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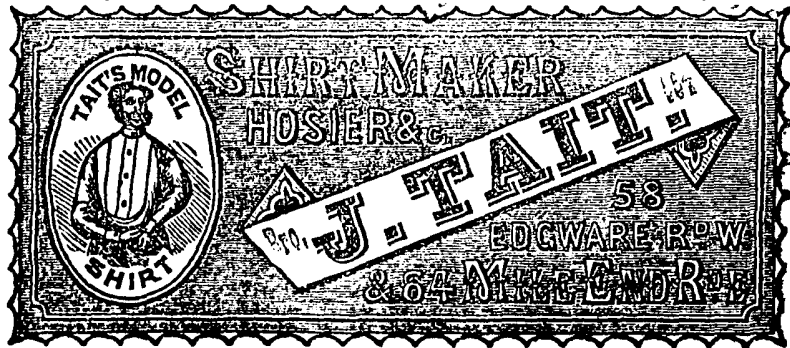
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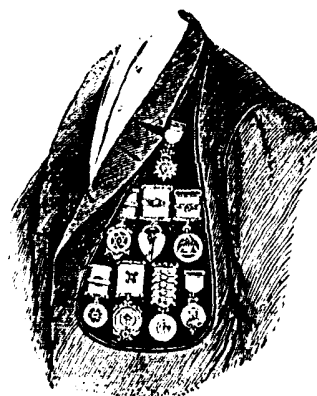
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THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

We understand on good authority that it will not be possible for the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales to attend the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 2nd December.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177.)—This lodge held its regular November meeting on the 13th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, and there was a large gathering of brethren on the occasion. The W.M., Bro. F. Kent, C.C., occupied the chair, in which he was supported by his officers (Bro. Tims, P.M., taking the S.D.'s duties in the absence of that brother), and Bros. Brett, Haydon, Foulger, Josh. Smith, W. F. Smith and Ferguson. The agenda paper showed a good list of business to be performed and several questions to be discussed. These latter, however, were ordered, after some short conversation, to stand over; but the W.M. initiated his brother, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Tribe, and passed two brethren, Bros. Vivian and Potter, to the Second Degree. The W.M. feelingly alluded to the death of Bro. Lillywhite, which was announced on the summons as having occurred since the last regular meeting of the lodge. He also announced the death of Bro. Bradley. In addition to these announcements he read a letter from Mrs. Kent to the effect that with the balance of profit from the "Domatic ball" she had become a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Another letter was read from Sir John Bennett, apologising for his absence on that evening, but hoping to be present at the next meeting of the lodge. The W.M. shortly afterwards closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well supplied by Bro. Clemow, under the superintendence of Bro. George Smith.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th instant at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. The W.M. (Bro. John Constable) presided, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. J. H. Ross, S.W.; J. D. Barnett, J.W.; John Peartree, Treasurer; Phillip

Levy, Honorary Secretary; G. S. Pare, J.D.; W. O. Bayley, as I.G. The S.D., Bro. D. Posener, being absent in consequence of the death of his eldest son, which occurred on the morning of the same day, a general expression of heartfelt sympathy was manifested by the brethren of the Lodge, by whom Bro. Posener is held in high esteem. The Past Masters present were Bros. N. Moss, I.P.M., S. E. Moss, J. Holbrook, E. Harfeld, A. E. Sydney, M. Harris, E. Gottheil, and N. Gluckstein. Visitors—Bros. T. G. Bullen, J.W. 197; D. Still, P.M. 1293; and D. Cohen, 188. In the course of the evening Bros. Magnin, Christie, Jauralde, and Barber were passed to the second degree, and two brethren admitted joining members. The most noteworthy incident of the meeting was the discussion of a notice of motion given at the previous monthly meeting by P.M. S. E. Moss:—"That a sum not exceeding £60 be voted from the lodge funds to publish the History of the Lodge as written by the W.M., and the balance (after recouping the lodge) be given to the Benevolent Fund attached thereto." The motion was opposed by P.M. A. E. Sydney, who in his vigorous and fluent style endeavoured to show the impropriety of applying the funds for any such purpose. He was supported by Bro. Harris, P.M. Bros. Gluckstein P.M., Child, and Gottheil, P.M., supported the motion, which was carried by a goodly majority, there being 21 for the motion, and 5 against it, thus showing that the brethren had a truer appreciation of the disinterested labours of the W.M. for the prosperity of the lodge, than the old stagers who, after having passed the chair, are consigned to the ranks technically known as the incorrigibles. After an ample repast the toasts were given briefly and responded to, interspersed with songs by Bros. Child, Bayley, and Barnett; the Tyler's toast concluded the evening, and the brethren separated shortly after ten p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).—The usual monthly meeting of the Harmonic Lodge was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. Bro. Ismay, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. Beasley, I.P.M.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M.; Moore, S.W.; G. Fowler, J.W.; J. Rees; Jenkins, Chaplain; W. Laidlaw, Treasurer; Derryhouse, Secretary; &c.; and amongst the members of the lodge present were—Bros. Councillor D. Campbell, Dr. Costine, Dr. Kisch, W. F. Naylor, Caine, T. J. Hughes, &c. Amongst the visitors were—Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, Bro. Stoddart, P.G.S.W.; D. Jones, H. C. Harrison, &c. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M., in a most complete, effective, and impressive manner, raised Bros. Wright, Gill, Gillmore, Thomas, and Williams to the sublime degree of M.M. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. said that since their last meeting they had lost a brother who was very much beloved, not only in that lodge, but in many others within the province—he referred to Bro. George Rigby Smith. He could not by any words add to the esteem in which the memory of their deceased brother was held, and therefore he would simply move the following resolution for the favourable consideration of the brethren:—"That we, the members of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, in open lodge assembled, do testify that we have heard with the deepest sorrow of the death of our much-beloved brother, George Rigby Smith. He had endeared himself to the hearts of all by his many amiable and noble qualities, and by his assiduous attention to, and support of, every good and charitable work. He was a true man and most worthy Mason, of whom it has been well said, None knew him not to love him, or named him but to praise. We now desire to record our deepest sympathy with his bereaved widow and children, and agree that this resolution should be entered on the records of this lodge, and, further, that a copy should be sent to Mrs. George Rigby Smith." The resolution was seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Chaplain, in a very feeling speech, and at once adopted by the brethren. After the transaction of some formal business, the lodge was closed in due form. It

may be stated that the really artistic and splendidly-appointed new tracing boards, supplied from the well-known Masonic establishment of Bro. G. Kenning, were used for the first time, and they were the theme of general admiration and praise. At the close of business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

GLOUCESTER.—Royal Lebanon Lodge (No. 493).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, in this city, on Tuesday last, when Bro. Henry Jeffs (P.P.G.J.W. Gloucestershire), who filled the chair two years in succession nine years ago, was again unanimously elected as Worshipful Master. There was a large and influential gathering of the Craft, over sixty brethren being present, and of the number twenty-three were Past Masters of lodges—the Board of Installed Masters was therefore an unusually full one. The following is a list, as far as could be gleaned, of those who attended:—Bros. John Walker, Edwin Williams, J. Robertson, R. W. Holman, J. Winterbotham, D. J. Newman, and Dr. Julius Maier (Cheltenham), J. Brook Smith, W. R. Porcher, and W. L. Bain, (Cheltenham College), Dr. Partridge (Stroud), E. T. Inskip (Bristol), J. Gamble, T. Morse, W. Fairley (Forest of Dean), E. H. Edgell (Tewkesbury), W. Clifford (Frampton-on-Severn), W. H. James (Cirencester), E. Horlick (Tredgar), T. M. Jenkins (Liverpool), J. W. Handley (Madras), the Gloucester brethren being represented by Bros. Dr. Wesley, Captain J. Knight, T. H. Chance, A. Booth, R. W. White, A. S. Helps, J. Bryan, Trevor Powell, T. J. Pooley, F. W. Fisher, G. H. Edwards, F. and W. H. Roberts, Margretts, Stretche, Stephens, Waites, Hatton, Worsley, Joseph, Wilson, Stocker, Woodward, Prowse, Ford, Peters, Rumsey, Hadley, Hastie, Matthews, Rootes, Maitland, Moss, Jeens, Johnson, Winfield, Niblett, Shadgett, and Pope. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, when the ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Rev. C. Raikes Davy, of Tracy Park, Bath, a Past Chaplain of Grand Lodge. This brother ranks very high in the Order, and will be remembered for the popular sermon he preached at the Cathedral in June of last year, on the occasion of the formal presentation of the reredos by the Freemasons of the province to the Dean and Chapter. The brethren appointed to office were:—E. D. Worsley, Immediate Past Master; F. G. Roberts, Treasurer; J. R. Wilson, Secretary; E. G. Woodward and Lewis Ford, Wardens; G. K. Prowse and D. J. Newman, Deacons; W. Curteis, Steward; W. B. Stocker, Director of Ceremonies; G. Peters, Organist; S. Moss, Inner Guard; Doyle and Thomas, Tylers. The banquet was served at six o'clock, and Bro. Henry Jeffs presided. Among letters expressive of good wishes for the success of the lodge and regret at being absent were those of Bros. General Money, Lieut.-Col. Basevi, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Chaplain; G. F. Newmarch, W. P. Price, Captain W. E. Price, M.P. and P.M., C. J. Monk, M.P., W. K. Wait, M.P.; J. Agg-Gardner, M.P.; Major Fisher, Thos. Robinson, &c. Bro. Major General Gore Munbee, P.G.S.W., Somerset, had promised to be present, but business detained him in Ireland. On the removal of the cloth and the doors of the room being tyled the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. John Walker, M.A., of Westbourne House, Cheltenham, responded for "The Craft," Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, for "Grand Lodge," Bro. J. Brook Smith for "Provincial Grand Lodge," Bros. Porcher, Winterbotham, and Holman for "The Lodges of the Province," Bros. Horlick and Handley for "Lodges out of the Province," and Bros. Wilson and Stocker for "The Past Masters." A notable feature at the banquet was the presentation of Past Masters' gold jewels to Bros. E. D. Worsley, and E. S. Joseph. After the usual harmony, in which Bro. E. G. Woodward rendered effective accompaniment at the piano-forte, the Tyler's toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Brethren," brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).—The installation meeting of this highly interesting lodge

