ruled officially, so long and so well.

The *Times* gives the following biographical notice:—

The Most Noble Augustus Frederick Fitzgerald, third Duke of Leinster and Marquis of Kildare, and 22nd Earl of Kildare, and Earl and Baron of Offaly, in the King's County, in the Peerage of Ireland, and also Viscount Leinster, of Taplow, in the county of Buckinghamshire, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Kildare, &c., was born at Carton-house, County Kildare, on the 21st of August, 1791.

He was the elder of the two sons of William Robert, second Duke, by the Honourable Emilia Olivia, only daughter and heiress of St. George Usher, Lord St. George (a title now extinct); he succeeded to his father's title in 1804, when only a child, and at the time of his death had worn a coronet for a longer period than any other member of the English or Irish Peerage. It may be mentioned, also, that King George IV., as Prince of Wales, stood sponsor at his baptism. At an early age he was sent to Eton, where he reckoned among his schoolfellows and formfellows Sir John Taylor Coleridge, the late Sir John Stuart Hippisley, General the Hon. Sir Edward Cust, the late Sir William Byam, the late Sir Windham Carmichael Anstruther, the late Lord Clinton, Sir Edward J. Gambier, the late Duke of Marlborough, Lord Sondes, Sir Denis le Marchant, Sir J. G. Shaw Lefevre, the late Lord Carington, the Marquis of Donegall, and the late Duke of Buckingham. He took his seat in the Upper House of Parliament on attaining his majority, and, though he never took a very active part in the proceedings of the Legislature, yet he steadily supported those enlightened measures which at that time were only gradually winning their way with the country at large, and had but few advocates in the House of Lords. He was among those who constantly supported the repeal of the Test and Corporation Acts, the relaxation of the Penal Laws by the concession of Roman Catholic emancipation, and the passing of the first Reform Bill. He was not, however, much of an orator, and his Grace's name accordingly figured but rarely in the pages of *Hansard's Debates*.

Himself a Protestant by conscientious conviction, he was nominated, with the sanction and concurrence of the Roman Catholic Prelates in Ireland, one of the visitors of the College of St. Patrick at Maynooth, which stands not far from the gate of his princely domain of Carton. Indeed, in spite of his liberal convictions and principles, the late Duke more than once said that he scarcely cared to oppose Lords Roden and Winchelsea when they proposed a Committee of Inquiry into the working of Maynooth, because he knew, from his experience as a resident in its neighbourhood, that the College would come quite safely out of such an investigation. He was sworn a Privy Councillor for Great Britain in 1831, and for Ireland in the same year; and he was also for many years Grand Master of the Freemasons in Ireland. On account of the genuine liberality of his political and religious opinions, and his generosity as a landlord, his Grace was most popular with the Irish peasantry and tenantry; indeed, his personal popularity was scarcely affected by the question which recently arose with respect to the leases on his estates.

According to Sir Bernard Burke, the Fitzgeralds are descended from one "Dominus Otho," who is supposed to have been one of the Gherardini of Florence; and this idea is confirmed by the Latin form of the name "Geraldini" assumed by his descendants. This noble passed into Normandy, and so into England, where he became a great favourite with Edward the Confessor. His son and successor, Walter, was recognised as a fellow-countryman by the Normans on their arrival in England with the Conqueror; he put the copingstone to his prosperity by his marriage with Gladys, the daughter of Gynfyn, Prince of North Wales; and it was his grandson Maurice who, passing

over into Ireland with Strongbow, defeated the native Irish under Roderick O'Connor, and died at Wexford in 1177, not before he had established himself as a powerful lord in the island. His son Gerald was summoned to Parliament in 1205 as Baron of Offaly; and his son, the second Baron, who introduced the Dominican and Franciscan Orders into Ireland, was Lord Justice of Ireland. It is recorded of the sixth lord that when he lay a helpless infant in his cradle at the Castle of Woodstock an alarm of fire was given; the child was forgotten, and the servants, on returning to search for him, found that he had been carried off in safety by a pet ape or monkey, which animal the family ever after adopted as their crest. The life of this Lord Offaly is quite a romance in itself, but for an account of it we must be content to refer our readers to the pleasant pages of Sir Bernard Burke. He was created Earl of Kildare by Edward II., and his descendant, Thomas, the seventh earl, Lord Deputy of Ireland, suffered attainder for his share in the rebellion of the Earl of Desmond, though he was afterwards pardoned and restored in blood. His son Gerald, the eighth earl, commonly called "the Great," was Lord Deputy of Ireland, and was made a Knight of the Garter in 1504 by Henry VIII. for his zeal and skill in suppressing a rebellion of the native chiefs under the Lord of Clanricarde. His son Gerald, the ninth earl, also Lord-Deputy of Ireland, forcibly maintained the King's interests in what was then known as the "Pale," ruling the rest of his Irish subjects as an independent native chief. His son Thomas, the tenth earl, raised a rebellion against his English Sovereign, and, having been imprisoned in the Tower of London, was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn, in February, 1537. The story of this young and chivalrous nobleman's attempt to raise the standard of insurrection is one of the most interesting episodes in history. The line of the representatives of the house of Fitzgerald was eventually continued by the descendants of one of his younger brothers, one of whom, Robert, the 19th earl, was known to history as a statesman in the reigns of George I. and George II. It was his son and successor, James, 20th earl—grandfather of the nobleman so recently deceased—who was created a Peer of Great Britain, as Viscount Leinster of Taplow, in 1746, and, ten years later, was raised to the Irish dukedom. His eldest son was William Robert, the second duke, whom we have already mentioned as the father of the subject of this memoir; and his fourth son was the ill-fated Lord Edward Fitzgerald, who died of wounds received in resisting his arrest on a charge of high treason in 1798, and whose attainder was afterwards repealed in favour of the three children whom he left by his wife, so well known to English and French readers by her name of Pamela.

His Grace married, on the 16th of June, 1818, Lady Charlotte Augustus Stanhope, third daughter of Charles, third Earl of Harrington, and was left a widower in the month of February, 1859. By her the Duke had issue a family of six children—two daughters, one of whom died an infant, and the other is Lady Jane Repton; and four sons, Charles William, Marquis of Kildare, Lord Gerald, Lord Frederick (who died young), and Lord Otho Augustus, late Controller of Her Majesty's Household. Lord Kildare, as his eldest son, succeeds to the ducal and other honours and to the estates and representation of the family. The new Duke, who is a magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for County Kildare, Colonel of the Kildare County Militia, and a Commissioner of National Education in Ireland, and who represented the county of Kildare in the Liberal interest in Parliament from 1847 to 1852, was born in Dublin on the 30th of March, 1819. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his Bachelor's degree in 1840. He was created in 1870 a Peer of the United Kingdom, by the title of Baron Kildare. He married in October, 1847, Lady Caroline Leveson-Gower, third daughter of George Granville, second Duke of Sutherland, by whom he has a very numerous family. His eldest son, and heir apparent to the dukedom, Gerald, Earl of Offaly, who will now assume the courtesy title of Marquis of Kildare, was born in Dublin in the month of August, 1851.

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

BISHOP—HOWE.—On Monday, 12th inst., at St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, by the Rev. John Walker, M.A., Rector of St. John's, Henry George, only son of Mr. Charles Bishop, Diss., to Alice Susannah, eldest daughter of Mr. Martin J. Howe, of Albion Villa, Woodbridge-road, Ipswich. No cards.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1874.

FREEMASONRY AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM.

The secession of our late Grand Master from our Masonic phalanx continues to be a subject of much discussion amongst the members of our Order.

We think that the true view of looking at the matter is one of simple friendly, kindly regret, and that all remarks and statements are, in our humble opinion, greatly to be deprecated, which are not marked by brotherly goodwill to our late chief, or serve to fan in any manner into heat or excitement the ever-ready tendencies in us all alike to sectarian bitterness and controversy. One of our most valued rulers, a thoroughly true-hearted Mason, our distinguished Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, has said, that we must regard Lord Ripon's defection from our body, and his resignation of his high office with deep sorrow, and that we must ever remember that he was one of the best Grand Masters Freemasonry has ever seen. Most true and seasonable words, at a time of a good deal of not unnatural agitation and unsettledness. Like our excellent and noble brother, we feel strongly that the only and proper way of regarding the subject with a feeling of regret, not of annoyance. We may, indeed, deplore the passing away from our midst of our once valued brother and cherished head; and we may lament it, not only for our sake, but for his, but there we should stop. No utterance of any other kind should detract from the simple expression of our heartfelt sorrow, and if we say to-day, as we fairly may with a sigh, "Si adhuc tu noster esses," we will yet allow no other sentiments of any kind whatever to interfere with our genuine emotions of fraternal grief and Masonic regard. We have thought it right to make these observations, because in the too common habit of hasty generalization, in the tendency sometimes of us all, of arguing from a particular to a universal, there seems to be a little danger, lest the tempting opportunity for partizan oratory, may lead some of us to forget the great and abiding Masonic principle of toleration and non-interference with the religious views and opinions of others. For instance it would not be at all right

or consistent with Masonic teaching, because we are but little pleased, no doubt, with Lord Ripon's secession to the Roman Catholic community, and his resignation of his Masonic privileges, to commence attacks upon Roman Catholicism *per se*, or to consider it as a bar to entrance into our Fraternity. As Freemasons, we have nothing to do with the peculiar tenets of the Church of Rome, except where they impinge on our avowed principles, or come into open collision with our peaceful progress. Then, though it is our duty to point out the absurdity and impropriety of the Roman Catholic censures, the utter valueless authority with which her bishops speak on a subject of which they know nothing at all, yet our motto should ever be "defence not defiance," we should not weaken our own really unassailable position by any heated declamations or merely controversial contentions against the Church of Rome quâ the Church of Rome. The Constitutions place no impediment in the way of Roman Catholics becoming Freemasons, neither should we do so. It is a matter purely for the individual Roman Catholic conscience to settle for itself, not for us in any way, and we should always be too happy, on our own broad and excellent principles of toleration, to welcome all Roman Catholic Freemasons who are able to attend our lodges and claim our name. There are many admirable Roman Catholic Freemasons amongst us, and though their number, we believe, has been lately declining, our good old Order, ever sympathetic and unsectarian, has hailed, and we trust ever will hail the presence amongst us of our Roman Catholic brethren. Any other principles of teaching or of action amongst us but these can only end in striking a lamentable blow at the great distinguishing feature of our Craft, consistent and universal recognition of liberty of conscience and the sanctity of personal belief. As an evidence of how much misconception may exist on this point, we have noticed a remark of our most distinguished and eminent brother, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, to which we deem it right to call attention. If our noble brother be correctly reported we venture to think that he is in error, though we say it with all deference and respect. In a report of a meeting of the Highclere Agricultural Association our Deputy Grand Master is stated to have said, not, we admit, speaking masonically, or "ex cathedrâ Lathomicâ" that the high office of Grand Master of Freemasons "could not, by the constitution of the Order, be held by a Roman Catholic." We are of opinion that this is a blunder of the reporter, and that, what our noble brother probably said was, that the Grand Mastership of Freemasons could not be held by a Roman Catholic, who accepted the condemnation passed on Freemasons by the Roman Pontiff or by the Catholic Bishops. There is no law or regulation of Freemasonry which prevents a Roman Catholic from becoming Grand Master that we are aware of, and we know the "Book of Constitutions" pretty well. We have had several Roman Catholic Grand Masters, and we shall probably have others yet, let us hope in the progress of better and less acrimonious times. We feel sure, therefore, that there must be some mistake in the report of our distinguished brother's speech, but we have thought it well to

call attention to it, for fear that, unintentionally, on the authority of so eminent a Freemason, an error might be promulgated as regards Masonic law, and accepted by Freemasons, which might have very serious consequences, and might lead to many deplorable results.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my letter published in your paper dated 26th ulto., I am made to say "the W.M. and P.M. (a retired Naval Officer) were," &c., it should have been. "The W.M. and P.M., of Lodge Metham, 1205 (both retired Naval Officers) were," &c.

I cannot allow the production of "C.M., 1205," to pass unnoticed, although, I suppose, by so doing, I may again bring down upon myself the vials of his wrath.

First, however, allow me to suggest to that brother, who, if my suspicion as to his identity is correct, has not long been initiated as one of us, the desirability of quoting correctly, and of endeavouring, if possible, to avoid the use of acrimonious, unmasonic, insulting, and ungentlemanly language.

My former letter was written solely with a desire to clear up the unpleasantness which has arisen. I certainly have no desire to act as Bro. Col. Elliott's champion; indeed, I fail to see he needs one, but if he does, I am sure he is well qualified to defend himself from such attacks as those made upon him by "C.M., 1205," who evidently wholly fails to realise the duties which as a Mason he is now bound to discharge.

I still have the "hardihood" to express an opinion that Bro. Hughan is in error as to Bro. Elliot's real duties, perhaps, however, there are other members of the Committee who can give some further information upon the point, as I regret to find the minute book silent upon it. I do not think it necessary to deal with "C.M.'s" personal attack upon me, other than to express my entire concurrence in his recommendation to persons generally to make themselves acquainted with the circumstances of the case, and to advise him personally to bear the advice strongly in mind, but as to the special knowledge of the General's opinion which is attributed to me, I can but state that the Committee passed a resolution expressive of their desire for officers of the Army and Navy to appear in uniform, and it was only when they were informed an application which such of the N.C. Officers of the Royal Marines as are Masons had forwarded through their Commandant to the General Commanding the District, requesting permission to attend in uniform, had been returned with a distinct refusal, upon the ground that to grant it would be infringe the Queen's Regulations, that such resolution was rescinded, and his views were consequently known to the other members of the Committee in common with myself. If "C.M." felt inclined to look at the matter in a fair and fraternal spirit I think he would be able to see that so far as the Committee were concerned there was no "sin of commission," but that the fault lies with the General, or as I have a very strong opinion (and one not formed without good grounds, although I am not at liberty to mention them) one of the members of his staff, neither could there have been any omission, as whether Bro. Elliot made the enquiry or not, permission was refused when applied for.