took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, November 11th. Lodge met at four o'clock sharp, when the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. E. J. Scott, supported by his officers. Amongst those present were Bro. W. Hester, P.M.; S. Hammond, P.M.; Geo. Pymm, P.M.; members of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. John Hervey, Grand Sec., R. W. Little, P.G. Sec. for Middlesex, Sec. Girls School; John Boyd, P.G. Pars.; James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; James Linzell, W.M. 1287; E. Coste, P.M. 9; W. Shepherd, P.M. 1489 and W.M. 365; J. Sheppard, P.M. 27; W. Jones, P.M. 559; P. Parsons, P.M.; R. Buller, P.M. 9, Sec. 1365; J. Smith, P.M.; Thomas Strickland, P.P.G.O., Berks and Bucks; S. Bradley, D.C. 414; W. H. Waghorn, W.M. 946; John Williams, 699 (*Freemason*); and many others. After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, Messrs. Dickson, Day, Wiltshire, Shead and Tittle were duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, each candidate being initiated separately; after which Bro. Harvey was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. John Painter was then presented by Bro. Scott to Bro. W. Hester for installation, and, having taken the obligation, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. John Painter was duly installed and received the salutations; and after the brethren had been readmitted to the lodge, he was proclaimed according to ancient custom. The Installing Master, Bro. W. Hester, performed the ceremony in an admirable manner. The new W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Batley, S.W., J. Hobbs, J.W., W. Runting, Treas., H. Garrod, Sec., H. W. Greenwood, S.D., R. E. Booker, J.D., Geo. Gardiner, I.G. The Installing Master then addressed the W.M. and his officers on their various duties in such a manner that will never be forgotten. His elocutionary powers gained for him the admiration of all present.

The W.M. then presented to Bro. Scott a P.M.'s jewel, and trusted that he would live long to wear it. After the hearty good wishes lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, presided over by the W.M., Bro. John Painter, supported by Bros. Hervey, Boyd, Hester, Pymm, Little, and others. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and said it was always customary in all regular and recognised lodges to propose the health of one who, by her virtuous and sublime reign, has cemented her to every subject with one willingness of heart. The toast was highly honoured. The brethren sang the National Anthem. He then proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master designate." His character, he said, is well known to us as our coming king, that our hopes are well centred in him. As a Mason he has done all he could to benefit the Order, and likely to do more when he becomes our Grand Master. This was received with much enthusiasm. The W.M. proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers," and said, You are all aware of the ability of our D.G.M., that I need say no more. I am proud to see so many Grand Officers amongst us to-night. We have our highly esteemed brother John Hervey, Grand Sec., also Bros. Boyd, Terry, and Little. I therefore ask you to drink heartily the health of the D.G.M. and rest of Grand Officers, and beg to couple with that toast the name of Bro. Hervey. The toast being highly honoured, Bro. Hervey rose and said: "Brethren, it is always very gratifying to have one's health drank with so much enthusiasm, and to be associated with so eminent a personage as the Earl of Carnarvon. He is not only eminent as a Mason, but as one of high social standing. It is a honour to have one like him, I cannot say to preside over you, but to watch over your interests. It is also gratifying to know that he can have time to devote to Masonry. I feel highly honoured to-night to have my name coupled with the Earl of Carnarvon, and thank you very kindly for the manner you have received Bro. Boyd and myself. We have met with a very hearty reception to-night, and we feel quite at home. I was glad

to hear that the work of initiation was performed separately (cheers). If it took longer time yet it added to the effect and to their positive value; and it showed that the Belgrave Lodge does not perform its work in a slumbering manner. The ceremonies throughout this night have been performed with great accuracy, and I wish you prosperity, Worshipful Sir, and thank you on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers (cheers). Bro. Boyd thanked the brethren in suitable terms. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and said, we have five brethren who will, I am sure, make good and worthy Masons. The toast was duly honoured, Bro. Goddard singing the Entered Apprentice's Song. Bro. Dickson responded on behalf of the Initiates. The W.M. rose to propose "The Visitors," and said, it afforded him great pleasure to see so many visitors present. We have Bros. Little and Terry, who I shall ask to respond. The toast was highly honoured. Bro. Little rose to return thanks for the kind hospitality that had been shown, and was highly pleased to see the good working, and trusted that the progress that had hitherto attended the lodge would prove the same in the future. He (Bro. Little) highly appreciated the kindness that had been shown. Bro. Terry rose to return thanks, and said, it augurs well for a lodge when, at the installation, the W.M. offers to go as Steward to the Benevolent Institution. The speaker then went on to show the great necessity of the brethren subscribing to the institution which he represented, and strongly urged them, one and all, to do their best. After thanking the brethren for their kindness, and wishing the W.M. a successful year of office, Bro. Terry sat down amidst loud cheering. Bro. Scott rose and proposed the health of "The W.M." The toast was received and drank with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he was always happy to do good for the Belgrave Lodge, and for Freemasonry in general, and trusted his labours in the future would give satisfaction to all present. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," and said the qualifications of the P.M.'s are so well known that I need not here dilate on what you are already acquainted with. Our worthy I.P.M., Bro. Scott, has proved himself a worthy Mason, and I trust he will long live to wear the jewel he has had presented him this evening. The toast was highly honoured. Bro. Scott rose to return thanks, and felt incompetent to thank the brethren all for their very high compliments, and assured them he should be happy to give them his services whenever required. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. then proposed "The Officers," and, this being drunk lustily, Bro. Batty rose and returned thanks on behalf of himself and his brother officers, and trusted their services in the future would meet with the approbation of all the members of the lodge. The Tylers' toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. McDavitt, which gave satisfaction to all, whilst his singing was admired. Bro. Dawson gave the "Maniac" in a masterly style.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, City, on the 10th inst. The work done was the passing of Bro. Seares, and the initiation of Mr. Von Raalte, which ceremonies were performed in excellent style by Bro. Hames, P.M., who officiated for the W.M., Bro. Corke. The installation of Bro. Lovell Keays, as W.M., was then performed by Bro. Stean, the Secretary of the lodge. The newly-appointed officers were: F. Jones, S.W.; J. Rowley, J.W.; J. B. J. Deporta, Treasurer; L. Stean, Secretary; G. M. Taylor, S.D.; White, J.D.; J. Lamarque, I.G.; Geo. Gullock, Tyler. The banquet was attended by about 50 brethren, including several visitors. In proposing the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the W.M. observed that he took the earliest opportunity which had offered itself to express the satisfaction of himself, and also that of the lodge generally, at seeing His Royal Highness occupying so prominent a position in the Craft. Unhappily there was a species of fashion prevalent two or three years ago of

criticising the Prince of Wales and his movements, and these criticisms were generally couched in unkind and illiberal terms. For his own part the W.M. could not see any objection to a gentleman finding an agreeable evening's amusement at a theatre, and so far from finding fault with His Royal Highness for attending theatres, he was disposed to regard it as being an indication of considerable refinement and judgment. And if that were all that his detractors could find against him, it was a subject of satisfaction that his life had been so blameless as to leave no other opportunity for the class referred to. Those of his own friends who had known the Prince of Wales personally were unanimous in pronouncing him to be a loving father, an affectionate husband, an agreeable companion, a true friend, and, the W.M. was about to add, a forgiving enemy, except that he did not believe that His Royal Highness really had an enemy to which he could extend his forgiveness. The W.M. therefore wound up by saying "a worthy Mason," which, in his opinion, included all the lesser good qualities possessed by him. The W.M. assured the brethren that for his part he should be anxious, during his year of office, to support the M.W.G.M. at Grand Lodge on every occasion, and he sincerely hoped that the Wardens would make efforts to attend there also. It is unnecessary to add that this toast was enthusiastically honoured. The other usual toasts followed, and it was not until past eleven that the Tyler's toast closed the evening.

LIMEHOUSE.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, on Tuesday, 3rd. inst. The business of the evening commenced by raising three brethren, Bros. Daniels, Spray and Weatherhead, and initiating Mr. Stichells. Bro. Weatherhead, W.M., then installed his successor in office, Bro. Darling, S.W., in a manner which gave him great credit, and for which he was highly complimented by the many Past Masters and visitors present, amongst whom were several Grand Officers. We may remark that we never remember seeing so many Past Masters in such a young lodge, there being no less than twenty present. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. W. Lufty, S.W.; G. Rowe, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M., Treasurer; G. Clayton, Secretary; R. Bradbrook, S.D.; J. Holmes, J.D.; R. Atkins, I.G.; Verry, Tyler. He then presented to Bro. Weatherill a handsome P.M. jewel and a silver snuff-box, the latter being a present from the brethren for the very efficient manner in which he discharged the heavy duties that devolved upon him during his year of office. This concluded the business of the evening, after which the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served by their worthy host, Bro. Davies, and spent a very pleasant evening. Bro. Seddon presided at the harmonium and piano in his usual able manner.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Surrey Club House, on Tuesday, November 3rd. Bros. Koch, P.M., W.M.; Higgins, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Painter, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Reeves, I.G.; Boulton, Speedy, Poole, W. Ellis, and W. A. Ellis were passed to the second degree, and Messrs. Gibson and H. Cruse duly initiated. The sum of £10 was voted the W.M. as Steward for the Aged Freemasons' Charity and the Widows' Fund. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast awaited them. The "Queen and Craft" were toasted in the usual manner, and the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master designate, loyally and heartily drank. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Bro. Walls, accompanied on the piano-forte by Bro. Ellis. The usual Masonic toasts followed, and were given by the W.M. with commendable brevity. Between the toasts Bro. Webb sang "The Village Blacksmith," the J. W. gave a comic effusion, Bro. Sirgood a buffo song, and Bro. Walls sang the tenor ballad "Come into the Garden, Maud." The Tylers' toast having been given, the brethren separated,

Among the visitors present were representatives of the "Neptune," "Mount Edgecumbe," and "Enoch" Lodges.

STONEHOUSE.—*Metham Lodge* (No. 1502).—A very gratifying presentation was made at this lodge on Monday evening. Bro. W. Howe, a former member of this lodge, has for some years been stationed at Dartmouth, where, by his kindly disposition and pleasant and courteous demeanour, he has endeared himself to his Masonic brethren in that town. Although not a joining member, the brethren of Hanley Lodge (797) heartily welcomed him amongst them as one of themselves, and from time to time he rendered them so much assistance that when a few weeks since he was recalled to Plymouth, they determined upon giving him some memento of their regard and esteem. It was not practical to do so before his departure, but on Monday evening Bro. Heath attended Metham Lodge and presented Bro. Howe, through the Acting W.M. (Bro. Cross), a set of gold studs, a gold pendant, and a handsomely illuminated vellum containing the names of the officers and brethren of Hanley Lodge, and setting forth the love, esteem, and regard in which Bro. Howe was held by them.

HAMPTON HILL.—*Francis Burdett Lodge* (No. 1503).—The first regular meeting of this lodge for the dispatch of business, after the consecration on the 5th inst., was held at the "King's Arms," Hampton Hill, on Wednesday, 11th inst. Bros. Colonel Wigginton, P.M. 902 and 1298, P.P.G.D.C. Worcestershire, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M. and P.P.G.S.D., Norfolk, J.W.; Cox, S.D.; Deekes, J.D.; Walls, (1381) I.G., (pro tem); Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate, in a most excellent manner, Mr. S. H. Knaggs, M.D. The brethren were "called off," and upon resuming the W.M. read the draft of a book of bye-laws, which was unanimously passed and ordered to be submitted to the G.S. Bros. J. S. Merchant, P.M. 610, J. Merchant, 902, T. Gilbert, 902, and C. Horsley, P.M., 33, 69, 382, 811, and 1309, who had been proposed at the previous meeting as joining members, were balloted for and unanimously admitted. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the J.D. proposed Bro. T. C. Walls, 1381, to be a joining member, which was seconded by the S.W. The W.M. announced his intention of calling an emergency meeting some time during the month, and invested Bro. Knaggs with the insignia of Treasurer for the ensuing year, that brother having kindly consented to take the responsible duties of that onerous position. This ceremony terminated the business, and the lodge was closed in ancient form. The visitors to the lodge were Bros. Hammond, P.M. and W.M. of 1502, (who kindly officiated as P.M. and rendered other valuable acts to the W.M. throughout the whole of the proceedings) Carter, 209, Court, 168, Latham, 946, Walls, 1381. The lodge then partook of refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were fluently given from the chair and duly honoured. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Hammond in an able speech, and heartily received by the brethren. The Tyler's Toast having been given, the proceedings then terminated at an advanced hour.

MADOC LODGE (No. 1509).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge, since its consecration, was held at the Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. E. Breese, P.G. Reg. of Herefordshire, W.M., in the chair. The initiation fee was fixed at £6 6s., and the annual subscription £1 1s. Eleven candidates for initiation, and thirty-one for joining were then proposed and seconded. Nothing further for the good of Masonry in general, or of this lodge in particular being proposed, the lodge was closed, after solemn prayer, by the W.M.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 141).—On Tuesday, 17th inst., the members of the above lodge of instruction held their annual

banquet, and more than forty brethren were gathered together for the purpose. It was provided at the usual place of meeting of the lodge, Bro. Cole's restaurant, 2, Westminster Chambers, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., presided. Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Mann, T. Bull, Swallow, Brock, Leggatt, Lister, Haslett, Cameron, Smale, Parkinson, Bowen, Olive, Cox, Belfrage, Harvey, Roberts and Brearey. The style and quality of the banquet and wines were most creditable to Bro. Cole, and to his chef, Bro. Lewis (343), and after it had been partaken of, the brethren honoured the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Cottebrune paid all the compliments to Her Majesty which she so richly deserves, and to the Prince of Wales, as an Englishman, a Mason, and Grand Master, he awarded high praise. The Earl of Carnarvon, as Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, he also warmly praised for the exertions they had made on behalf of the Order, and in the cause of charity. Bro. Mann proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Cottebrune," and reminded the brethren of what they knew before, that he had always been an assiduous instructor in Masonry, and an energetic promoter of the welfare of the Craft. The toast was of course enthusiastically responded to, and Bro. Cottebrune having acknowledged it, proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Faith Lodge of Instruction." In doing so he gave a full account of its history, from its promotion to the present time, including its struggles its wanderings, and its final settlement, at 2, Westminster Chambers. He spoke approvingly of the conduct of its members, and the zeal they displayed in receiving information. He encouraged them to persevere in the course they had adopted, and assured them that was the real secret of success in striving for the office of Master of their different lodges. The proceedings of the evening were very gratifying, and were kept up till a late hour.

OXFORD.—*Apollo University Lodge* (No. 327).—A meeting of the above lodge for instruction took place on Friday evening, Nov. 6th. Bro. R. I. Williamson took the W.M.'s chair, and was supported by Bro. Col. the Hon. Sackville West, S.W.; Bro. C. J. S. Spedding, J.W.; Bro. Butler, S.D.; Bro. Gordon Campbell, J.D.; Bro. J. E. C. Badley, I.G. The lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees, and the ceremony of initiation worked most ably by Bro. Williamson. There were present P.M.'s Bird and Pickard, and W. Bro. F. P. Morrell, who gave the working officers the benefit of their experience. The lodge is to be congratulated on having determined not to lose its ancient prestige.