Yours truly and fraternally,

RICHARD CURTEIS.

W.M., Lodge Sincerity, 189.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the "General Committee," to whom the chief

portion of the arrangements, and the management of the procession were entrusted, I am able now to completely exonerate the members from any blame respecting the exclusion of the military brethren. Bro. Leigh, R.N., Prov. Grand Secretary of Devon and Secretary of Committee, went through the minutes of all the meetings with me, and showed me the record of the resolution of the members to invite the military and naval brethren to attend in uniform, and that an advertisement should be put in the local papers to that effect. At the same meeting a message was sent that the application from the Marine Barracks for the non-commissioned officers to appear in uniform was refused by the Major-General Commanding. I have the name of the officer who applied, and also was refused, and the name also of another officer who personally applied to the General, and who was likewise refused; so it appears to me that it is quite evident the exclusion of our military brethren had its source in a military order. The committee in consequence, rescinded the resolution before mentioned, and then simply issued instructions as to the clothing of the civilians. I desire to thank Bro. Leigh for his attention to my wants, and for the time he devoted to the enquiry, and I have only to regret that there has been so long a delay in the exact explanation being given.

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, 10th October, 1874.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following questions through the medium of your columns, and by its publicity elicit perhaps some remarks from experienced Masons, staunch in the defence and adherence to the antient landmarks of our Order. The facts are simply these: A Past-Master is invested on St. John's Day as J.W.; two or three months afterwards another member of the Lodge, who had been out of the Colony, returned and they invest him the J.W., the Past-Master aforesaid resigning in his favour. The Grand Lodge returns are then made with the second named J.W. as eligible for the East, and still expresses his opinion that he is always eligible for the Chair if nominated and elected. The other instance is as yet only partially carried out. A Senior Warden is invested on St. John's Day last by proxy, for a member who is on a visit to England for the benefit of his health, but who returns and takes his seat in August. On St. John's Day a protest is recorded on the minutes by one of the members against this appointment on the ground that his absence from the Colony and uncertain return was in itself irregular, but at all events the Warden so invested by proxy was ineligible for the Chair next St. John's Day by reason of not serving a full twelve months as Warden in terms of Art 2, "Private Lodges," Bk. of Con. p. 62.

1. Your opinion is therefore asked, Whether or not it is absolutely essential to be present at the investiture and personally serve a full twelve months as Warden before he can be eligible for the chair?

2. Whether or not proxies are to be allowed for absentees, or only allowable for those B.B. living in town or neighbourhood, but unable to attend at High Twelve on St. John's Day, or Day of Installation.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

N.

Cape Colony, South Africa.

[1. A brother must serve as Warden of the lodge bonâ fide for twelve months before he is eligible for the Chair. 2. Proxy votes are unknown to the English Constitutions.—Ed.]

SCOTTISH BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with great pleasure the leading article of your Editor in the Freemason, on the proposed Scottish Benevolent Institution, also of your very liberal offer of assistance. It

was mentioned that certain points as to modus operandi and detail did not meet your approval. I should be glad to know what they are, as well as any suggestions from brethren throughout Scotland, as every idea will help when brought up at first General Court. All that is requisite at present is that brethren wishing to support the undertaking should assent,

First, That there be established a Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Secondly, That its object be:

Branch 1.—The maintaining, clothing, and educating sons and daughters, of aged, deceased and distressed Masons.

Branch 2.—The maintaining, clothing, and supporting aged and distressed Masons, and Mason's widows.

Every other point but this will have to be arranged and decided upon in General Court. I drew up the rules &c., &c., on the groundwork of the existing charities, so that we should have a basis to work upon, never for one moment imagining that the scheme would not receive nor in fact need some revision.

I hope by next month to hear of a few brethren having given their support, but fear that very little will be done till the beginning of next year. I should be much obliged if you would keep the matter open in your paper occasionally, so that the idea may not die out in Scotland.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE R. HARRIOTT, OF KILLIMORE.
Prov. G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As no person may be made a Freemason unless he is of mature age, and capable of judging for himself, and it being one of the admitted tenets of the Order, that Freemasonry has no right to interfere with the religious convictions of its members, I think it would be more in accordance with our principles to accept the recent secession from our Order in silence, only mourning over the weakness which could break faith with him, who was so solemnly called upon to witness the acceptance of brotherhood with us. And as no advantage can be attained by the continued reference to so painful a subject before the popular world, I would recommend brethren to abstain from making any more remarks upon it, leaving to the conscience of the brother the task of reconciling it with himself, whether he, as a responsible being, has acted with honour and propriety.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

A SORROWING W. M.

THE COMING INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As it has not yet been publicly announced when the above ceremony is to take place, I trust I am not too late in expressing a wish, which I am sure is shared by many W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens of country lodges, within a radius of, say, eighty or one hundred miles of the Metropolis. I can but admit that the Quarterly Communications of G.L. are well attended, but I know that if the hour of assembling was fixed two or three hours earlier, so that the business of G.L. would be over, say about 6 p.m., there would be a much better attendance of country members, who could leave home in the morning and ensure returning the same night! I therefore hope that the Installation of our Royal Brother will be fixed at such an hour that will enable many of the country members to return home the same day.

I remain, yours fraternally,

A COUNTRY P.M.

Oct. 10th, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me through your widely circulated columns to thank all those brethren who supported the case of Fanny Craig, at the late

election. Through the kindness of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Major General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. of Surrey, Bro. F. A. Cole, the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, we were enabled to poll nearly 400 votes for our candidate, and though she was not successful to our friends who gave us their votes. We trust that with the same support at next April election to secure for our little girl admission to this excellent Institution.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours truly and fraternally,
S. COLE, P.M.,
Quartermaster, Royal Engineers, Aldershot.

DESIGNATION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to P.J.G.D. Devon, in your last number, I beg to say that those lodges that have been designated after our late G.M. should apply to the G.L. of England, and have their names altered. This could be easily done by an endorsement on the warrants and a corresponding alteration in the Books of G.L.

Yours very fraternally,
J. T. S.

FREEMASONRY AND LIBERTY; ROMANISM AND IGNORANCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Like the brotherhood at large, perhaps, with a few exceptions, the secession of the Marquis of Ripon has created some surprise; but this surprise might have been greater had it not been that for some time past one might observe with what marked emphasis, and with what guarded phraseology the late Grand Master has used at the Trimestral gatherings. They have been of the admonitory character in the great caution to be observed on admitting candidates into Freemasonry. Such pathetic parentalism has oozed out by perversion which is no sudden change.

I hold that, as a body of Freemasons and gentlemen, the manner of his letter informing us of his resignation, and that we must not question the pervert's reason, was an insult to our common sense, and derogatory to our common understanding of liberty. It was in short a snubbing down of the power of interrogation of any brother on that occasion; if we, as a body concentrated, have the power to elect one to so exalted a position as that to rule and reign over us, surely we have the power and undoubted right to ask a question in relation to anything affecting the Order, otherwise we may foster in our bosom a benumbed serpent, who, soon as he becomes warmed, may turn upon us and sting us. The late perversion looks very much like it, especially after the highest eunuchs have been heaped upon him, both at home and abroad, 'tis indeed very poor repayment for honours awarded. It behoves us to look around and see if there are any more Jesuitical Freemasons in our councils and in our ranks. I do not believe for one moment that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will tolerate any masked man about his person. In fact we have, from His Royal Highness's accepting the Grand Mastership, an incontrovertible proof to the contrary. Surely since Henry VIII. threw off the yoke of Papistical domination no bolder stroke has been enacted against priestly supremacy than that of the recent acceptance of the Throne Chair of Freemasonry. His Royal Highness, if it were possible, might have in bolder letters "Dieu et mon droit" emblazoned on his standard; this late act has won for him thousands of hearts. In so doing he has set at nought the stupid anathemas and the greater excommunications which have been hurled and fulminated against us as a body, and which every reasonable and unpriestly-riden Englishman ridicules and laughs at. I, with thousands of others, have not shared in the regret at the recent actions of the Marquis of Ripon, but do

so with profound astonishment at the manner (and from such a cause) he has played with the honour of so large a community of gentlemen, in whom their confidence was falsely reposed. I would ask if the reason assigned, "that he finds himself unable any longer to discharge the duties of Grand Master," whether this is kindly language? Is it honourable? Is it an expression of reposed trust? Is it straight-forward? Neither, but it is akin to the same dealing with his Royal Mistress, the Queen's Majesty, whose fealty and loyalty have been sold to the Pope, whose toe he prefers kissing in preference to the hand of the first Lady of the kingdoms of the world. He by such an act openly places the Queen of England in a secondary position; we ought to beware of such councillors in this mighty realm, as well as in the Councils of our right royal and noble Craft; such perversion is the baseness of ingratitude. Freemasons, look to it, and do not let us be sold like the most noble and excellent Jacques de Molay, by a perfidious and intriguing priest (afterwards Clement V.); for their open motto is "Nunquam dormio" in evil. Wrong-doing, and cunningly advised and devised operations are ever on their tongue by crafty suasion. Let Freemasons be fully awake, otherwise we shall have our manhood as well as our country under priestly domination. But there is another hard-thinking class as well as Freemasons have to be consulted before this took place.

The "non possum et semper eadem" dogma and policy of the Papistry is the same to-day as it was in the reign of the bloody Mary. In this church you cannot serve two Masters; he has become a member of that hierarchy that recognises no authority superior to its own, either for mind or body; to what a drivelling serfdom has he descended! This mind and soul destroying power—this designing class, would entwine us in their grasp, and work our ruin. And our well-doing, they like not, our open honesty; we have no cloven foot in our midst, unless it be those who are shadowing themselves under our banners for some vile purpose, but they are marked in the forehead. If good can be improved by good doings, we can challenge him who has gone into perversion to dare to say otherwise. God is honoured in Freemasonry, and the Jesuits know it full well; there is a vitality and a living principle in Freemasonry that will live when Romanism is a dead letter; we shall be exalted when they are held in contumely. I most cordially agree with "Verbun sat Sapienti" that this has a sinister significance more than that of leaving our Royal Order. What clear mind, whose sight is not dimmed by unhealthy incense, cannot see that he desires as well as the Tyro he has joined, to sell us and bring us under the ban of the Roman Pontiff and make us members of this fetish religion.

Freemasons, we will not have this usurping and deadly cunning power to rule in this our island home, nor yet again sway the destinies of this mighty nation, made so by its Reformation, this, the home of universal liberty, the abode of freedom, but freedom can only be free and prosperous when clean of the fetters of a "non possumus" authority.

We will show to our Royal Grand Master that we can rally round him, and we will show to him that we are faithful as the needle is to the pole-star. We will have no one to rule over us as Freemasons and Englishmen that would take away our liberty of conscience.

T. BURDETT YEOMAN, 18°.

FUNERAL OF THE DUKE OF LEINSTER.

The remains of the late Duke of Leinster were on Wednesday laid beside those of the late Duchess in Maynooth Church. The funeral was strictly private. The chief mourners were the present Duke and Duchess, the Marquis of Kildare, Lord Otho Fitzgerald, Lord General Fitzgerald, and several grandchildren of the deceased. Amongst those present were Viscount Couch, Lord Cloncurry, Lord George Hill, Comte de Jarnac, Comte de Robec, Sir Arthur Guinness, M.P., and a large number of the tenantry and neighbouring gentry.

Masonic Tidings.

It is reported that the Freemasons of Ireland intend to request his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to accept the Grand Mastership of the Masonic body in Ireland, vacant by the decease of the Duke of Leinster. The Duke of Abercorn's name is likewise mentioned in connection with the office.

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—No. 1275.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, by Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 147, Preceptor, on Saturday evening, October 24, on which occasion Bro. John Shaw, J.W. 79, will answer the whole of the questions. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 precisely.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, held at Bro. Allen's "Royal Edward," Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, on Tuesday, 27th inst., 7 o'clock prompt. Bro. T. Austin will preside. This will be the first occasion upon which the whole of the Sections are to be worked by members of the Lodge—a circumstance mainly attributable to the zeal of its able Preceptor, Bro. Crawley.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 23, 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, October 17.

General Committee Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
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), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, October 19.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, 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. Gotheil, 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, October 20.

Board of General Purposes at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larlham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, October 21.

General Committee Grand Chapter at 3.
 Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
 Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, October 22.

House Committee, Girls' School at 4.
 Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High street Deptford.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, E.
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

Friday, October 23:

House Committee, Boys' School at 4.
 Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 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), Lyccum Tavern, 354, 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.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

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

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.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses High-road, Tottenham.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, October 24, 1874.

Monday, October 19.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5
 " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, October 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, October 21.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

Mark Lodge No. 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, October 22.

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

Friday, October 23.

Lodge 680, Selton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, October 24, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, October 19.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, Assembly Rooms, Creswick.
 " 384, Athole, School Room, Kirkintilloch.
 St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, October 20.

Lodge 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Tron-gate.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.
 " 543, Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.

Wednesday, October 21.

Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 128, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.

Thursday, October 22.

Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 " 544, Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Market place, Kilsyth.

Friday, October 23.
 Lodge 321, St. Andrew's, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

Saturday, October 24.
 Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 24th, 1874.

Monday, October 19.
 Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st. at 8.
 Tuesday, October 20.
 Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
 Wednesday, October 21.
 Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.
 Thursday, October 22.
 Lodge 8, Journeymen, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.
 " 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

“That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary.”

“That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund.”

“That a circular stating the circumstances be also transmitted to all other Lodges and Chapters in England.”

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

He was rarely absent from the elections in the various Charities, giving his valuable aid to the poor and distressed amongst the brethren and their relatives, contributing from his means to the advancement of those charities, in which he had qualified as Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, Life Governor of the Girls' School, and Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution; and it is sincerely hoped that the Widow of one who was so actively engaged for the benefit of others (herself a Life-Governor of the Boys' School) should be placed in circumstances which will assist her in her present unexpected bereavement.

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The supporters of the case of Richard Thomas Gardner (No. 24 on the list) will regret to learn that at the Election on the 12th October, 1874, their Candidate was not successful, although his number on the poll gives great encouragement.

The Widowed Mother of the Candidate and her friends desire to thank those who have hitherto assisted the case, and earnestly solicit their further help at the Election in April, 1875.

The undersigned will be happy to receive promises to support the case in April next, and will at the proper time make application for the proxies when issued.

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TO THE VICE-PRESIDENTS, GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return my most grateful thanks for the kind support in the Election of my child, E. A. Thomson, to the above Institution, for which I shall ever feel grateful.

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At a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Monday, 12th October, 1874, John Symonds, Esq., V. Patron in the Chair, a ballot took place for the election of thirteen Boys from an approved list of Forty-five Candidates, when the following were declared to be

SUCCESSFUL:—

- 1 Robinson, Alfred De Lacey..... 1717
- 2 Stephenson, Alfred H..... 1420
- 3 Watson, Wm. Geo..... 1415
- 4 Hamilton, Geo. C..... 1408
- 5 Bearey, Albert E..... 1404
- 6 Routledge, Alfred..... 1391
- 7 Barrett, Chas. D..... 1361
- 8 Wayne, Saml. S..... 1333
- 9 Catt, Walter Wm..... 1323
- 10 Dunaway, F. W. H. P..... 1297
- 11 Onion, Walter..... 1232
- 12 Carter, Henry L..... 1201
- 13 Howard, Percy Edwd..... 1195

The Votes of the unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to their credit at the Election in April, 1874. Lists of the Candidates with the Votes polled for all, successful and unsuccessful, may be obtained on application at the Office:—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, E.C.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, W.C., on Saturday, the 10th day of October, 1874, Major John Creaton, Vice Patron, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of Fifteen Children into the Institution from a list of 29 approved candidates, when the following were duly elected:—

RESULT OF BALLOT.

- | No. on Poll. | SUCCESSFUL. | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|------|
| 1. | Ashby, Fanny..... | 1224 |
| 2. | Sargant, Florence Rose..... | 1006 |
| 3. | Osborne, Fanny Gertrude..... | 979 |
| 4. | Read, Beatrice Eva..... | 887 |
| 5. | Sharp, Colina..... | 789 |
| 6. | Newman, Beatrice Abigail F... .. | 783 |
| 7. | Treleaven, Emily Snowden | 778 |
| 8. | Pike, Alice Georgiana..... | 775 |
| 9. | Redford, Florence May..... | 761 |
| 10. | Forster, Florence Louisa..... | 713 |
| 11. | Allison, Margaret Whitworth . | 706 |
| 12. | Thomson, Adela Eularia..... | 688 |
| 13. | Genever, Ada Louisa..... | 631 |
| 14. | Cartwright, Harriet..... | 626 |
| 15. | Bursej, Harriet Maude..... | 614 |

UNSUCCESSFUL.

And the votes for the following unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election:—

- Rogers, Mary Sarah..... 597
- Case, Emily..... 392
- Craig, Fanny..... 378
- Christie, Ellen Sophia..... 355
- Kite, Ada Elizabeth..... 330
- Barsby, Mary Emma..... 248
- Phillips, Minnie..... 209
- Bowler, Mary Louisa..... 88
- Hollis, Ellen Elizabeth..... 56
- Daly, Eliza Edith..... 41
- Richardson, Mary Ann..... 24
- Perks, Blanche Jenny..... 18
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Holland, Florence Ada..... 216
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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AT DEVONPORT.

PLACING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE ROYAL BRITISH FEMALE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

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DEVONPORT, like Plymouth, has had its Royal visit, and is to be equally congratulated on the result. The visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Devonport, to place the memorial stone of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, Stoke, was as interesting and as successful in its way as the grander visit in August of the Prince of Wales to Plymouth, to open the New Guildhall. It is true the visit of the Queen's eldest son to the elder borough was a corporate affair, and carried out with corporate magnificence; but though the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Devonport to accord recognition to the worth of a public institution was not under the auspices of the Corporation, yet it was in no way wanting that which all loyal subjects regard as necessary to a Royal visit. The army and the navy took an active part—and considering the special occasion of the visit, very appropriately took an active part—in the day's proceedings, and throughout the arrangements were marked by careful consideration and successful accomplishment.

Devonport received H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh as no stranger. It was at Devonport that he commissioned the good ship *Galatea*, and it was from the *Hamoaze* that he started upon an eventful and entertaining voyage to India, the Cape of Good Hope, to Australia, and other lands; and it was to Devonport he returned from circumnavigating the globe, and the incidents of the dinner he gave in the Mechanics' Institute to Mr. Moore and officers of H.M. Dockyard in celebration of his cruise is still fresh in the minds of townspeople. Closely associated with Devonport in his active sea-service, the Duke of Edinburgh was sure of a hearty reception in visiting the town, and especially when he came upon so excellent an errand—to show his sympathy and interest in an institution that succours the orphans of our soldiers and sailors who die in the service. Such sympathy and interest could not but be natural on the part of a prince who chose sea-life as his profession. Favoured with the patronage of her Majesty herself, the Asylum can thus also boast of the support of her sons, for the Prince of Wales, it will be remembered, when at Plymouth, became the patron of the Masonic Fund being raised for the extension of the Asylum, and subscribed twenty-five guineas to it. The Duke of Connaught has contributed £30 to the funds, and the Duke of Edinburgh, in addition to £50 contributed when he paid off the *Galatea*, yesterday handed to Mr. Metham a further cheque for £50.

The Asylum is well worthy of such support. Its history is unique; it was the first institution of its kind. Forty years ago Mr. Metham's mother established the Devon and Cornwall Female Orphan Asylum, Plymouth. A few years' experience served to bring into prominence the fact that there were a very large number of orphans of soldiers and sailors whose claims to charity were most pressing. Not a single institution then existed in the country charged with the mission of caring for the female orphans of those who died in defence of the

country's honour. To meet this want an auxiliary to the Plymouth Asylum was formed, and supported by a fund called the Seamen and Marines Female Orphan Fund; and out of this, in 1840, grew the British Female Orphan Asylum, which soon added "Royal" to its title, the Queen having readily become its patroness. It began in a small way in a private house; but in 1845 so general was the recognition and support accorded it that its promoters were enabled to proceed with the erection of a large and imposing asylum at Stoke, a pleasant suburb of Devonport. It was appropriately opened on "Waterloo Day, 1846," and since then a thousand orphans of our brave protectors have been lodged, clothed, educated, and trained in it as domestic servants. More than one-half of the girls admitted lost their fathers in actual service; the rest were children of men who had died of disease in foreign lands, or from injuries whilst on duty. Commencing with the fatal retreat at Cabool, each military and naval service which has occurred during the last thirty years has furnished inmates for the asylum, and a noteworthy feature in its management is that, whenever a war has occurred, or a catastrophe happened to any portion of the defensive forces, the managers have at once opened the asylum to a certain number of girls thus made orphans, instead of waiting till the regular election came round. In the way the siege of Acre, the Crimean War, the fierce conflict with the Affghans, the wars with China, the Kaffirs, and the Ashantees, the wreck of the *Avenger*, the burning of the *Amazon*, and the foundering of the *Captain*, have all had their effect on the history of the institution.

Such in brief is the history of the Asylum. In few cases has the faith of managers been met with more prompt and substantial reward. Mr. Metham inherited, as a legacy from his mother, the privilege of promoting the interests of the institution; and strong in a just and pressing cause he has not left the merits of the Asylum unsung. The results have fully justified his importunity and rewarded his increasing exertions. The Committee of Lloyd's Patriotic Fund, in the most substantial manner, recognized the excellent work of the institution by a liberal endowment for extending its usefulness, and it is not to be doubted that this Asylum had no small influence on the Admiralty in leading them at last to recognize that it is a State duty to care for those made orphans by devotion to State service. It is the result of this recognition that called for additional buildings, and led to the present pleasant ceremonies of yesterday. To provide for fifty children which will be supported by the Admiralty, a much larger asylum was required, and whilst additions were being made, it was resolved to build for eighty more inmates, and thus make it equal to accommodating 200 orphans. And then the want will not be too effectually met. These new works required up £4,000, and how energetic Mr. Metham has been in raising funds is well known, and not the least noticeable feature in his campaign has been the substantial proof given of the esteem in which he is held amongst the Freemasons as D.P.G.M. of Devon by the collecting of one thousand guineas for his scheme amongst his brethren in Devon and Cornwall. Notwithstanding all his efforts, however, nearly £2,000 yet remains to be begged. The earnest appeals made by the Duke of Edinburgh should make the raising of that sum easy.

The weather yesterday was not altogether

favourable. Tuesday night's boisterous visitation of wind and rain was aught but cheering, and yet the morning of yesterday was not at all unpromising. The wind was high certainly, and ominous black clouds would now and then sweep up from the north-west, but still the bright, uninterrupted sunshine of a few minutes was most comforting. Whilst the crowds in the streets, and on the Grand Stand at the Asylum were waiting for the Duke, a very heavy shower fell, bringing cloaks and umbrellas into sudden requisition; but from the time the procession started to the end of the ceremony, no rain fell. A continuance of bright sunshine enabled the ladies to appear in all the advantage of their bright toilettes, and the Master of Ceremonies to carry the programme through without curtailment.

THE PROCESSION.

The naval and military orders which were issued from Government House some days since, and which appeared in our columns, were followed out to the letter. At nine o'clock yesterday morning the whole of Her Majesty's ships in the harbour hoisted masthead flags; at the same time the Royal Standard was hoisted at Mount Wise and the Citadel, and a royal salute was fired from the saluting ships, as well as from the Citadel. The principal streets and thoroughfares of the town, through which it had been arranged that the procession should pass, were gaily decorated with flags, most of them having been lent by the Dockyard authorities, and the entire route from the Admiralty House to the Orphan Asylum was lined by naval seamen, and detachments from the 11th and 6th regiments, the men being four paces apart. According to announcement the procession, with his Royal Highness, started from the Admiralty House precisely at twenty minutes past twelve, by which time a large crowd assembled, despite the heavy showers of rain which occasionally fell. The procession was headed by a mounted escort, consisting of twelve men of the B Battery, 16th brigade of Royal Artillery, and then came the carriages in the following order:—

First Carriage: Captain Somerville, R.N.; the Rev. G. E. Carwithen, M.A., R.N.; Dr. J. Robson, Committee.

Second Carriage: Captain A. Edey, R.N.; Mr. Alderman J. Weary; Mr. J. H. Jefferd, Committee.

Third Carriage: The Mayor of Plymouth, (Mr. Alfred Rooker).

Fourth Carriage: Major General Smyth's, C.B., Commanding the Western District.

Fifth Carriage: Sir Massey Lopes, Bart., M.P., (Civil Lord of the Admiralty), Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., (D.G.P.M. of the Freemasons of Cornwall), Mr. J. Carpenter-Garnier, M.P., and Mr. L. P. Metham.

Sixth Carriage: Mr. Chapell Hodge and Lord Blachford.

Seventh Carriage: Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel's, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief—Captain Heneage, H.M.S. Royal Adelaide; Captain Wilson, H.M.S. Impregnable; and Lieut. Windham, Flag Lieutenant.

Eighth Carriage: Lord Eliot, the Bishop of Exeter, Captain the Hon. Charles Eliot, and Mr. W. H. Pole-Carew.

Ninth Carriage: The Mayor of Devonport (Mr. Alfred Norman), the ex-Mayor (Mr. Joseph May), and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. J. E. Venning).

Tenth Carriage: His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, his equerry, and the Hon. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B.

A posse of policemen brought up in the rear.

In this order the procession made its way at a rapid pace to the Orphan Asylum, through George Street, St. Aubyn Street, up Fore Street, through the barrier gate, along the Stoke Road, and up Trafalgar Place. All along the line of route there was a large crowd of people, more particularly in St. Aubyn Street and Fore Street, and his Highness met with a very cordial reception, the ladies at the windows being especially demonstrative. By the time that the procession reached the asylum an immense crowd had assembled, and when the Duke drove up to the doors of the asylum he was received with a hearty outburst of cheering.

In the immediate neighbourhood of the asylum there was much decoration. The grand stand, capable of holding nearly three thousand persons, was draped with flags, and approaches to it were enlivened with Venetian masts. The scaffold poles remaining around the unfinished wings were called into requisition, and made to carry a score or two of the flags lent by the Dockyard authorities, and were manned like the yards of a man-of-war by a number of training ships, who cheered lustily at the proper time. The front of the asylum was very nicely decorated, the principal features being two large scrolls, running the length of the building, one on red ground bearing the words, "The Fatherless, their Redeemer is mighty and will plead their Cause," and below, on blue ground, "For the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans from every part of the World." Over the entrance was the word "Welcome," and the hall and the principal rooms of the Asylum were made to look their best with flags, and plants, &c. The memorial stone to be placed by his Royal Highness was in the left wing, and in front of it was erected a large platform supporting a canopy, from the top of which floated the British and Russian standards. The shields of Great Britain and Russia were also prominent in the decorations. The platform was laid with scarlet cloth, the sides being ornamented with evergreens, plants, &c., from Mount Edgcombe and other gardens. Mr. Fouracre, Stonehouse, assisted in the decorations. The excellent arrangements carried out allowed all on the grand stand to witness the ceremony. People began to assemble at the Asylum early, and by shortly after noon there was not a place vacant to the general subscribers. The scene was a very pretty one, and what with the ladies' toilets and the full-dress uniforms of the very large number of naval and military officers present, there was no lack of colour and the picturesque.