UNION LODGE, LEICESTER.—The festival meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, when the seven sections of the first lecture were worked by the following brethren:—

- 1st Section Bro. S. S. Partridge, W.M. 523
- 2nd " " T. A. Wykes, Sec. 523
- 3rd " " W. Sculthorpe, P.M. 523
- 4th " " J. M. M'Allister, J.W. 279
- 5th " " S. S. Partridge, W.M. 523
- 6th " " J. T. Thorp, S.W. 523
- 7th " " J. Halford, I.P.M. 1391

The questions by Bro. G. Toller, Jun., P.M. 523. The work was performed in the most admirable manner, there being hardly a single mistake or slip of any kind throughout, and was listened to with evident attention and pleasure by a large assemblage of members of the several Leicester Lodges, including several P.M.'s. At the conclusion of the Sections, on the motion of Bro. A. P. Duff, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned was unanimously accorded, and suitably acknowledged. The W.M. for the next meeting having been elected, and other routine business transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. It is now several years since the Sections were publicly worked in Leicester; it is therefore satisfactory to find that there are brethren willing to undertake the duty who are so thoroughly competent to discharge it.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—*Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter* (No. 119).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening last, at the Masonic Hall, College-street, at 7 o'clock. The Principals, E. Comps. John Bass, Z.; Fearon, H.; Dr. Henry, J.; were supported by the following: Comps. Gibson, P.Z.; John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Atter, Scribe E.; E. Tyson, P.S.; McKelvie, Treas.; W. White; Spittall; Sandwith; Kyrie; Alsop; Rothery; Windross; Dr. Ablett; Cooper, Org.; Cowie, and Fitzgerald. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the rest of the companions were admitted. The ballot was then taken for several candidates, and Bro. G. A. C. Bentinck, M.P., being present, was exalted, at the request of the M.E.Z., by E. Comp. John Bowes, the M.E.Z. delivering the symbolic lecture, and E. Comp. Pearson the historic lecture. The excellent working of Comp. E. Tyson, P.S., was very noteworthy. At the conclusion of the ceremony a unanimous and cordial vote of thanks was accorded to E. Comp. Bowes for his valuable assistance, and the same was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the chapter. A code of bye-laws was submitted and approved, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. A joining companion having been proposed, and there being no further business, the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Comp. Bowes proposed "The Health of the Principals of the Chapter," and observed that it was evident they had determined to master the work, and thereby render No. 119 a model chapter for the province. The Principals in response acknowledged that it was their intention to profit by the instruction they were receiving at the hands of their Preceptor, and hoped ere long to be able to work the chapter within themselves. Comp. Gibson, P.Z., proposed the health of the newly exalted companion, and referred to the impressive manner the proceedings of the evening had been conducted throughout. Comp. Bentinck, M.P., responded at considerable length, and said he had been waiting for the R.A. degree thirty years, and he considered himself fortunate that the ceremony of his exaltation should have been performed by a companion so able. He had listened most attentively to the ceremony throughout, and he must confess that he had been both gratified and impressed. He also must acknowledge his obligation to Comp. Tyson, P.S., who had introduced him and conducted him through the ceremony. Comp. Bentinck then made known his intention to present to the chapter some valuable engravings of King Solomon's Temple, which he had purchased on the Continent. Comp. McKelvie next proposed the health of their esteemed visitor, Comp. John Bowes. They had all been edified with the manner he had rendered the beautiful ceremony of exaltation, and they were greatly indebted to Comp. Bowes for so readily, and he had no doubt at personal inconvenience, coming to Whitehaven to lend them a helping hand. He considered that the proceedings of that evening would do much to rekindle a love for R.A. Masonry. Comp. John Bowes acknowledged his obligation for the flattering notice which had been taken of his endeavours to render a beautiful ceremony intelligently. As regarded Chapter 119, he should not leave it till it could do its own work efficiently, and judging from what had been done in so short a time, he should not have to wait very long. The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Subordinate Officers of the chapter," and coupled with the toast the name of Comp. Tyson, P.S., whose working that evening had both surprised and pleased them. Comp. Tyson in returning thanks said that he believed all the officers, equally with himself, were determined to do their work, and thus raise the R.A. degree in Whitehaven to its proper position. The chapter was long in abeyance, and after its resuscitation, for some time it was in a weakly condition, he hoped, however, that now they had

the "will," the "way" was plain enough, and he, for his part, should most heartily co-operate with the Principals in their labour of love. The meeting broke up about ten.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 22).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Bridge House Hotel. Bro. Isaac J. Hooper Wilkins, W.M., opened the lodge. Bro. Meggy advanced Bros. Walker and Bryant, and afterwards installed Bro. Edward Spencer Stidolph in the chair, as successor to Bro. Wilkins. The officers for the year, invested by Bro. Stidolph, were as follows:—Bro. Wilkins, the P.M.; Bro. Sparks, S.W.; Bro. Joseph Spencer, J.W.; Bro. Captain Mason, M.O.; Bro. Gilbert, S.O.; Bro. Horton, J. O.; Bro. Harry Brett, Treasurer; Bro. John Read, Secretary; Bro. Van Baerle, S.D.; Bro. Foster, J.D.; and Bro. Austin, T. At the conclusion of the work of the lodge, which was admirably performed, the brethren partook of a choice banquet, supplied by Joseph Spencer, the proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel. The following brethren were present during the evening in addition to those named above—Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master Middlesex and Surrey; James Stevens, Past G.M.O.; H. W. Binckes, Assistant Grand Secretary; S. M. Lazarus, Thomas J. Sabine, Provincial Grand Secretary, Sussex; Charles Allen, Prov. G. Reg., W.M., Keystone; H. C. Lavender, Past G.D.; H. Massey, Past Grand Steward; and Bro. Poore, besides Bros. Hodges, Thornton and De Lacy, of Westminster Abbey, who sang a number of glees in beautiful style after the banquet was removed. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts, and dwelt with particular emphasis on the strong Masonic feelings of Earl Percy, Grand Master, and the Earl of Limerick, Deputy Grand Master. With this latter toast he connected the name of Bro. Meggy, who, he said, gave him great pleasure, as that brother had been the Installing Master that evening. It was pleasant too to know that Bro. Meggy worked out of pure love for the Craft, and it was exceedingly gratifying to be installed by such a brother. Bro. Meggy said that he esteemed it a high honour to have his name associated with that of the Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Limerick, and all the Grand Officers, were deeply imbued with a sense of the great responsibility of their different offices. All the Grand Officers had a great deal of work to do, though this was not generally known. But when they accepted their appointments they determined to do their work thoroughly and to the best of their ability. As the W.M. had spoken of him (Bro. Meggy) he would add that he was proud of having been elected an honorary member of the Southwark Lodge, and whenever he was asked to assist in its work he should be happy to do so. In giving the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey," the W.M. expressed his pleasure that Colonel Burdett's many engagements had not prevented him visiting the Southwark Lodge that evening, and said that the presence of such distinguished brethren always brought these meetings to a pleasant issue. Col. Burdett, in reply, after expressing his gratification at being present, said that, as a Provincial Grand Master, he should be glad if he could call the Southwark Lodge his constituents; but it rested entirely with them whether they would be part of his province or not. He had been so much gratified with the working that evening that he should be pleased to have that lodge under his rule. The proceedings of the evening had been admirably conducted. The W.M. had been but a short time a Mark Mason, and he deserved great credit for his exertions. The high opinion entertained of him must be gathered from the number of brethren who were assembled to do him honour, and by his having been placed in the chair of the lodge, a position he would certainly not have gained but for the brethren's good