Seeking shelter from flying showers, welcoming the bands of the Royal Marines and the 60th Rifles, and watching the large gathering of the officers of the army, navy, and reserve forces served to while away the time of waiting. Members of the committee—Captain Edye, Mr. G. Churcher, Mr. C. Leigh, and Mr. J. H. Jefford, and Rev. G. E. Carwithen were busy enough up to the last moment, and the memorial stone was receiving the solicitous care of Mr. T. Jenkin, of Devonport, and Mr. Greenwood, the Clerk of the Works. The brethren who had charge of the arrangements of the Freemasons' platform were Bro. Jew, 105, Bro. Gover, 70, Bro. Trevena, 159, Bro. Westcott, 70, Bro. J. Way, 106, Bro. Skelton, 1247, Bro. Hawkings, 70, and Bro. Bird, 70. Mr. Metham received great assistance from the Dockyard authorities, Captain Heneage, R.N., Captain Wilson, R.N., Captain Hamilton, R.N., and Mr. Churcher, of the Victualling Yard. All was the picture of readiness when the Duke arrived. Distant cheering was the first indication of his approach, and in a few minutes—during which the military band played the English and Russian national airs, and "Rule Britannia," and the people kept cheering right lustily—H.R.H. appeared on the platform in plain dress, surrounded with a most distinguished company. In a prominent place in the grand stand were the orphans (in their neat white and blue dresses) and choir, and led by Mr. P. B. Clemens, and accompanied by his son on the harmonium, they sang "God save the Queen," but the effect was nearly drowned by the cheering that was kept up by the crowd.

Amongst the ladies on the platform were Lady Keppel, Mrs. Smyth, Mrs. Metham, the Hon. Mrs. Fremantle, Mrs. Howard, Miss F. Howard, &c., and representatives of the ladies' committee. To enumerate the gentlemen would be to give nearly the whole of the officers in garrison, port, and Government establishments. Suffice it to say that the company was the most distinguished and brilliant that has assembled in Devonport for many a long year.

When all were assembled on the platform, Mr. Metham, acting as Master of the Ceremonies, called upon the Bishop to open the proceedings. Dr. Temple, complying, offered up the following prayers:—

"Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and furthur us with Thy continued help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of the fatherless, to whom the helpless flee for succour, and the destitute for protection, we beseech Thee to give Thy blessing to the work which we begin this day on behalf of the orphan children of our soldiers and seamen. In Thy name it is done. To Thy service it is offered. Take it, O Lord, as Thine own, and make us Thy instruments to fulfil Thy kindness, and as long as the walls of this school shall stand, let happy hearts herein learn Thy ways, and loving voices sing Thy glory, and orphan souls be comforted and cherished with Thy care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Admiral Sir Henry Keppel then presented H.R.H. with an address, beautifully illuminated on vellum, and the Duke handed it to Mr. Metham, with a request that he would read it. The hon. sec. in a clear voice, and with much expression, read as follows:—

"May it please your Royal Highness, We, the Committee of the Royal Female Orphan Asylum, in the name of the subscribers and life governors, cordially welcome the presence of your Royal Highness among us. We request that you will do us the honour to place this Memorial Stone, which is intended to commemorate the enlargement of this Asylum, by which one hundred more destitute orphans of our brave sailors and soldiers will be rescued from want, ignorance and vice.

"We are confident that the visit of your Royal Highness will be followed by permanent benefit to the deserving, but hitherto neglected class for whom we are labouring. The warm sympathy thus shown for the orphans of your humblest companions in arms, will, we believe, awaken the nation to the sense of a sacred duty too long neglected, and lead them to resolve that the orphans of those who lose their lives in the defence of their country, shall ever afterwards be cared for and protected with more than common solicitude.

"We recognize with more than usual pleasure a partial acknowledgment of this claim in the fact that the first inmates of these new wings will be fifty children maintained by the Admiralty as trustee of the Greenwich Fund. Asking no exclusive privilege for this Institution we eagerly look forward to the time when this principle shall be extended, and there shall not be a single garrison or seaport town without an Asylum for those who, in right of their fathers' services, deserve so well of their country.

"With pride we record that Her Most Gracious Majesty, at its foundation gave to the Asylum the powerful aid of her patronage, and with your late lamented father, the Prince Consort, frequently contributed to the funds.

"We cannot conclude without expressing to your Royal Highness our congratulations on your felicitous marriage, and we pray that God will bestow on yourself and your illustrious Consort, health and happiness, with all spiritual and earthly blessings."

His Royal Highness, in replying to the address, said:—Gentlemen,—I thank you for the welcome to Devonport which you have offered to me in the name of the life governors and subscribers to the Royal British Female Orphan

Asylum, and beg you to believe how gladly I comply with your request that I should lay the memorial stone which is to commemorate its extension, and enable it to receive so large an additional number of inmates. I do, indeed, most heartily join with you in your desire for the prosperity of this institution, whose aims and objects are so eminently deserving of the support and encouragement, not only of those belonging to the two services, but of all in the country at large who wish well to men who risk their lives for it, whether before the fire of the enemy, or under the influence of an unhealthy climate. No one, surely, who will reflect how the dying moments of a soldier or sailor may be embittered by cruel anxiety for the fate of his children, but must sympathize with the efforts of those whose endeavour is to rescue the little ones from want, ignorance and misery. All honour to the men who have devoted themselves to this noble work. I thank you sincerely for your congratulations upon my marriage, and I can assure you that the Duchess of Edinburgh warmly unites with me in the hope that under God's blessing this admirable asylum, which has already been productive of so much good, may continue to prosper, and that you may be enabled to extend still further the range of your most benevolent and patriotic exertions.—(Loud cheers.)

The Mayor of Devonport (Mr. A. Norman), the architect of the building, presented the Duke with the work-tools—the trowel, the mallet and the level—and with these he placed the memorial stone, and then declared it to be well and truly laid. The stone was a large block of Portland stone, just under one of the windows, and bearing the following inscription:— "This stone was placed by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., to commemorate the erection of the wings of this Asylum, October 7th, 1874." Simultaneously with the placing of this stone, a stone in the western wing was unveiled; it was inscribed:—"For the destitute female orphans of sailors, soldiers and royal marines; patroness, the Queen." The silver trowel which was used in the ceremony was selected by the committee, from the production of Mr. T. Partridge, manufacturing jeweller of Kingsbridge. Its design was very artistic, the ornamentation being in full accord with the legitimate use of the trowel—a point rarely studied by the designers, but fully carried out in this case. The handle was of ivory, carved with oak leaves. The silver blade was ornamented with a bright diaper arrangement of geometrical scrolls on a shaded ground, the centre shield being very tastefully engraved with the following inscription:—"Presented to Captain H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of his placing the memorial stone of the new wings of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, at Devonport, Wednesday, October 7th, 1874." The trowel after use was enclosed in a morocco case, lined with navy blue, velvet and satin, trowel and case doing great credit to the producer.

An interesting ceremony, masonic in character, followed the placing of the stone by Royal hands.

Mr. Metham, advancing to the memorial stone, poured upon it a cornucopia of corn, saying, I pour corn on this stone, the emblem of plenty and reproduction. May plenty ever prevail within these walls, and may the orphans of our soldiers and sailors be protected from want and misery for evermore. May the lessons and principles taught here to these children, and their fellows, ever reproduce in them, intellectual, moral, and religious life, not only for the present, but for the future.—(Loud cheers.)

Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart, M.P., next poured oil out of a silver flagon, on the stone, saying, I pour oil on this stone, the emblem of prosperity, of joy, and of happiness, and may this Institution never be destitute of either.—(Loud cheers.)

Admiral the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., finally poured wine on the stone, saying, I pour wine on this stone, the emblem of gladness, and I am sure you will be glad when you meet Mr. Metham.—(Loud cheers.)

Whilst this ceremony was being proceeded with the children with the choir sang "God Bless Our Sailor Prince."

Of Nelson, Hood, and Collingwood
Our grandsires used to sing,
Our fathers had a toast as good,
They gave "The Sailor King!"

A Sailor Prince is now our toast,
One worthy of his name,
A second Alfred we can boast,
On England's scroll of fame.
God bless our Sailor Prince,
Long may his name
Be dear to fame.
God bless our Sailor Prince.

And when this portion of the ceremony was over they sang the following hymn, written for the occasion and adapted to the air of the Russian National Anthem by Mr. W. H. Wright:—

God bless Victoria's son.
Long life be his, and joy and happiness in boundless store;
Oh! give him greeting true,
Ring out your shouts anew,
God bless our Prince!
Our Sailor Prince!

May he, of honoured name,
Live in old England's fame,
The nation's pride,
Brave Sailor Prince.

God bless his Royal Bride!
Who now hath found in British hearts a welcome real and true;
Far from her native land,
Oh! may she here command,
A priceless dower,
A nation's love.

Long live the Royal pair,
Proud oak and lily fair,
In love entwined,
Heaven's gifts to share.

God bless this happy day!
And may His presence dwell with us in this our work of love;
Soothing the widow's fears,
Drying the orphan's tears,
Oh! may this day,
With joy be crowned,
May He on rich and poor,
Alike his goodness pour;
E'en as we call,
God bless us all.

This was a fitting introduction to another very interesting portion of the ceremony. Ladies who had been for some weeks collecting for the asylum now came to the platform and deposited their offerings, contained in blue and red purses, upon a silver salver before his Royal Highness. The two first ladies were the Misses Metham, grand-daughters of the founder of the institution, and daughters of its present hon. sec.; and the ladies were for the most part daughters of friends of the asylum. Some of them were very little ladies indeed, one little lady being just able to toddle before the Duke, and in the majority of cases their elegant toilettes were specially made for the occasion. In several costumes, red and blue, symbolical of the asylum's connection with our defensive forces, were happily blended, and in others the designs were suggested by a sailor's attire. As the ladies trooped up with their purses, containing in all about £170, the scene was very animated. The Masonic presentation was next made.

Sir Frederick Martin Williams, advancing to the table, said: May it please your Royal Highness, in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master of Cornish Masons, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, with whom, in his late sad bereavement, all must deeply sympathise—(hear, hear)—I, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, on behalf of the Freemasons of that province, beg now to present to your Royal Highness a list of various lodges who have subscribed towards the new wings of this building. I can assure you that they have all contributed with very great pleasure, and I have only now to add, on their behalf, their sincere congratulations to your Royal Highness, together with

their very best wishes for the success and prosperity of this noble institution. (Loud cheers.) The amount of the subscription from the Cornish province is £140. (Cheers.)

Mr. L. P. Metham: May it please your Royal Highness, with great pride as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this Province, in the absence of our Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Huyshe, on account of ill-health, which we all deplore, I present to you the collection made by the Masons of Devon, amounting to £912 13s. 8d.—(loud cheers)—which, together with the sum just announced by Sir Frederick Martin Williams, makes up a total sum of one thousand guineas contributed by nearly 1,200 brethren of the Masonic craft in Devon and Cornwall. (Renewed cheers.) And I feel quite sure your Royal Highness will not think me intruding on your time if I take this opportunity of thanking my brother Masons, and of telling them how proud and grateful I am to them for the admirable efforts they have made to support me in this great and arduous labour. (Cheers.) It is something for them to reflect upon with pride that they have contributed more than one-fourth to the cost of the new buildings. (Cheers.) And they have done more than that. They have vindicated those principles of charity which animate the Order, and which nothing on earth can shake so long as they continue to practise brotherly love, relief, and truth. (Loud and continued cheering.)

The Bishop closed the ceremony by offering the following prayer:—Almighty Saviour, Judge of Heaven and earth, Redeemer of the world, who has taught us what is done in loving kindness to the least of Thy brothers is done unto Thee, accept this our offering of tender care for the little children whom Thou art always ready to bless. Sanctify this school with Thy perpetual presence. Banish from it everything unloving and unkind, everything impure or unholy, everything false and mean. Bless the teachers and guardians of the children with wisdom from on high, with skill to instruct, with gentle tenderness to guide and discipline, with patience to train and educate. Bless the children with grace to learn Thy holy fear, and hearts to feel Thy love, with understanding to know Thy ways. For many years may the little ones who have lost their natural guardians be here sheltered from pain and unhappiness, shielded from temptation, trained in Christian duty, taught to know Thy Cross. And when Thou comest back again, may we be glad to meet them in Thy presence, and know that they are Thine. Grant this, Lord Jesus Christ, out of Thy abundant love, for the sake of Thine own offering on the Cross. Amen. The peace of God.

The principal actors in the ceremony then posed themselves whilst Mr. L. Duprez took a photograph of the platform scene from the stand opposite. When this was accomplished, the distinguished company separated, the children and choir singing "Rule Britannia." The platform occupied by His Royal Highness was soon besieged by ladies and gentlemen anxious to see the memorial stone, with its offerings of corn, and oil, and wine, the trowel, &c., used by the Duke, and the masonic plate (from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon) used in the consecration. Leaving the platform, his Royal Highness proceeded to a room in the Asylum fitted up for his reception by Messrs. Pinsent and Co., Devonport.

THE LUNCHEON.

At two o'clock a luncheon was provided in the asylum, and was partaken of by between sixty and seventy noblemen and gentlemen. The room was very elaborately decorated, and the table was laid out with great taste, the whole of the arrangements being very much admired. For the ornamentation of the table, valuable plate was lent by Dr. Domville, R.N.; Mr. Joseph May, the Rev. G. E. Carwithen, M.A., R.N.; Captain Adolphus Edye, R.N., Mr. J. H. Jefferd, Captain Somerville, R.N.; Mr. J. Beer, and other gentlemen. The luncheon was pro-

vided by Mr. Loving, of the Royal Hotel, Devonport, who did it in a manner entitling him to the highest credit. The fruits were chiefly contributed by generous friends of the institution.

Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., presided, and on his right was his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and his left the Bishop of Exeter. The general company included Lord Eliot, Lord Blachford, Sir H. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., Sir Massey Lopes, Bart., Mr. Carpenter Garnier, M.P., Admiral Lowe, Major-General Pickard, Colonel Sir Henry Freeling, C.B., Colonel Elliott, Colonel Fowler Burton, Assistant-Adjutant General, Colonel Hicks, C.B.; Capt. Smyth, A.D.C.; the Mayor of Plymouth (Mr. A. Rooker); the Mayor of Devonport (Mr. A. Norman); Colonel De Courcy, Mr. W. H. Pole Carew, Mr. J. Venning (town clerk of Devonport); the Rev. G. E. Carwithen, M.A., R.N.; Mr. Isaac Latimer, Dr. J. Rolston, Mr. J. Weary, Captain Adolphus Edye, R.N.; Mr. J. H. Jefferd, Mr. L. P. Metham, Captain Somerville, R.N.; Mr. G. Churcher, Captain Heneage, R.N., H.M.S. Royal Adelaide; Captain Napier, R.N.; Mr. R. B. Oram, Dr. Minter, Inspector General of Hospitals and Fleets; Captain Wilson, R.N., H.M.S. Impregnable; Mr. Chappell Hodge, Rev. J. Lugge, R.N.; Rev. J. Coney, Chaplain to the Forces; Colonel Penrose, R.M.L.I.; Captain Thrupp, R.N., H.M.S. Topaze; Mr. J. Beer, Dr. Cutcliffe; Mr. C. Leigh, Mr. R. Routh, Deputy Commissary General; Rev. H. J. R. Rathbone, Dr. J. May, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. H. Churcher, R.W. Victualling Yard; Mr. B. W. Risk, Secretary to the Admiral; Mr. G. Rolston, Dr. Bulteel, Dr. Domville, Deputy Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets; Mr. Edmonds, Mr. J. Bourne, the Hon. Capt. Freemantle, R.N., C.B.; the Rev. W. J. St. Aubyn, Rector of Stoke Damerel, Mr. P. J. Margary, Capt. the Hon. W. Ward, R.N., the Rev. W. D. Williams, the Rev. E. Roberts, Temerton; Dr. W. H. Pearce, Mr. G. L. Basset, Tehidy; Lieutenant Wyndham, Captain Thomas, Devonport Artillery Volunteers; Lieutenant Curteis, 12th D.A.V., Mr. J. Greenwood, Mr. J. D. Collins, &c.

The first toast was that of "Her Majesty the Queen," which was drunk with the usual honours, after which

The Chairman said: I have the honour to propose "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." His Royal Highness has recently appeared amongst us to open the New Guildhall Buildings at Plymouth, and he has won golden opinions from every one in these Three Towns—(applause). The more we saw of him the more pleased we were with him.

The toast was received with three cheers.

The Chairman: The next toast I have the honour to propose to you is that of "His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh—"(loud cheers.) It is rather difficult to express how greatly we feel indebted to His Royal Highness for the trouble he has taken in coming such a long distance to be present on this interesting occasion—(hear, hear.) It was only last week that His Royal Highness was doing the same kind and noble act—laying the foundation stone of an Asylum for seamen at Liverpool—(applause),—and he had scarcely returned to town when he came down here, accepting the invitation of Mr. Metham to lay the memorial stone of the new wings, to this new building. I regret exceedingly that he is obliged to return to London again this evening, and this in itself proves the inconvenience that it must have been to His Royal Highness to come here to day. But whenever a kind act has to be done His Highness is always ready to do it, and but that I had the honour of belonging to the same profession. I could tell you many anecdotes regarding him that would both amuse and delight you. I will not, however, intrude any further upon your time but will ask you to drink his Highness' health with full honours—(loud cheers.)

The Duke of EDINBURGH: Sir Henry Keppel, my lords and gentlemen: I thank you for the very hearty reception you have given to the toast of my health, and I thank you for the very

cordial reception which I have met with here to-day. I need scarcely tell you—and my presence amongst you I hope will assure you of it—that to come here and take part in this interesting ceremony is a matter of very great pleasure, and by no means of inconvenience—(hear, hear.) And I am sorry that Sir Henry Keppel should have dwelt so much upon that point; because when one sees the good that can be done on an occasion of this sort, I am sure that no inconvenience and no distance should keep one away—(hear, hear.) I must congratulate the directors of this excellent institution upon the great success with which the proceedings of to-day have been crowned, and upon the liberal subscriptions which have come in to meet the demand Mr. Metham has made for the £4,000 necessary to complete these new wings, and to enable another election to take place from amongst the 150 candidates who are waiting for admission to this institution—(applause.) I am informed that since the institution was founded, in the year 1839, there have been a thousand young girls trained and passed through it and sent out into domestic service where they are doing well; and I am sure that this is not only an excellent thing for the orphans of our brave soldiers themselves, but it is also an excellent thing for society at large in providing good and trustworthy domestic servants—(applause.) I am sure that the appeal which has been made, and to which so far there has been made a hearty response, will not fail in being crowned with complete success, and that the full sum will be realized to enable this institution to be thoroughly and successfully carried on—(applause.) Before I resume my seat I wish to ask you to join with me in drinking “Prosperity to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum,” and I couple with the toast the name of Mr. Metham—(applause.)

Mr. Metham said: May it please your Royal Highness: I will not dwell on the personal pride and pleasure with which I hear “Success to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum,” proposed as a toast by a member of the Royal Family, for the deep gratitude I feel to your Royal Highness preponderates every other consideration. From the great interest you have always evinced in the welfare of your humbler companions in arms, I am sure it will be gratifying to you to know that when to-day and its ceremony have long faded from your mind, its good fruits will, in an ever increasing degree, be enjoyed by the orphans of our sailors and soldiers. Our great difficulty, hitherto, has been to convince the public that the benefits of the asylum are not confined to the orphans who are inhabitants of this locality only. As Royal patronage would never be bestowed on a charity based on such narrow grounds, they will now believe the truth, and the sailors’ or soldiers’ orphan, come whence she may, from the East, the West, the North, or South, will have the same chance of election as a child born in the next street to the asylum. She needs no recommendation, none can canvass for her if they would; the record of her father’s services and her own destitution are her only passport. And again, your Royal Highness’s visit will, I am confident, bear fruit more important still for the relief of this destitute and deserving class. We celebrate to-day the inauguration of a system by which the State recognises its duty to care for the orphans of those who lose their lives in the public service. These wings would never have been built but for the provision which the Admiralty have made for 200 orphans of seamen and marines from the Greenwich Fund. As this Institution, 35 years ago, with its five inmates, and £130 in the treasurer’s hand, backed, however, by a strong faith in the goodness of the cause, backed too, by the far-seeing, benevolent and patriotic spirit of our gracious Queen, who did not hesitate to commit her Royal name to the possibility of a failure, was but the type of what it is to-day, so am I confident the present Asylum is but a type of what it, and others like it, will be when England has been awakened to a sense of what she owes to her brave soldiers and sailors. Is it not a shame that the orphans of those who have fought, bled, and died to

uphold the honour of England, to protect her commerce on every sea, and to guard her sacred soil from the approach of an enemy, and all we hold nearest and dearest from the invaders, polluting touch, shall be left exposed to the dangers which poverty, ignorance, her own undisciplined mind, and the designing vice of others may suggest? But for the aid of a charity like ours, begin their history as you may, it is sure to end in beggary or the streets. They gravitate, as a matter of course towards the hospital, the refuge and the union, until they find their last and only rest in the pauper’s grave. Not a child who has lost her father by his devotion to his duty, by the sword, disease, shipwreck, should, by the remotest possibility, be subjected to such a fate, but ought to be considered as the adopted daughter of the State. It is a work, too, that would cost very little, and would re-pay its cost tenfold. Lord Shaftesbury lately said that if he had £20,000 he would sweep the streets of London of all its waifs and strays, and convert those who are a danger and embarrassment to the State, into willing and intelligent seamen for the Royal and Mercantile Marines. Give me half the money for the orphans of those who have died in actual service, by the sword, disease, fire, and shipwreck, and I will pay back to England ten times the value, in the shape of her greatest want—willing, intelligent, God-fearing servants. If it be a merit to the husbandman who supplies the wants of our bodies to make two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, surely it must be a greater merit to shield from want, ignorance, and vice, 200 children with perishable bodies and immortal souls, where but 100 were sheltered before; and by training them in industrial, intellectual, moral, and religious culture to convert what would have been a danger, into a blessing to society. You have to-day seen 111 children, as healthy, contented, intelligent and well conducted, as ever were gathered together under one roof. I ask you to give me means to make 150 others of their sisters, and fellows who are on our list of candidates, as happy as they are. If we cannot raise the £2,000 still necessary, to pay for these new wings, they, and many others like them, will be disappointed, perhaps, for ever. It rests with the country, either through the Government, or in its individual character, to say whether the future of the orphans of our brave defenders shall be bright as that of the 1000 children we have already rescued from want and ignorance, and trained to earn their own livelihood, or whether it shall be so dark that humanity shudders at the contemplation, drifting as they are down life’s rapid, and, to them, turbid stream, towards the dread ocean of eternity, uncared for and unthought of, their mental and spiritual need neglected as their bodily. On behalf, then, of these poor children, who are at once so deserving, and so destitute, I again most gratefully thank your Royal Highness for the opportunity your visit has given me of pleading their cause, not only before this most influential company, but through the press, which will report our meeting, before all England.

Sir Henry Keppel: I have now the honour of proposing the toast of “the Lord Bishop of the Diocese”—(applause.) It is unnecessary for me to sing his praises, and I can only say that his activity is apparent in every direction—(hear, hear.) His lordship is ever ready to take part in any good action. At one time he comes down at the shortest notice to confirm two hundred of our sailors boys; at another time, when a lifeboat has to be launched he comes to pray for God’s blessing upon it. I give you the Lord Bishop of Exeter—(applause.)

The Bishop of Exeter: May it please your Royal Highness, my lords, and gentlemen; I am very much obliged to you for the kindness with which you have received the proposal of my health, and I am obliged also to those who have arranged this programme for another reason, and that is that it just gives me the opportunity of saying a few words—and I can assure you that they shall be very few—in behalf of this institution, into the working of which I have lately been looking, and which I believe deserves

the larger and very much more general and liberal support than it has yet received—(applause)—because the history of it shews that it has a double claim upon us. It has not only the claim of having a very good object. That, in this country I believe, is shared by a great many different institutions. Very often indeed such institutions come before the public, and those who have charge of them are a little disappointed at finding what little response is made to the appeals that are urged upon all who are within reach to support them. Very often indeed there is a sort of feeling that if you will only set before people how excellent the object is at which an institution aims, that ought to be quite sufficient; but everybody who has to listen to such appeals knows perfectly well that there passes through the mind a question which it is not always civil to ask, but which, nevertheless, has a very great effect indeed upon the contributions that it is possible to get; and that is the question, whether those who are promoting the object are the right persons to promote, and whether it is quite certain that the aim—though it be a very excellent one—will be attained by the means which they use; whether, for instance, in establishing a school like this, the people who establish it are likely to be the best administrators of such a school, and whether it is at all sure that the administration of it will be such as to justify the contributions that have been given. Such questions do enter the mind constantly, and very frequently indeed they materially check the subscriptions. Often, without a word being said, there is a sort of feeling that although the object is admirable, yet it is not by any means certain that the object will be attained. But this institution—and anyone who studies its history may see it—has won its way from very small beginnings, not so much by the excellence of its objects, which is confessed from the very first, but by the excellence of its administration. The £15,000 voted some while ago from Lloyd’s Patriotic Fund—and I believe that it contributed very largely to give the institution the permanent character which it now possesses—was given because after careful examination those who had charge of the money were satisfied of the excellence of the work that was done. They were satisfied, not only that those who had charge of the schools were desirous of doing a very excellent thing, but that they were doing it, and I assure you that there is a great deal of difference between aiming at doing a thing and succeeding in doing it. This institution has the claim of really proving to all concerned that the work can be done, and will be done. And here it has been done—(hear, hear, and applause). I believe it would be very difficult to find any institution which, in the pursuit of a very excellent object has been so thoroughly successful as this has been. I shall detain you no longer, but I think it worth while to press that consideration upon all those who are within reach of any words that I can use—(applause).

Mr. Metham: I am sure we ought not to separate without thanking our Chairman for so ably presiding at this Board—(applause.) We owe a very great deal to Sir Henry Keppel, and we have received from him an amount of kind assistance which is not often forthcoming in a movement of this kind—(hear, hear.)

Three hearty cheers were given for Sir Henry, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

By the thoughtful consideration of the Lunch Committee, the desert, which remained unconsumed, was afterwards given to the inmates of the Asylum, together with the sweets, for which the children were indebted to the kindness of Mr. Loving, by whom the luncheon was provided.

His Royal Highness left Plymouth by the 7-45 p.m. mail train for London.

THE AIM AND END OF THE CRAFT DEFINED.—The laws of Masonry are sense and reason; its principles, love and benevolence; its religion, truth and purity; its object, peace on earth; its disposition, good will towards men.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST
LANCASHIRE.

DEDICATION OF THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

No larger gathering of the Masonic Fraternity has ever taken place in Liverpool than that which was witnessed at the Masonic Hall, in Hope-street, on the 7th instant, when the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire held its annual meeting. The interest attaching to the annual gathering of the Lodges in the province was greatly increased on this occasion by the fact that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., had expressed his intention of dedicating the New Masonic Hall, erected at a cost of upwards of £4,000, to the purposes of "pure Freemasonry." The rarity of the ceremony, the popularity of the P.G.M., and the great increase in the members of the Order in this part of the country, were doubtless a few of the reasons which induced the extraordinary gathering on this occasion, a gathering which even "the oldest inhabitant" has never seen equalled. The province now embraces upwards of 70 lodges, several of them numbering more than 200 members each; and as all the lodges, with two exceptions, were represented on this occasion, the meeting was one of peculiar importance. There were upwards of 500 in the large hall at one part of the proceedings, but probably more than 100 had to leave, being unable to obtain admission, so great was the crush for places.