opinion. The Southwark Lodge was a body of men who practised the great Masonic principles, and he felt perfectly confident that it would, not only in the province, but in the whole Masonic world, hold a very high and eminent position. He hoped he might be called upon to assist at many of the future proceedings of the lodge, though he could scarcely expect to be, as his reign was fast drawing to a close, and it depended on the brethren whom they would appoint as Grand Master of the province for the next three years. He would add that he felt very grateful to the brethren for the support they had given to him during the time he had held the office of Prov. G. Master. Bro. Meggy proposed "The W.M.," and mentioned that it had given him great pleasure to be the installing officer. The W.M. was very attentive to his duties, and had never been absent from lodge at any one meeting since he had been a member. Many after a time sank down, but if all the brethren imitated the W.M. of the Southwark Lodge the lodges would be well supported. He held him up as an example worthy of imitation. The W.M. said he had been very fortunate in reaching his position, but he certainly felt very great interest in the lodge and in the degree. He determined from the very first day he came into the Southwark Mark Lodge to make it a hobby of his own, whether he was Master in one or two years or not. There was before the brethren a fine opportunity for making the lodge an object of envy and jealousy to lodges which far outstripped it in the number of its members. The brethren were very zealous, and when a man threw his will into any matter it was only a question of time when he would be successful. Now he should throw himself into the work and do all he could to make the lodge prosper. He was well supported by his officers, and it was his stern purpose that, during his year of office, he would labour so hard that it should be very difficult for his successor to outdo him. He would try to make the lodge such that it should always be a pleasure for a brother to come into it. The W.M. then proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Wilkins," and after complimenting him on having brought the lodge to its present state of perfection, presented him with a handsome P.M. jewel. Bro. Wilkins, in acknowledging the compliment, said that this jewel was the first that had ever been presented to him, although he had many, and he should value it for that alone. But he should have the greater pride in wearing it inasmuch as he was almost the first Master who resuscitated the Southwark Mark Lodge. He knew the present Master would follow in his footsteps, and do all he could for the lodge, and at the next installation meeting he hoped the lodge would be found even in a much better position than it was in now. From what he knew of the W.M. he felt that it would be so. Bro. Bryant replied for "The newly-advanced Brethren," and Bro. S. M. Lazarus for "The Visitors." The latter brother, after saying he was 76 years of age, and had been 52 years a Mason, claimed the credit of Bro. Wilkins being in his present position. He (Bro. Lazarus) had been instrumental, by his influence with Earl Percy and the Grand Secretary, in raising the lodge from a low position to a high one. Bro. Sparks responded for "The Officers." Bro. Wilkins proposed "Bro. John Read, P.M.," who 15 or 18 months ago took the lodge in hand, and to whom its present prosperity was due. Their W.M. had said that it was due to him (Bro. Wilkins); but it was not so. He might have contributed to it, but if it had not been for the exertions of Bro. Read, all that he (Bro. Wilkins) could have done would have been as nought. Bro. John Read said he was very much pleased at being credited with such good service, and it was highly gratifying to find that the lodge was now a thoroughly good lodge. The officers would all be at their posts and would assist the W.M. in carrying on the work that was begun. The brethren had been far too flattering to him, but he would try and deserve what they had expressed. Thanks were then accorded to the musical brethren, Bros. Hodges, Thornton, and De Lacy, and Bro. Hodges having replied, the brethren separated, after having passed a charming evening.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

MOTHER LODGE, KILWINNING (No. 0).—On Thursday, 12th inst., at noon, the largest number of candidates for initiation in the Mother Lodge that were ever presented at any one meeting on record were duly initiated here. They were mostly from Glasgow, and came down under the auspices of Bros. Tweed and Duncan. After labour, the brethren and visitors supped together in the Eglinton Arms, and spent a right agreeable evening, until the Glasgow contingent had to betake them to the railway station for the return home.

LODGE ST. MARK (102) met in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on 9th inst., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M., presiding; with Bros. Thomas Kerr and D. F. Forfar as acting S.W. and acting J.W. respectively. The lodge having been opened in the Apprentice degree, the Secretary, Bro. Neilson, read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. John Smith, from Lodge St. Mungo (27), was then affiliated as a member of this lodge. Thereafter the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, which having been accomplished, and there being no other business before the meeting, the lodge was duly closed.

LODGE STAR (219).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, No. 12, Trongate, on Monday, 9th inst. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Joseph Wilson, by whom three candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Thereafter, the chairman called the attention of the brethren to a large and fine emblematical picture newly hung in the lodge room above the door west, and which he stated he had received on behalf of the lodge from an American brother, Bro. Irah Chase, of Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A.M., New York. Along with it he had received a note from Bro. Chase, which the secretary, Bro. Miller, read to the meeting, and in which the writer stated that he asked the lodge's acceptance of the picture as a testimonial of fraternal regard and in token of the very kind reception he had experienced from his brethren of the Lodge Star on occasion of his visit to them about two years ago. In proposing that the gift be entered on the lodge minutes, and a note of acknowledgment forwarded to Bro. Chase—which was unanimously and heartily agreed to—the chairman remarked that it was quite obvious that they in Scotland (he could not say in England) were not nearly so enthusiastic as American Masons. At the request of the chairman, an American brother, Bro. Starkey, who was on the dais, then gave a brief description of some points in which the working of Craft Masonry in America differed from that in this country; after which the lodge proceeded to the nomination of office-bearers, which concluded the business.

LODGE ST. GEORGE (333) held their monthly meeting in the hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The R.W.M. (Bro. John Winton) presided; Bro. Finlay being S.W.; Brother J. Forsyth, J.W.; and Bro. Archibald McIntyre, Secretary. The only business of importance transacted was the nomination of office-bearers.

LODGE ATHOLE (413) held their ordinary fortnightly meeting in the hall, at 213, Buchanan street, on the 10th inst., when two candidates took the Apprentice degree, the R.W.M. (Bro. John Wallace) presiding. There was no other business of importance.

LODGE GLASGOW (441) held their usual monthly meeting in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on the 10th inst., when Bro. W. H. Jackson, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The business in chief of the meeting was the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing Masonic year, after which several brethren were passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Thereafter the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

LODGE ST. VINCENT (553).—This lodge held their weekly meeting in the hall, at 162, Kent-road, on Thursday, the 12th inst. In the absence of the R.W.M. (Bro. R. M. Dougall) the chair was ably occupied by the D.M., Bro. Malcolm Stark. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the Secretary (Bro. Halley) read the minutes of the last meeting, which, after being slightly supplemented, were approved of and passed. The only business of importance was the raising of two Entered Apprentices to the Fellow Craft degree, which was performed in full and impressive style by the D.M. This young lodge—for it is one of the youngest in the province—appears to be prosperous and progressing to a degree.

"GLASGOW" ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 50) held their regular monthly meeting in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, the 12th inst. A large number of Masonic celebrities were present on the occasion, among whom we observed H. J. Shields, 33°, John Miller, James Duthie, Jules Brod , J. O. Park, and J. F. Mitchell, all Principals, and a goodly gathering of the members of the chapter. Bro. Wm. Taylor, M.M., of Lodge St. John, No. 28, (Kirkintulloch) was received into the chapter, and carefully instructed in the secrets of the Mark degree, by Companion Miller. Three other brethren were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, viz.:—Andrew Wilson, James Fraser, and John Barton Hardie, the ceremony being performed by Companion J. Duthie, Z. of Chapter 67, ably assisted by Companion Colin Mc'Kenzie as 1st Soj. (an office which he filled in a most admirable manner for the first time. After the principal business of the evening was got over, Companion Duthie congratulated Chapter 50 on its new office-bearers, whom he highly eulogised, for the manner in which they each performed their various parts, particularly noticing the splendid success of Companion Mc'Kenzie's efforts as 1st S., he (Companion Duthie) begged to testify that he had never seen the onerous duties of that office more efficiently performed than they had been that night by Companion Mc'Kenzie. It augured well for the future success of the chapter that they had got such men to fill its various offices as he saw around him. Companion Miller, 1st P., No. 50, in thanking Companion Duthie for the kind remarks he had made on the Chapter, its office-bearers, and its work, corroborated what he had said as to the manner in which Companion Mc'Kenzie had fulfilled the duties of his office; it inspired him, Companion Miller, with courage and confidence, to find himself so well supported by his subordinate office-bearers, and no office in the Chapter, not excepting that of 1st P., contributed more to the beauty of its work than that of 1st S., when properly maintained as it had been that night by Companion Mc'Kenzie. The chapter was thereafter closed in due and ancient form.

CONSECRATION OF THE MADOC LODGE (1509).

In no part of the United Kingdom is Freemasonry making more rapid progress than in the principality, which is borne out by the fact that in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, one lodge was consecrated at Amlwch, Anglesea, about six weeks ago, and now we have to record the establishment of the above lodge, at the rising town and Seaport, Portmadoc, in Carnarvonshire; nor, is this to be wondered at when we consider the loyalty of our fellow countrymen and their close allegiance to the Protestant faith, and of whom it can, with perfect sincerity, be said that, "in all times of difficulty and danger they put their trust in God." In no part of the province was a lodge more needed, as there are computed to be in Portmadoc and its environs no less than seventy Masons, to whom the want was greatly felt. Accordingly Grand Lodge was petitioned with the gratifying result, that on the 29th ult., R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, R.W.P.G.M., held an Especial Grand Lodge (which is the custom in this province) for the

purpose of consecrating the Madoc Lodge No. 1509, at the Queen's Hotel.