Before giving an outline of the long day's proceedings, it will be well to give our readers a brief description of the handsome hall, which was dedicated on this occasion. The design for the new hall is of Italian character, and was selected in competition. The front to Hope-street is of white stone, and set back from the line of the street. The principal entrance in the centre of the front, is approached by a broad flight of steps, and protected by a spacious projecting porch, flanked by columns and pilasters with carved capitals. The basement is devoted to two club-rooms, each 25 feet by 20 feet, with anterooms, storerooms, wine cellars, &c.; a corridor, 10 feet wide, running from the front to rear. The ground floor consists of library, 25 feet by 20 feet, and committee room of similar dimensions, each with anteroom adjoining; house steward's office; principal and second staircase. Lavatories are placed on this and all other floors of the building. The lodge room is placed on the back, and is 51 feet 6 inches long, by 30 feet wide. This is approached from the entrance by a corridor, 10 feet wide, and has preparation, ante, and paraphernalia rooms attached. An organ gallery is placed on the east side of the lodge room. On the first floor is the chapter room, 51 ft. 6 in., fronting Hope-street, with three anterooms. The hall is a noble apartment, 51 feet 6 inches long, 30 feet wide, and 25 feet high, having cloak room, serving and dressing rooms attached, and a spacious ladies gallery, capable of accommodating 100 persons. The upper floor is devoted to kitchen purposes, and is connected with the various floors by means of a lift. The principal and several of the smaller rooms are warmed by a most powerful hot-water apparatus, patented by Mr. B. Harlow, Macclesfield, and admirably arranged by his Liverpool representative, Mr. J. B. Gibson, general and consulting hot-water engineer, Queen's-road. Bro. Richard Danson, P.M. of The Temple Lodge, 1094, was the architect; and the sole contractor was Bro. Joshua Henshaw, and the sub-contractors—Messrs. Nicholson and Ayre for carpentry work; Mr. James Leslie for masonry; Mr. T. Jones for slating and plastering; Mr. Crosby for plumbing, painting and glazing; and Brother Bucknall for gasfitting; and Brother Pemberton for the principal glass work.

Amongst those present at the inauguration festival of the new hall were Brothers—

Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M.; Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M.; Sir James Ramsden, G.S.W.; John Prescott, G.J.W.; Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; Chas. H. Hill, P.G.R.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.S.D.; W. Doyle, P.G.J.D.; J. Baxen-

dale, P.G. Sup. Works; G. de la Perrelle, P.G.D. of Cer.; G. Broadbridge, P.G. Assist. D. of Cer.; R. Landlus, P.G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; R. Pearson, P.G. Purs.; S. Johnson, G. Owen, T. A. Lowe, J. R. Goepel, W. Turley, Stewards; Gilbert Greenhall, M.P., P.P.S.G.W.; S. P. Brabner, P.P.S.G.W.; H. R. Edwards, P.P.G.R.; J. Maudsley, P.P.G.R., and P.P.G. Sec.; B. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of Works; T. Wylie, P.J.G.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Sharrock, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Sherlock, P.P.G.R.; P. Maddox, P.P.G.T. of Works; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Bourne, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G.D. of Works; Rev. Henry G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.W., Lan. and Cheshire; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of Works; Alex. Stoddart, P.M., 32; Peter Ball, G. Tyler; Wm. Henry Ball, Assistant P.G. Tyler.

Amongst the distinguished visitors were:—
Bros. J. Bowes, P.P.G. Reg. Cumb. and West.; C. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward of London; W. Eardley, P.P.G.D. of Cer. Chesh.; G. Lofthouse, P.G.A.D. of Cer., E. Lan.; H. Cook, P.P.G. Reg. Cumb. and West.; J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. England; Jas. Torks, P.G.S.W. Cumb. and West.; J. Salmon, P.G.S.D. Cheshire; J. Banning, P.P.G. Org. Cumb. and West.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.J.G.D. West., North Wales, and Shrop.; Wm. Bulley, P.J.G.W. Cheshire; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; R. W. Worrall, P.G.S.B. Cheshire; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; E. Friend, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; J. B. Lambert, P.P.S.G.D. E. Lan.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Inst., P.G.D. of Cer., Herts; R. Dodgson, W.M. 995 P.P.G.S.B. Cumb. and West.

Amongst the Worshipful Masters present were:—

Bros. W. Sephton, 1086; R. Hooker, 1225; J. E. Edgington, 1182; R. Blundell, 484; J. Ismay, 216; J. S. Dixon, 1264; P. Maemul-drow, 1299; O. R. Edmondson, 1061; R. Washington, 1094; W. Cottrell, 823; C. Leighton, 1325; E. Lister, 680; W. M. Chudley, 241; W. Heald, 1353; T. C. Bush, 703; G. E. Stopford Taylor, 786; W. Welbourne, 343; S. Cragg, 333; C. B. Wolmers, 178; J. Poole, 32; P. M. Neill, 203; T. A. Collinson, 1350; E. O. E. Rothwell, 1356; J. Davison, 724; J. Wells, 580; J. F. Hoffgaard, 1253; H. Scott, 86; J. Hayes, 249; S. Taylor, 1387; J. Harding, 314; T. Caramach, 1213; C. Humphries, 1013; J. Evans, 220; J. N. Davies, 1256; W. C. Edge, 1403; H. E. Collingworth, 613; J. F. Roberts, 1313; H. Nelson, 1505, P.M. 673; M. Coreless, 673, &c.

The Past Masters present were:—

Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, 249 and 1094; J. Kenyon, 1013; G. Cornfield, 1225; T. Chuck, 1013; W. Yates, 484; W. Cross, 484; W. D. Rowse, 594; J. Wray, 1061; C. Leedham, 220; R. R. Martin, 1094; J. McKune, 216; R. Danson, 1094; E. Simpson, 251; W. Bowden, 1213; J. Lunt, 1086; W. Sharp, 148; J. W. Baker, 220 and 241; W. Harrison, 897; W. S. Hawkins, 1250; W. Richardson, 148; J. W. Rigby, P.M. and W.M., 730; J. Rigby, 1070; W. S. Blackhurst, 1070; P. M. Larsen, 594; J. Pemberton, 1264; H. Pearson, 249; T. Leighton, 1325; T. Clark, 673; R. Pearson, 673; G. Turner, P.M., 86; P. B. Gee, 1264; J. Parsons, 203; W. Woods, 1182; J. W. Williams, 1182; W. Pugh, 1182; P. R. Thorn, 1182; D. W. Finney, 148; J. P. McArthur, 1086; S. Wylde, 1403; F. Jackson, 580; J. J. Rose, 249; G. Remington, 995; J. Jones, 594; J. Bolton, 667; G. Sculthorpe, 1035; W. Shortis, 724; J. C. Lunt, 1086; W. Archer, 1086; R. Young, 1384; G. Morgan, 1035; T. Fozzard, 1035; G. Blundell, 786; H. Bagot, 1021; H. Williams, 249; J. W. Sergeant, 203; W. A. Clayton, 364; J. Healing, 1264; R. Carn, 724; N. H. Hacking, 1213; A. Davies, 1264; W. Stediford, 724; J. T. Callow, 673; J. T. Hall, 86; T. K. Hughes, 1013; S. Wylde, 1403; E. Kyle, 673; J. Thornton, 673; J. W. Fowler, 86; J. Hocken, 673; T. Ashmore, 823; T. Dodgson, 995; J. Case, 995; W. J. Lunt, 823; R. Jones, 220; W. C. Connell, 137, &c.

The other names which deserve to be mentioned are Brothers:—

J. Bell, S.W., 1356; H. Jackson, S.W., 1393;

W. G. Beale, Org., 594, 1356, &c.; W. Forster, J. Deacon, 249; J. Houlding, Sec., 823; T. Roberts, J.W., 673; J. Burgess, S.D., 1325; R. T. Taylor, J.W., 1021; A. Vaughan, J.G., 1182; D. Jackson, J.G., 673; W. Burnett, S.D., 1013; H. Firth, J.G. 667; P. B. Forshaw, S.W., 1403; G. Gould, S.D., 1403; J. Little, J.G., 1225; F. J. Hunt, S.W., 113; H. Ashmon, S.W., 1725; D. Wilkins, J.D., 148; J. W. Ballard, S.W., 724; T. Day, S.W. 1013; F. W. N. Johnson, S.D., 1213; R. Williams, S.W., 1213; J. C. Robinson, J.G., 249; The Rev. J. R. Jenkins, Chap., 216; The Rev. J. Dunning, Chap., 1225; J. Sergeant, J.W., 580; W. Healing, J.W., 1094; J. Worsley, S.W., 314; E. Myres, J.W., 314; J. Lecomte, S.D., 594; A. Bucknall, S. 667; T. Ockleshow, S.W., 667; T. C. Jones, J.D., 241; E. Johnson, S.W., 203; J. Lloyd, 249; W. Vaughan, S.D., 724; W. Brown, Treas., 1182; T. B. Myers, S.W., 1182; R. Martin, Jun., J.W., 1182; J. E. Jackson, S.W., 667; H. Wyatt, S.W., 1473; T. W. Wills, J.D., 1473; T. Large, J.D., 1373; T. Shaw, S.W., 823; F. Knight, J.W. 1325; J. Armstrong, J.G., 148; Schofield, S.W., 1387; J. Taylor, S.W., 1051; W. H. Holt, J.W., 786; M. Williamson, Tyler, 1393, &c.; R. Roberts, S.S., 1356; R. Collings, Sec., 249; J. Townsend, J.W., 113; A. Vandyke, 241; A. C. Moore, S.W., 216; C. Matthews, J.W., 178; H. P. Burton, S.W., 333; E. Ford, Jun., J.D., 1380; J. White, J.D., 1384; R. Brown, S.W., 241 and 1380; J. Dale, S., 1505; P. W. Oglesby, S., 823; R. P. France, J.W., 594; W. J. Morrow, Sec., 897; P. J. Edleston, S.W., 1250; J. Brown, S.W., 1070; J. A. Nicholson, J.W., 1070; T. Atkinson, J.W., 281; H. Longman, J.W., 1051; F. Haworth, Org., 1013; H. Johns, S.W., 1476; W. S. Watson, J.G., 1496; C. D. Turton, 823; E. Ramson, 249; R. W. Braithwaite, J.W., 1476; W. S. Carr, J.W., 1353; J. Acton, S.W., 1353; E. Brook, S.W., 703; J. W. Mycock, J.W., 763; R. Croft, J.D., 1505; W. Matthews, J.D., 721; W. Roberts, J.W., 1264; J. Goodman, J.W., 1403; S. Nickson, S.D., 1356; J. Williams, Sec., 1182; G. Fowler, J.W., 216; L. Pleake, J.G., 1035; C. A. Bannerman, Sec., 1061; M. Mather, J.W., 1061; W. Newsome, Sec., 1384; W. Hughes, S.W., 292; T. Grieve, J.D., 1398; H. Morris, J.W., 1505; T. Home, J.W., 1356; W. B. Ackersley, Sec., 680; J. Wood, Treas., 1094; Jno. Capell, D.C., 1565; John Hughes, S.W., 220; John Griffiths, Sec., 1264; J. Simpkin, J.W., 484; H. Burrows, J.D., 673; Wm. Jones, S.W., 1299; C. E. Wright, J.W., 1354; John Hall, Sec., 1354; Thos. Davies, S.D., 1182; Wm. Tyrer, J.W., 86; W. E. Cattell, Sec., 594, McKenzie (*Freemason*), &c.

DEDICATION OF THE HALL.

The craft lodge was opened shortly after twelve o'clock by Bro. J. Poole, W.M. 32, the position of P.M. being occupied by Bro. H. Scott, W.M. 86. The members of the P.G. Lodge assembled in the meantime in the double committee room, and after being marshalled in the corridor, proceeded to the great hall in the following order:—

Provincial Grand Pursuivant.
Provincial Grand Organist.
Provincial Past Grand Sword Bearers.
Provincial Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies.
Provincial Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Provincial Past Grand Superintendent of Works.
Provincial Past Grand Deacons.
P.G. Steward. { The Cornucopia with } P.G. Steward. { corn, borne by the Master }
 { of a Lodge. Two ewers }
 { with wine and oil, borne }
 { by Masters of Lodges. }
Architect with Plans.
Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works.
Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Masonic Hall Committee.
The Trustees of the Masonic Hall.
Past Provincial Grand Registrar.
Provincial Grand Secretary.
Provincial Grand Registrar carrying the Seal.
Provincial Grand Treasurer.
Past Provincial Grand Chaplains.

Past Provincial Grand Chaplains.

Provincial Grand Masters.

Visitors of distinction.

The Column of the Provincial J. G. W., borne by the Master of a Lodge.

The Provincial Junior Grand Warden, with Plumb Rule.

The Column of the Provincial S. G. W., borne by the Master of a Lodge.

The Provincial Senior Grand Warden, with Seal.

Provincial Junior Grand Deacon.

Provincial } The Provincial Grand } Provincial
Grand } Chaplain bearing the Sa- } Grand
Steward. } cred Law on a cushion. } Steward.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master with the Square.

The Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

Provincial } The Provincial Grand } Provincial
Grand } Master. } Grand
Steward. } } Steward.

Provincial Senior Grand Deacon.

The Standard of the Provincial Grand Master, borne by the Master of a Lodge.

Provincial Grand Tyler.