The V.W. Bro. W. J. J. Goldsboro, P.P.G.S.W. of the province, was deputed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. to perform the ceremony, and among the distinguished brethren present were Bros. W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; J. Peters, P.G.S.D., P.M. 597; G. Wood, P.G.S.W., W.M. 1224; W. Spraggon, P.G. Reg.; G. L. Woodley, P.G., S. of W., I.P.M. 755; Thos. Armstrong, P.G. Treas. of West Lancashire; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org. of West Lancashire; C. H. Rees, W.M. 606; T. Parmeter, W.M. 1309; Bremner Smith, S.W. 2403; S. Haslitt, J.W. 1432; T. R. Morris, S.D. 998; T. S. L. Kyffin, J.W. 1113; Sir Llewellyn Turner, Ex-Mayor of Carnarvon, 606; G. T. Picton Jones, Mayor of Pwllheli 606; Dr. R. A. Jones, P.M. 606; &c., &c. The musical part of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.M., P.G. Org. of West Lancashire, assisted by Bros. Armstrong, Haswell, Harrison, and T. J. Hughes. The brethren assembled in the ante-room, about half past three o'clock, and entered the room, the consecrating officer took the Master's chair, Bro. Peters, P.M., the S.W.'s, and Bro. Woodley, the J.W.'s, and the lodge was opened in the three degrees and the brethren of the new lodge arranged in order. After a voluntary by Bro. Skeaf, the R.W.P.G.M. and Prov. G. Lodge entered and saluted by the brethren with true Masonic cheers, and after the usual formulae peculiar to the ceremony, the lodge was uncovered, and three P.M.'s carried corn, wine and oil round, and while Bro. Skeaf's beautiful Anthem, "Glory to God" was given, the Acting Chaplain, Rev. Bro. T. L. Kyffin carried the censer round. The second portion of the consecration ceremony was then proceeded with and brought to a close with Bro. Skeaf's Anthem.

After all under the rank of P.M. had retired, and the W.M., Bro. Edward Bresse, Prov. G. Reg. of Herefordshire installed, the brethren were re-admitted and saluted him in the three degrees. The following were then invested as first officers of the lodge, viz.: Bros. Thos. Casson, S.W.; Cornelius Davies, J.W.; Dr. Jones Morris, Sec.; W. G. Casson, Treas.; Dr. Roberts (represented on account of illness by S. Greaves), S.D.; J. E. Greaves, J.D.; Robt. Evens, J.G.; O. M. Roberts, S.S.; Morris Jones, J.S.; Edward Phyce, D. of C. The lodge is fortunate in having as its first I.P.M., Bro. J. W. Wallace, P.M. 1172, &c. The lodge was then closed in solemn form by the W.M., after having proposed that Bro. Goldsboro be elected an honorary member of the lodge. It should be stated that the whole of the furniture clothing, officers' jewels, &c., with the exception of the Triangle and Ashlar, the gift of Bro. Haslitt, were supplied by Bro. Geo. Kenning, Little Britain, London, and gave universal satisfaction on account of their chaste workmanship and finish.

The brethren then repaired to the Sportsman Hotel, where a banquet awaited them, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the Chairman, R.W. Bro. Sir W. Wynn proposed the health of the newly installed W.M., Bro. Edward Bresse, in doing which he said that the brethren of the new lodge were particularly fortunate in having as their first W.M. a man of the social standing as Bro. Bresse, he being, the R.W. chairman believed, the chairman of every board in the district, and when he fulfilled those duties so well, he was sure that his duties in the Master's chair would be as satisfactorily carried out. (Received with immense cheering and Masonic honours.)

The W.M. in responding said: I thank you, Right Worshipful Sir, for the very kind manner in which you have proposed my health, and after the hearty response I feel I can hardly say anything. The W.M. continuing said he believed after the toast of the W.M., Bro. Skeaf must have found out his name when he introduced the last song into the programme "Blow Breezes Blow." (Laughter). He could scarcely express his gratitude for the handsome way in which the R.W. chairman had spoken of him, in fact he had spoken too well by far of him. Referring to the lodge's choice of him as W.M., he said he did not pretend to be an experienced

Mason, (would that we all were as good Masons as we ought to be!) and he felt his deficiency, and did not wish to accept the post, but pressure was brought to bear upon him so that at last he consented; not that he thought he was duly qualified, far from it, he was a very poor Mason. (No, no.) If not then, however disqualified he might be, he felt it incumbent upon him to do his utmost to promote the dignity and usefulness of the Order. He believed that in the innermost recesses of their lodges, beneath the ceremonies they had seen to-day in these convivialities, and even in outside display there were underlying great principles of Ethics and Christianity, which should make, more than Masons, thoroughly good men of them all. If in the Madoc Lodge they could display a just appreciation of the principles on which the great Order is founded, it would show that it was not in vain that a lodge had been established in this town. In conclusion he thanked the R.W.P.G.M. for presiding. He was always ready to do anything for his fellow countrymen, whether as Masons, as agriculturists, or as Welshmen. His motto seemed to be "always to the fore," wherever and whenever Welshmen were to be encouraged or benefited. After the usual toasts the Tyler's brought a very pleasant evening, and one never to be forgotten by those present, to a close.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AT ST. AUSTELL.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. Sir Fredk. Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., and D.P.G.M. of Cornwall (in the absence of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M.), consecrated a Royal Arch Chapter, at St. Austell, in the presence of a very large number of the fraternity of the province, including Bro. Col. Peard, P.D.P.G.M.; E. L. Carlyon, P. G. Sec., S.W. *pro tem.*; A. A. Davies, P.G.W.; the Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.G.C., and others.

The interesting ceremony was performed according to ancient custom, and at its conclusion Sir Frederick spoke of the great pleasure which it gave him to be present, and congratulated the St. Austell brethren on the successful issue of their undertaking. He also expressed the hope that they would prosper in the future as they had done in the past, and that peace and harmony might ever be found within the walls of their lodge. He deeply regretted the absence of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and said he was quite sure that the whole of the brethren present would join him in a vote of condolence to his lordship on the severe loss which he had recently sustained.

This was seconded and carried unanimously.

After the business of the lodge had been disposed of the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where Bro. Gregory provided them with an excellent dinner.

Sir F. M. Williams presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

In proposing the health of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Sir Frederick said they would all regret exceedingly that they had lost their Grand Master, as well as the causes that led to it, but, on the other hand, every member of the order would be gratified to know that they would have as a successor to the Marquis of Ripon, the first gentleman in England and its future king. The importance of this it was not easy to estimate, and he hoped it would not be in his time that any further change would be made.

The toast was drunk with great cordiality. Other toasts followed and an enjoyable evening was passed.

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T. F.—The "Lecture on the Past Master's Jewel" appeared in the *Freemason*, May 20, 1871, page 309.

Bro. GALLICO's letter next week.

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AFTER-DINNER SPEECHES.

The time was, even in all our memories, when the after-dinner speeches of our good old Order, were something very peculiarly striking in themselves. We remember, (years ago, it is now, alas!) that a friend of ours, a non-Mason walked into our room, and taking up the then *Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror* scanned curiously its contents. "Ah!" he exclaimed, at last, "old fellow, I never did read such bosh as these speeches!" Well, we knew the speech to which he alluded, and so we admitted at once the soft impeachment, but said, (for it was all we could say) that, it was an "after-dinner speech." Some years ago, assuredly, our Masonic after-dinner speeches were but little to be commended, as a rule, and even the brethren complained of them. But, like as in all other things, both mundane and Masonic, improvement has set in. The Masonic schoolmaster has taught us to mind our P's and Q's, and the staple of our after-dinner speeches is now much a-head of what it used to be, say, twenty-five years ago. Of course every now and then some brother, some "enfant terrible" of Freemasonry, says just the thing he ought not to say. Still the "outcome" of many an eloquent oration, and many a burning peroration is neither very wise, nor very Masonic, and it may be true in its measure that Freemasonry, like Liberty, has many follies committed in its august name; has too often to implore in pathetic accents, "Save me! oh, save me from a candid friend!" Our opinion long has been that speeches, to be thoroughly good, ought to be alike pithy and pointed, short and telling, and the best speeches we have ever listened to, were delivered by those who knew what they were talking about, and felt that to be diffuse or verbose, or repetitive, could only mar their eloquence and bore their brethren. As a general rule, latterly, after-dinner speeches have been marked by excellent taste, and have been very much to the point. If injudicious remarks have been made from time to time, the brother might say, as the gentleman once said, who made a most inappropriate speech, "I beg your pardon, brethren, but I have lost one of my front teeth, and a word will fall out every now and then, which I can't keep in." Freemasons are very tolerant and are always ready to make allowance for timid, or bashful, or nervous speakers, though they are, and ought to have but little sympathy for the brother who cannot make a speech, or sing a song, or offer a sentiment. He is evidently one of our useless drones, of whom not a few seem to like to feed on the honey of our meritorious and hard-working Masonic bees. We always think, too, what a great pity it is, if anything is ever said on a festive occasion, or by those in authority, to mar the happiness of the hour, or inflict pain on the feelings of any worthy brethren, if even they be a little sensitive. Whether the gathering be Masonic or non-Masonic, it is clearly unjustifiable to seize an

occasion of a public character, to make "a deliverance" on account of some personal views or special idiosyncracies. But at a Masonic festival it is most clearly out of place and wrong on every true principle of Freemasonry, and when we note such occurrences as Masonic journalists, we have a duty to perform to the Craft, which we have always endeavoured and always shall endeavour to perform, without fear and without favour, our motto being "Fiat Justitia ruat cælum." Our attention has been called to a speech published in the *Western Mail*, and republished in our impression of Nov. 14th. All speeches thus publicly uttered and published become a subject for fair, general, and journalistic comment. We allude to the speech of the P.G.M. for the Eastern Division of South Wales, M. W. Bro. Theodore M. Talbot, which was recorded in the *Western Mail*, and loudly applauded by the brethren apparently, and has since been transferred to our columns. Swansea is a growing town of 70,000 inhabitants, which has two lodges, the Indefatigable and the Talbot. Bro. Talbot alludes to the fact, to use his own words, not ours, that a "proposal" had been "mooted to form a third lodge for Swansea," and goes on to say that "though he was glad to see that Masonry was so flourishing in South Wales," he believed at the present moment three lodges in South Wales were not necessary." We fancy that by a mistake of the printer "South Wales is here substituted for "Swansea," as we note that in the "Masonic Calendar nine lodges are set down to South Wales Eastern Division. We have always understood that in matters civil, as well as in matters Masonic, no allusion was generally made to a question "sub judice." The Prov. G. M., Bro. Talbot, when he made his after-dinner speech at Aberavon, knew that the very question upon which he so decisively gave his opinion was practically now before the Grand Master. And though we hope that we shall not imitate his indiscretion, we cannot forbear saying this, that such a speech, at such a time, is not respectful either, to the Grand Master or to the Grand Secretary, or the undoubted privileges of his brethren, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions. Bro. Talbot, as P.G.M., has quite a right, at a proper time, and in a proper way, to express his opinion, to which all constitutional attention will be paid, but he has no right, we venture to apprehend as impartial journalists, while the above matter is before the Grand Master, to advert to a subject which was still "in lite," according to the rights guaranteed to the brethren, and the limits of complaint and appeal prescribed by our most admirable Book of Constitutions. We say this in all good will to Bro. Talbot, as we believe him to be a zealous Mason, and we know him to be a distinguished ruler in the craft.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

It is announced, apparently by authority, that in the December number of the "Contemporary Review" there will appear another attack on Freemasonry, written by no less a person than Archbishop, (and by that time probably Cardinal) Manning. This is a report which has appeared

in more than one daily and weekly journal, and too probably may turn out to be true. For much as we regret that any religious body, whether the Church of Rome or any other community, should commence a perverse assault on our peaceful order, yet like "Japhet in search of a father" we shall take it very "coolly." We have no apprehension of our antagonists, we have no fear for the result of their separate or combined aggression. It seems, however, as if the "mot d'ordre" just now of the Roman Catholic Church was to attack Freemasons anywhere. Abroad in all Roman Catholic countries the incriminations of Freemasonry are many and serious, from the unscrupulous pens of Jesuit and Ultramontane writers, all composed, apparently, according to "order," and sparing neither the violence of accusation nor the "acrimony of reproach." Indeed if we were to put together all the charges made against our peaceful and friendly Order, made, we repeat, just now by heated religionists of various denominations, we might derive an edifying example how good men, even, when it suits their purpose, can indulge in controversial "Billingsgate" and how very uncharitable, unwise, very unfair, and very untrue they can render their remarks and statements when directed against opponents. The object of this last Roman Catholic crusade is not very easy to realize. That astute and cautious body, as a general rule, does not care to commit itself to a useless contest, yet just now without any seeming rhyme or reason, it has thrown itself with hot haste into the arena, and challenged, as it were, Freemasonry everywhere with sweeping charges of unsoundness and ill-doings of every kind. Indeed there are few charges which they have not heaped on the heads of us devoted Freemasons. Indifferent, irreligious, Voltarian, Deistical, Atheistical, socialistic, profane, revolutionary, destructive, impious, children of Satan, the craft of the evil one, members of that Grand Lodge whose Grand Master is Satan, are a few of the choice epithets which have appeared in print, and which educated men have not been ashamed to apply to our unoffending and inoffensive brotherhood. What the object of the Church of Rome, (for she is the chief offender), can be in thus openly ignoring or violating every injunction or condition of good sense or fair play, we do not pretend to understand. It may be, as a facetious friend of ours puts it, "she may wish to keep her hand in for the excommunicating process." Or she may desire to divert the attention of her members from internal dissensions, and divergences of thought and teaching, by making war against a common enemy, as she proclaims Freemasonry to be. Whatever her motive really is, we venture to think that her "overt act" of intolerant condemnation is a most mistaken one, and one that will inevitably recoil upon herself, so that, like the assailant of old, she will be "hoisted by her own petard." Freemasonry cares nothing for such attacks. Even abroad, where in some countries, the Freemasons, by unwise addresses and questionable arrangements, have laid themselves open, to some extent, to the charges of their Roman Catholic adversaries, we do not believe that the Church of Rome will take much by her "ititle game." And at home, where Freemasonry is absolutely free from any

such charges, where the religion and the loyalty of Freemasons are both conspicuous and undoubted, such attacks not only can make no impression, but they will hardly be noticed by our fraternity. As far as they have gone in England they have resolved themselves into this, that we are a non-Christian organisation, and that we are a secret society. Non-Christian we are not, as opposed to Christians, but universal we are, in our scope and constitution. We are permitted to meet as a secret Order by the Legislative of our land, and we apprehend that no one else, least of all Roman Catholics, have anything to do with the matter. And, therefore we shall go on our way, neither afraid nor ashamed to own ourselves Freemasons, but under our Royal Grand Master, and with those august personages and Royal brethren who are numbered among our rulers, shall persevere in our works of beneficence and sympathy and good will. Thus we shall demonstrate to the world, how false are the calumnies of our adversaries, how cruel and unmerited are the slanders and vituperation of our unreasoning opponents, in that our profession and practice go hand in hand, and we actually do, (good example for them), what we continually and habitually teach.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER PRINCE LEOPOLD.

OUR brethren will be glad to perceive, by the report we print in another column, that our Royal Brother has taken the Second Degree. We do not say this with any desire of intruding on the privacy of the lodge proceedings, or of appearing to parade the fact of one of the Royal Family being amongst us. But in these days of such continued aggression on Freemasonry, it is well for us, we think, to note how our Royal brethren have evidently "counted the cost" of Masonic membership; how quietly they persevere in the discharge of its duties and the development of its privileges; and how satisfactory it is for us all to feel, that Freemasonry has equally for them as for ourselves the constant claim of hearty adherence and admiring appreciation.

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 ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Sir Knt. Coomb and J. C. G. L. for their digest of the statutes and for the gratifying information that a Preceptor, so long as he continues a subscribing member of any preceptory, retains the rank and privileges of a preceptor after he shall have ceased to preside over a preceptory. Having got so satisfactory a rendering of the statutes as to the rights and privileges of a Preceptor, acting or otherwise, let us see if we can elicit and trace any advantage in continuing active attention and devotion to the Order after the rank or degree of a Preceptor has been attained. It is the "hope of reward that sweetens labour" and keeps the feeling alive that leads us, after we have served one office to aspire to another, and persevere until we

attain the object of our ambition, thereby keeping alive that honest, pleasant and friendly emulation which has proved so advantageous to our Masonic charities and system, and gives satisfaction and gratification to those who obtained the badge of merit and ability. Since the new statutes came in force there has not been that interest exhibited that I have known and been accustomed to amongst Knights Templar; what is the reason? is it because the reward—that distinctive badge—has been removed and that there is now no distinction in dress between the *most active* and *most indolent* members of the Order? We wonder if there be anarchy in the Order and a desire to retrace our steps—if the distinctive insignia of past rank is everywhere removed and not allowed beyond the degree of Preceptor. I am just thinking we must be silly mortals, hard up for something better to do, if we continue year after year to spend our time and money for the mere sake of doing so and without any chance of reward, but that cannot be, for even under the present regime we have Great Officers and Officers in our Great Priory and Provincial Priorities. Surely there is some deficiency in these. A Knight appointed to "Great" office in the Great Priory or Provincial Priory must surely bear some distinctive badge and enjoy some privilege higher than that enjoyed by a Knight who has simply been appointed an officer, after they shall both have retired from office. What is the advantage? Does the Great Officer retain the badge of the office he has served to enjoy the privileges thereof on the same principle as a Preceptor? If this is not so, and I am informed it is not, what inducement is there for one who has served the office and obtained the degree of Preceptor to continue his attendance and services, sometimes at great inconvenience and expense, or care to accept office in the Provincial Priory the mantle and insignia of which may fall from him any day and for ever. He must be an enthusiast indeed who will accept office, take long journeys, spend his time and money for the purpose of discharging the duties of an office from which he knows he will ultimately have to retire, as he began, with no recognition for his services. If I misapprehend the status of an executive or great officer I shall be glad to be enlightened. W. A.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

X. Y. Z. says, page 698, Nov. 7th, 1874: "There has been no severance of the Masonic connection, but the reverse." That being so, why drop the word "Masonic" from the title of the order? It looks very much like wishing a severance, and if quietly allowed to go on will some day, no doubt, be used as an argument in favour of dropping the connection altogether. What is the use of keeping up a connection and being ashamed to own the relationship? He says the Masonic prefix is of recent origin in England, and has not been used in the statutes of either the Irish or Scotch conclaves. I have always understood that the order of Knights Templar was essentially a Masonic order. I have also been informed that the attempt made in Scotland thirty years ago to effect a separation from its Masonic foundations brought the order to grief, and that the injudicious step had to be retraced at the revival in 1856. Will some good Brother Knight of Scotland give us the history and a report of the proceedings at the revival above referred to? 31, Oldham Road, Rochdale. W. D.