The R.W.P.G.M. having taken his seat on the throne, opened the P.G. Lodge in due form. The P.G.M. then proceeded to dedicate the hall, the ceremony being commenced by an appropriate prayer, offered by the Rev. J. F. Goffin, P.G. Chaplain. After the P.G.S. of W. had handed to the P.G.M. the general plan of the buildings,

The Chairman of the Masonic Hall (Bro. H. S. Alpass, P. G. Sec.) gave an explanatory statement in reference to the progress and completion of the building. He said that in 1856, when there was not half the number of Masons in Liverpool that there was now, great inconvenience was felt by the brethren from being compelled to meet at other places than those intended for masonry, which led to considerable abuse. When the committee of that day, however, took into consideration the best position for a Masonic Hall, they were met with great difficulties; and when they fixed upon the old building in Hope-street it was said that it was too far out of town, and that masons would not go that distance. Liverpool had spread so much since that time, however, that the building was now nearly in the centre of the town, and therefore no more convenient site could possibly have been found. The small building was then adopted for Masonic purposes, but ultimately it was found to be too limited, owing to the great increase of the masonic body in this part of the province, the hall being occupied every night in the year for some masonic purposes. In consequence of the limited space the progress of masonry was all but stopped. In these circumstances the masonic committee took the matter in hand; and when he (Bro. Alpass) told the brethren that within 18 months the Masonic brethren in Liverpool had raised about £3,000, that would at once show they had entered upon and carried out the building in an earnest manner. They had also to thank Bro. R. Danson, the architect, for having erected a building which was exceedingly convenient, comfortable, and capacious. There was no doubt that the opening of that building would tend as much as anything to the progress of Masonry; and he (Bro. Alpass) trusted the labours of the committee would meet with the approbation of the R.W.P.G.M., who he asked to proceed with the dedication of the hall.

The following Anthem by Dr. Boyce, was then sung with fine effect by a special choir, including Bros. T. J. Hughes, D. Saunders, J. Busfield Evans, H. C. Harrison, C. Haswell, D. Jones, H. Ashmore, &c., Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the harmonium.

"I have surely built thee an house to dwell in; a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee: how much less this house that I have builded.

"Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, O Lord my God.

"That thine eyes may be opened towards this

house night and day, even towards the place of which thou hast said, My Name shall be there.

"And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray towards this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive.

"If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness, there be:

"What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands towards this house.

"Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive.

"And the Lord said to Solomon, I have heard thy prayer: I have hallowed this house which thou has built, to put my name there for ever: and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

"Amen. Hallelujah."

The Provincial Grand Master having descended from his throne, the following procession was formed:—

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, carrying on a cushion the Volume of the Sacred Law, with the Square and Compasses.

The Provincial Junior Grand Warden, carrying the Cornucopia with Corn.

The Provincial Senior Grand Warden, carrying the Ewer with Wine.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, carrying the Ewer with Oil.

The Provincial Grand Sword-bearer.

The Provincial Grand Master.

After again taking his place on the throne, the R.W.P.G.M. declared the building "dedicated to pure ancient masonry," and Bro. G. la Perelle, P.G.D.C., proclaimed it accordingly. After an eloquent Masonic oration by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., the interesting ceremony closed with Bro. Skeaf's anthem, "Hail, universal Lord."

ANNUAL BUSINESS.

The annual business of Grand Lodge was then proceeded with. The roll of the lodges in the division having been called, it was found that all the lodges were largely represented except 1,335 and 1398, both of which the P.G. Secretary reported had neglected to send their minute books for examination in accordance with the orders of the P.G.M. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at St. Helen's were then read. It appeared that all the lodges were represented upon that occasion except the Victoria Lodge, which was fined; but it was now explained that the notice of grand lodge meeting was not received until after the meeting, and this explanation being deemed satisfactory, the fine was remitted.

The minutes were confirmed.

In reply to Bro. Turner, the P.G. Sec. explained that the by-laws were in the room, and that copies had been furnished to all the brethren who had applied for them.

Bro. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., read a summary of the annual statement of accounts for the past year, from which it appeared that the receipts for the educational fund during the year amounted to £205 15s.; from Provincial Grand Lodge fees, including balance from last year, £529 6s. 6d.; from the fund of Benevolence, including balance, £1273 18s. 1d.; total, £2008 19s. 7d. After disbursement of £523 4s. 2d., there was a net balance of £1485 15s. 5d. It appeared that up to the year 1872, £1040 7s. had been paid to the West Lancashire Educational Fund; in 1873, £176 1s.; and during the past year £205 15s.

After the accounts had been passed,

Bro. Sherlock P.P.G.S.W., said he had great pleasure in proposing the re-election of Bro. Armstrong, upon whom he passed a very high eulogium for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Treasurer. He thought an apprenticeship was essential for the office, and he was sure they ought unanimously to re-elect Bro. Armstrong, and not turn him out of his office before he had completed his apprenticeship.

Bro. Lambert seconded the nomination.

The nomination of Bro. Armstrong was then put to the vote and unanimously agreed to, the P.G.M. remarking that it was hardly necessary for him to say how thoroughly he concurred in all that had been said in praise of Bro. Armstrong, and how happy he was that that brother had been unanimously re-elected. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bros. A. Stoddart, Lodge 32, P.S.G.W.; G. Remington, 995, P.J.G.W.; the Rev.—Morgan, 1398, P.G.C.; Reuben Pearson, P.G. Reg.; Robert Wilson, 241, P.S.G.D.; J. W. Turley, 1035, P.J.G.D.; G. Owen, 786, P.G. Sup. of Works; J. R. Goepel, 823, P.G.D.C.; Leather, P.G.A.D.C.; Wilson Barker, P.G. Par.; Lowe, P.G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Mossop, Bagot, S. Johnson, Dr. J. K. Smith, J. Lunt, and Bowden, P.G. Stewards; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler.

Applications for relief were then taken up, and the sum of £45 was voted to deserving widows and several brethren who were in difficulties.

Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O. moved that the sum of £40 from the funds of the P.G. Lodge be appropriated towards the purchase of a suitable piano-forte for the new Masonic Hall. This was seconded by Bro. G. Leighton, W.M., 1325, and carried unanimously, a hope being expressed by the P.G.M. that the lodges meeting in the hall would also contribute to the fund, so that a proper instrument might be got.

On the motion of Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., seconded by Bro. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., the following by-law was adopted:—"That the annual return made to the P.G. Lodge by every lodge shall be sent to the P.G. Sec. on or before the first day of August in every year, made up to the 30th of June preceding."

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., moved the repeal of by-law No. 3, and the substitution of the following:—"For every brother initiated, a fee of 5s.; and for every brother joining a lodge, a fee of 1s. be paid to the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who shall pay the same to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge."—The motion was seconded by Bro. J. K. Smith, P. G. S. Bro. Mawdsley moved, as an amendment, that the money paid to the educational institution should be in the name of the contributing lodge, instead of the Provincial Grand Lodge. This amendment was seconded by Bro. Chudley, W.M., 241, and, after considerable discussion, was declared to be carried.

Bro. R. Wylie moved, Bro. Broadbridge seconded, and the proposition was unanimously carried, that the sum of £20 be voted to the Hamer benevolent fund.—On the motion of Bro. Broadbridge, seconded by Bro. Ibbs, it was unanimously agreed that £50 be voted to the Mott memorial fund.—The sum of £30 was also voted for the purpose of securing the admission of a candidate from that province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.—Bro. Pierpoint moved that in order to enable the P.G. Sec. to secure an assistant and to repay him for expenses, the sum of £100 per annum be paid to him from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the payment to date from the beginning of 1874. This was seconded by Bro. C. H. Hill, and supported by Bros. W. Doyle, Mawdsley, &c., and carried unanimously.

Bro. R. Wylie moved, and Bro. Goepel, P.G.D.C., seconded, that the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the purpose of constituting the P.G.M. a Vice-patron of that institution.—The vote, which was carried, was acknowledged by Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary to the institution.

The P.G. Sec. reported that during the year three new lodges had been consecrated, the existing lodges were increasing the number of their members, and nineteen dispensations had been granted. Except in the two cases to which he had already referred, the minute books had been examined, and generally speaking, they were kept in a satisfactory manner.

The report of the Hamer Benevolent fund was taken as read, and the committee and other officers were reappointed.

The annual court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was then held, the minutes being read by Bro. R. Brown, hon. sec. The business was of a routine character, and the former committee was reappointed.

From the report of the institution it appeared that 44 children were on the foundation during the year 1873, for whom £266 15s. 5d. was paid. The investments in dock bonds and mortgages, together with the cash in bank and in hand, now amounted to £10,845 14s. 9d.

The Provincial Grand Lodge and Craft Lodge were afterwards closed.

THE BANQUET.

Soon after the close of the interesting business the brethren met together at a grand banquet at the Adelphi Hotel. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., presided, and there were upwards of 200 brethren present, including Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P.P.G.S.W., Bro. C. Banister, Past G.S.B. of Eng., Bro. F. Binckes, Past G.S., Bro. H. Cook, P.P.G. Reg., C. and W., and nearly all the leading officers of P. G. Lodge. Bro. Ludlow, the courteous and efficient manager, provided an excellent dinner, which was capitally served. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., who was assisted by Bros. C. Haswell, J. Basfield, T. Evans, H. C. Harrison, T. J. Hughes, and D. Saunders. After dessert had been placed on the table,

The Pro. Grand Master, in proposing the "Health of her Majesty the Queen," spoke of her as the first lady of the land, who, though knowing nothing of their mysteries yet, appreciated their works of charity, and patronised them. (Applause.)

In proposing the next toast, "Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," the P.G.M. said he was sure the toast would be received with acclamation. (Applause.) He hoped they would soon be able to hail His Royal Highness as their Most Worshipful Grand Master. His Royal Highness had proved himself a true mason, and had shown that he had the cause of the craft at heart. He begged to couple with the toast "Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," included amongst whom there was another member of the Craft, the Duke of Connaught, who had already proved himself a good mason, and shown that he intended to follow in the footsteps of his Royal brother:

The P.G.M. in proposing the next toast, the Earl of Carnarvon M.W.D.G.M., and other officers of the Grand Lodge, said he gave the toast with very mingled feelings, because he gave them the health of the D.G.M., having no Grand Master at their head. He dare say a great many of them would remember that he last year partly promised to bring the Grand Master to Liverpool. He had then every hope of doing so, because, in fact, the Marquis of Ripon had almost promised to come, and it was not until late in the summer that it was made known he would not be able to come. (Applause.) He was the last man to question the reason for his lordship taking such a course, and none of them had the right to say one word about his lordship's decision. (Hear, hear.) They must look back to the past, in which they could only regard his lordship as one of the best Grand Masters who ever ruled over the order. (Hear, hear.) They were sorry that his lordship had left them, and perhaps he might add, he was sorry for the cause. (Loud applause.) Their Deputy-Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, had expected up to the last moment to be with them, but he had been detained by an agricultural meeting in his own district. He intended to visit them, however, on the first opportunity. (Applause.) Bro. C. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England, responded to the toast in felicitous terms.

Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P.P.G.S.W., next proposed "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale,

R.W.P.G.M., West Lancashire," passing a high eulogium on his lordship.

The P.G.M., in responding, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to dedicate the hall that day, and congratulated the brethren upon the extraordinary success which had attended the whole of the day's proceedings. The brethren had erected a splendid hall, but he had no doubt that some twenty years hence the brethren would require to erect a real temple to suit the requirements of the great increase in the order. His lordship afterwards referred to some remarks which he had made in Grand Lodge with reference to the publication of certain Masonic reports in the press, and explained that he did not for one moment allude to the *Freemason* which was the recognised organ of the craft, and had permission to publish all masonic matters.

Bro. Banister proposed the "D.P.G.M. and P.G. Officers past and present," which was responded to by Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M. The "P.G. Masters of adjoining provinces" was acknowledged by Bro. Cook, P.P.G. Reg. Cumb. and West.; the "Masonic Hall Committee," proposed by W. T. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg., by Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.S.D.; and the "W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province" by Bro. Chudley, W.M., 241. Bro. Alpess, P.G. Sec., gave the "West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was acknowledged by Bro. R. Wilson, Hon. Treas. The "Ladies," proposed by Bro. Goepel, P.G.D.C., and acknowledged by Bro. Chudley, and "All Poor and Distressed Freemasons," given by Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, were the remaining toasts.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The quarterly meeting of subscribers to the Boys' School was held on Monday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. John Symonds took the chair. Among the brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, John Boyd, A. H. Tattershall, Major J. Creaton, James Robins, James Brett, W. Hale, G. Bolton, J. Bulmer, W. C. Moutrie, Thos. W. White, H. C. Burt, C. Lacey, Jas. Snizell, John Marson, F. Adlard, J. Wordsworth, W. Roebuck, E. Clarke, James Terry, Griffiths Smith, H. Massey, *Freemason* H. W. Hemsworth, Henry Smith, Rev. C. J. Martyn, W. Lane, Richard Spencer, W. H. Green, James Price, J. L. Hime, J. A. Birch, R. B. Wilson, Sam. May, Jas. Stevens, G. Broadbridge, J. P. Platt, Geo. Morris, and F. Binckes (Secretary). There was no business but the confirmation of former minutes before the meeting, with the exception of the motion given in our last week's impression, and this having been carried, the brethren proceeded to elect 13 boys out of a list of 45 candidates for admission to the school. At the declaration of the poll the following were found to have been elected:

- 1 Robinson, Alfred De Lacey - - - 1717
- 2 Stephenson, Alfred II. - - - 1420
- 3 Watson, William George - - - 1415
- 4 Hamilton, George C. - - - 1408
- 5 Bearey, Albert E. - - - 1404
- 6 Routledge, Alfred - - - 1391
- 7 Barrett, Charles D. - - - 1361
- 8 Wayne, Samuel S. - - - 1333
- 9 Catt, Walter William - - - 1323
- 10 Dunaway, F. W. H. P. - - - 1297
- 11 Onion, Walter - - - 1232
- 12 Carter, Henry L. - - - 1201
- 13 Howard, Percy Edward - - - 1195

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers, and to the chairman of the day, concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Freemasons' Girls' School was held on Saturday last at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major John Creaton, Vice-patron, presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren. Among them we noticed Bros. Edward Cove, Geo. Wyatt, James Brett, John Symonds, S. Rawson, F. Tyerman,

John Boyd, H. Massey (*Freemason*), W. Hale, A. H. Tattershall, W. Lane, Griffiths Smith, W. Collard Moutrie, W. Stephens, F. Adlard, James Stevens, Walter Hopekirk, James Terry, H. Muggeridge, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of various meetings since the last quarterly court, Bro. John Symonds, Vice-patron, in the absence of Bro. Henry Browse, Vice-patron, moved that fifteen guineas be presented to Miss Kernot, who had discharged the duties of matron to the school during the illness of Miss Jarwood. He alluded to the great services rendered by Miss Kernot and to the exemplary way in which she had discharged her duties; also when having been a pupil in the school, and having received the medal whilst a pupil. Major Creaton in seconding the motion, also said he had long observed the young lady's conduct, which had always met with the approbation of himself and other members of the House Committee. The motion was carried unanimously, and the brethren then proceeded to elect 15 girls out of an approved list of 29 candidates. At the close of the poll, the following were declared duly elected:—

- 1 Ashby, Fanny - - - 1224
- 2 Sargent, Florence Rose - - - 1006
- 3 Osborne, Fanny Gertrude - - - 979
- 4 Read, Beatrice Eva - - - 887
- 5 Sharp, Colina - - - 789
- 6 Newman, Beatrice Abigail F. - - 783
- 7 Treleaven, Emily Snowden - - - 778
- 8 Pike, Alice Georgiana - - - 775
- 9 Redford, Florence May - - - 761
- 10 Forster, Florence Louisa - - - 713
- 11 Allison, Margaret Whitworth - - 706
- 12 Thomson, Adela Eularia - - - 688
- 13 Genever, Ada Louisa - - - 631
- 14 Cartwright, Harriet - - - 626
- 15 Bursey, Harriet Maude - - - 614

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the committee of subscribers to the Aged Freemasons' Institution, was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Freemasons' Hall. Major J. Creaton presided. The meeting was very fully attended, and among the brethren present were Benj. Head, Thos. W. White, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Hale, R. Spencer, Griffiths Smith, James Brett, H. M. Levy, W. Stephens, Joseph Smith, J. A. Farufield, J. Newton, John Stevens, Thomas Cubitt, Wm. Hilton, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and James Terry, (Secretary.)

After the formalities of reading and confirming the minutes, three candidates were placed on the list for next election; and the petition of the widow of a late annuitant to be continued as an annuitant to the extent of half the amount annually granted to the deceased was allowed. The brethren then discussed the question of a trusteeship, which they ultimately ordered to stand over for a month, and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

LIVERPOOL.—*Skelmersdale Conclave* (77).—An assembly of the Knights of this conclave (77) was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 5th instant, Em. Sir Knight J. T. Callow, M.P.S., occupied the throne, the officers present being Sir Knights W. Cottrell, V.E.; H. Jackson, S.G.; J. J. Rose, H.P.; T. Ashmore, P.S., Treasurer; J. Skeaf, Rec.; M. Corbin, Prefect; W. Quayle, S.B.; R. H. Evans, O.; C. Leighton, Organist; W. H. Cooper, H.; H. Morris, J.P.; P. Ball, S.; and H. Nelson, P.S. Amongst the other Knights of the Order present were Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, Sir Knight J. Wood, F. Cooper, W. P. Jennings, W. Shortis, T. F. Cooper, J. Dale, A. C. Doe, H. Jones, W. Fletcher, C. Munro, J. Dawson, E. B. Ingham, H. Burrows, J. M. Atkinson, R. W. Evans, W. S. Matthews, J. Lolly, J. S. Hobbs, J. Capell, H. Worthington, J. Gordon, J. C. McGuire, &c., with Sir Knight H. Hayner, Rec. 97, as a visitor. It was moved

by Sir Knight H. Jackson, S.G., that the Intendant-General be asked to sanction the formation of a sanctuary of the Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in connection with this conclave. The motion was carried, and a committee was appointed to complete the arrangements. Bro. W. Smethurst, lodge 1393; Bro. Hanney, 823; and Bro. C. D. Turton, 823, were duly installed Knights of the Order. The members of the conclave subsequently retired to the refectory for the banquet, and a very pleasant evening was greatly enlivened by the excellent songs of Sir Knights Evans, Jackson, Ashmore, Skeaf, and Dawson, who gave 152 verses of "The Gallant Duke of York."

MASONIC MEETINGS IN SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (73).—This lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, at 170, Buchanan-street; G. Weston, R.W.M., in the chair. Also present were G. M'Donald, I.P.M.; Thomas Stewart, D.M.; A. M'Leod, S.W.; W. Macgregor, J.W.; R. Richards, Sec.; and W. Walton, T. On the dais was Bro. Black, R.W.M., 362. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, Bro. M'Donald, P.M., initiated a candidate into our mysteries. The lodge was then raised, and Bro. Stewart, D.M., passed Bro. M'Kingless to the Fellow Craft Degree. After the transaction of some private business, the lodge was closed. It was then announced that Bro. the Rev. R. Thompson, C. of 178, had arrived with two English brethren who had been attending an evening meeting at the Social Science Congress, and were desirous of seeing the working of a Scotch lodge. Bro. Weston and his officer at once resolved to re-open in order to gratify this wish, when Bro. Thompson, with R. Botley, D.P.G.M., of Berks and Bucks, and Nore, 1444, were introduced and led to the dais. The R.W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave to the lodge at all times to welcome English brethren, and especially these brethren, who had come so many miles to attend the Social Science Congress. Rev. Bro. Thompson thanked the lodge. Bro. Botley addressed them at some length on the general advantages of Masonry, and thanked them for re-opening the lodge. Bro. Nore expressed his pleasure at their mode of imparting light materially as well as morally. Bro. G. W. Wheeler, on behalf of the members of 73, was glad to think they had been able to show so slight a courtesy to brethren who had come to Glasgow to further views so strictly in accordance with Masonry as those of the Social Science Congress, whose main object was brotherly love, and personally he was highly pleased, as he had known Bro. Botley in Newry as one of the most highly respected tradesmen, and this, too, when he was only an humble Apprentice Mason, though now a Provincial Grand Master. He trusted that if they heard Scotch Masonry reviled, as it sometimes was across the Border, that they, at any rate, would be able to speak of it in a different tone. The R.W.M. handed the gavel to the D.P.G.M. to close the lodge in the English style, and then, at his request, resumed it, and closed in the Scotch way, which is much longer. The visitors appeared highly pleased at what they had seen.

Lodge Caledonian Railway (354) met on Wednesday, the 7th, J. Shaw, R.W.M.; A. Arraik Smith, P.M.; T. Stafford, S.W.; W. Joinanch, J.W.; W. R. Dunn, Sec.; Bro. Winton, R.W.M., 333; with most of his office-bearers, were present. He informed the R.W.M. that, owing to an error in the "Local Calendar," that night had

been set down for their meeting, and, as they had two candidates, he would ask the Master if he would kindly initiate for him. Bro. Shaw said he should be highly pleased to do so, and proceeded in first rate style to initiate five candidates for themselves and two for Lodge St. George, 333. He then raised the lodge, and passed three brethren for themselves and one for 333 to the Fellow Craft Degree. He then resigned the chair to Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M., and Bro. Wheeler took that of S.W., when one brother for 333 and one for 354 were raised to the sublime degree, all the work being well performed. Bro. Shaw resumed the chair, and Bro. Winton, R.W.M., 333, thanked them, as did Bro. M'Farlane, S.M., for their kindness in working the three degrees for them. The lodge was then closed.

Lodge Union (332) met at 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. M'Nair, R.W.M., in the chair. Also present was Bro. J. Fash, D.M. There was a full attendance of members, and the Master, in a very careful manner, raised one brother to the sublime degree. The lodge afterwards made arrangements for their forthcoming festival.

St. Vincent (553).—This young lodge, whose consecration we recorded on Sept. 12th, bids fair, through the high local standing of its officers, to take a high place amongst Glasgow lodges. On Thursday, October 8th, the chair was taken at 7 p.m. by Bro. R. M'Dougal, R.W.M., G. Stark, D.M., and G. M'Naught, R.W.M., of 275, acting as S.W. Also present were Bros. Hunter, J.W.; T. Halley, Sec.; T. Best, S.D.; and R. Stevens, J.D. The lodge, having been duly opened, was raised to the second degree, when the R.W.M. requested Bro. G. W. Wheeler to work that as well as the third degree. One brother was then introduced and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then raised, and the following thirteen Fellow Crafts were duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons—namely, Bro. John M'Dougal (brother of the R.W.M.), G. Bignall, D. Doig, W. Barclay, A. Carbell, W. M'Arthur, W. Graham, D. Knight, W. Mackie, R. Blyth, A. Campbell, R. Gourlay, and W. Morrison. There were a number of visitors present to witness and assist in the raising of so many Master Masons at once. The R.W.M., having reduced the lodge to the Apprentice Degree, Bro. G. Stark, D.M., in first rate style, initiated three gentlemen into the Order, and the lodge was closed after a vote of thanks to Bros. Wheeler and M'Naught for their assistance on this and former occasions. It was stated that there were still ten candidates on whose applications the lodge had voted, and weekly meetings would be held till they had all got their degrees. This proves that the lodge was a necessity at this part of the city.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Arch Chapter* 119, *Roslyn*—Held their installation meeting on Monday, October 6th, in St. Clair Hall, Comp. G. Thallon, Z., presiding. There was a numerous attendance of visitors, among whom we noticed Comps. Shield, of Manhun Chapter, New York; E. Humphris, Mass.; J. Evans, "Keystone" Chapter, Shanghai; J. Miller, Z. 50; J. Duthie, Z. 67; J. D. Humphries, Z.; G. Herron, H.; D. B. Flemming, J.; J. M. Oliver, S.E.; W. Thomas, T.; W. Robinson, 1st S. of 69; G. W. Wheeler, Z. 73; G. Macdonald, P.Z. 73, P.G.S.B.; and J. Balfour, P.Z. 73, P.G., 1st S.; Comp. Humphries on behalf of 69 asked to have a candidate exalted. This request was at once granted, and a Lodge of Mark Mas-

ters was opened, when, at the request of the Master, Bro. Wheeler conferred that degree on Bro. J. Glass Wrench; Bro. Balfour acting as S.D. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was then opened, and subsequently a Chapter, when Comp. Duthie conferred those degrees, Comp. Wheeler acting as 1st S. The elected officers of Chapter 119 were then presented by Comps. Wheeler and Malins to Comp. Duthie, Z. 67, who proceeded to install them as follows: G. Thallon, Z.; Wm. J. Hogg, H.; D. R. Gray, J.; George Fraser, S.E.; J. Black, R.W.M., St. Clair, 362, N.; Rob. Ledbitter, T.; J. Stevenson, 1st S.; J. Mathewson, 2nd.; A. Rutherford, 3rd.; and J. McMillan, Janitor. This concluded a lengthy evening's work. Comp. Humphries thanked the Chapter for allowing their candidates to be exalted, and Comp. Thallon thanked all the Z. and P.Z. for attending to assist in the ceremonies, and Comp. Duthie for acting as installing Z.

Chapter Glasgow, (50) met on Thursday, October 8th, when a lodge of Mark Masters was opened by the Z. Comps. J. Miller; McBell, S.W.; J. F. Mitchell, J.W.; J. Louttit, Secretary, when an English Arch Mason being desirous of joining, and not being in possession of the Mark and Excellent degrees, he was obligated and instructed in their secrets by Comp. Miller and his officers.

Chapter St. Rollox, (144) met on Friday, October 9th, J. Annard, Z., presiding, with R. Bell, P.Z. as J.; G. Wheeler, Z.B. as H.; J. Mc Leish, H. as 1st S.; J. Applead, 2nd S.; J. Booth, S.E.; Rowbottom, T. The S.E. was installed, and Comp. Wm. Gardiner, J., Chap. 50; Wm. Gunn, T., Chap. 122, and J. Gray, Chap. 87, were admitted as joining members. Three Captains of the Vails were also appointed.

GLASGOW.—(*Royal Order of Scotland*).—The ancient order of H.R.M. of Kilwinning, and R.S.V.C.S., which dates its re-establishment from King Robert the Bruce, A.D., 1314, but whose meetings of late years have been like angel's visits, few and far between, held a special meeting in St. Mark's Hall on Monday, October 5th, 1874, in order to confer the degree on Bro. the Rev. D. Ace, D.D., Lodge 660, E.C., Provincial Grand Chaplain of Lincolnshire, who was in Glasgow, attending the Social Science Congress. Out of a number of aspirants for the honour of this ancient order, the following Glasgow brethren were selected to accompany him. But it is hoped that another convocation will shortly be held for the benefit of the other brethren who desire advancement to the privileges of this order. The present list comprised, Bros. A McTaggart, D.M. 27, P.G.S.; George Sinclair, P.M., 27, P.G.B.T.; James Balfour, P.M., 332, P.G.D.C.; J. Fraser, P.M. 87, P.G.A.D.C.; and J. B. Hardie, P.G. Tyler, appointed as Sentinel in the place of the late James Pollock. The ceremonies were very ably performed by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., of Glasgow, the P.G.M. of the Order, assisted by J. D. Porteous, D.P.G.M., acting as P.G.S.W., and Wm. Mather as P.G.J.W. The Convocation was then closed in due form.

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