WAS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

On my return to England, after an absence of several weeks, I have read with some interest the correspondence which has appeared in *The Freemason* on the subject of Pope Pius IX. being a Mason, and I observe that in an editorial note to the letter of Bro. W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D., in your paper of the 7th instant, you say that "up to this time no

satisfactory or reliable evidence has been offered by anyone." The Pope, notwithstanding his bulls and fulminations against Freemasonry, I have always understood, and have seen it more than once stated, was a member of our Order; and, although I do not now remember on what authority, that he at one time belonged to one of the lodges in Palermo, as mentioned by Bro. Gumbleton. My impression on this subject is confirmed by the enclosed paragraph cut from the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, one of the most respectable newspapers in the North Western States of America, and is published by that paper on the authority of the *Voice of Masonry*, a well-known American periodical. If this authority is to be relied on, it would appear that Pope Pius IX., whose name is Mastai Ferretti, was a Freemason, and, for his perjury, was expelled from the Order on the 27th March last, by a decree of the Grand Lodge of the Orient at Palermo, which decree, it is said, was signed by King Victor Emanuel, the Grand Master of the Orient of Italy, and was published in an official Masonic paper at Cologne, with the minutes of the lodge in which he was initiated. Trusting that this information may lead to the discovery of the "reliable evidence" sought for,

I am, yours faithfully,

B. BROUGHTON.

Bradford, 10th Nov., 1874. W. M. 302.

"THE POPE EXCOMMUNICATED."

"The *Voice of Masonry* publishes the following: At the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons, Scottish Rite of the Orient of Palermo, Italy, on the 27th of March last, Pope Pius IX. was excommunicated from the Order. The decree of expulsion was published in the official Masonic paper at Cologne, Germany, and is preceded by the minutes of the lodge in which he was initiated, and is as follows: 'A man named Mastai Ferretti, who received the baptism of Freemasonry, and solemnly pledged his love and fellowship, and who afterwards was crowned pope and king, under the title of Pio Ninth, has now cursed his former brethren and excommunicated all members of the Order of Freemasons. Therefore, said Mastai Ferretti is herewith, by decree of the Grand Lodge of the Orient, Palermo, expelled from the Order for perjury.' The charges against him were first prepared in his lodge at Palermo in 1865, and notification and copy thereof sent to him, with a request to attend the lodge for the purpose of answering the same. To this he made no reply, and, for divers reasons, the charges were not pressed until he urged the bishops of Brazil to act aggressively towards the Freemasons. Then they were pressed, and, after a regular trial, a decree of expulsion was entered and published, the same being signed by Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, and the Grand Master of the Orient of Italy."

MASONIC LEGENDS.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

In continuing my communications on the above subject, and as to some being in all probability the adoption of legends originally unconnected with Freemasonry, I have much pleasure in presenting the following extract from an old work which has been kindly lent me for perusal by my esteemed Bro. W. Clarke, jun., of Shepton Mallet.

The title is, "An Historical Catechism, containing ingenious answers to many notable questions of several wonderful matters in antient history, as, What is the opinion of all our historians about the apple Old Mother Eve tempted Adam withal: Why the devil should take the shape of a serpent: Of the building of the Tower of Babel, &c., &c."

PART I.

Register'd in the Hall Book of the Company of Stationers."

The size is 12mo., and the pages are numbered 1 to 24. There is no date now on the title-page, but evidently was printed 1700, or earlier. The two questions of importance to our present enquiry are (pp. 10—11) —

Q. "Was there ever any attempt made to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem?"

A. "Yes. Julian Apostate, Emp. of Rome, who was once a Christian, but afterwards returned to idolatry, resolved to rebuild the same in despite of Christ, and that this prophecy might not prove true, *that one stone shall not be left upon another*; but when the workmen were laying the foundation a dreadful earthquake happened, and fire issued out of the earth and destroy'd all the men and dispersed all the stones, so that there was not one stone but was separated from another."

Q. "What happen'd at their laying a Foundation?"

A. "There was a stone which slipt from its place and discover'd the mouth of a Cave cut in a Rock. The overseers of the work not being able to see to the bottom of it let down a Labourer by a Rope, being come to the bottom, he was up to the Ancles in Water, and found the place Four-square, and laying his hand on a little Pillar above Water he met with a Book wrapt up in a clean Linnen Cloth, being drawn up the Spectators were amaz'd it should be so fresh lying in such a dark Hole."

"The Book being open'd surpriz'd both the Jews and Grecians that were present: they found in the beginning of it these words writ in Capital Letters—'IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD AND THE WORD WAS GOD.'"

"And indeed, saith the Historian, that Scripture did manifestly contain all the Gospel which the belov'd Disciple St. John had declared."

With respect to the date, I should say that the little pamphlet is bound up with two others, the first being "Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs, The Sons of Jacob, Translated out of Greek into Latine by Robert Grosthead, sometimes Bishop of Lincoln—and out of his copy into French and Dutch by others, and now Englished. To the Credit whereof, an ancient Greek copy, written on parchment, is kept in the University Library of Cambridge, (Woodcut). London, printed for T. Milbourn for the Company of Stationers. 1699."

Then follows the Catechism, and finally the "Holy Disciple, or the History of Joseph Arimathea, Being a true Account of his Birth and Parentage, his Country, Education, Piety, his begging of Pontius Pilate, the Body of our blessed Saviour, and burying him in a Sepulchre of his own. How he came to England and first preached the Gospel at *Glassenbury*, in *Somersetshire*, in memory of which there is still growing the Noted White Thorn, that buds every Christmas Day, in the morning, blossoms at noon, and fades at night; with his Life, Death, and Burial (wood cut)."

Lower part of title page is gone. Size is also 12mo., and pamphlet consists of 8 pp. We give the above to assist in the date being decided of No. 2, as they were evidently issued about the same time. Those who, interested in the account of the "Miraculous Thorn," should consult its history, which has been written lately by Bro. Thomas Sampson, F.R.H.S., of Preston Road, Yeovil.

But to return to the Catechism of, say, A.D. 1700, in which we have printed a legend which has been incorporated in "the Royal Arch Degree."

I wrote my friend Bro. Walter Spencer respecting its contents, and received from him a quotation from Godfrey Higgins' "Anacalypsis," vol. 1, which is said to have been taken from a work by Nicphorus Callistus, Lib. x., cap 23 (presumed to be a Byzantine writer), which, strange to say, is almost identical with the extract from the "Catechism," and for the transcript of which I am much indebted to Bro. Spencer, to whom—and to Bro. Clarke—I beg to express my thanks for such fraternal assistance in my researches.

"The time the foundation was laid one of the stones to which the lowest part of the foundation was attached was removed and showed the mouth of a cavern in the rock. Not being able to see to the bottom, the overseers let down a workman by means of a rope. When at the bottom he found himself up to his ancles in water, and, on examination, by feeling, he

found the cave to be square. On searching nearer the opening he found a pillar little higher than the water, and upon it a book carefully folded in clean linen. This he secured and was drawn up. The book seemed fresh and untouched, to the astonishment of the beholders. Both the Jews and Greeks were amazed to read: 'In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.' To speak clearly, the writing here discovered did most evidently contain all that Gospel which was uttered by the divine tongue of the virgin disciple."

May I ask the assistance of my good brother, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in determining the date of issue of the *Catechism*, and likewise to decide when the legend was first promulgated, or when it can first be traced in MS. and print?

I shall continue my researches, and anticipate further revelations soon, in response to our united and energetic examinations of Records and old MSS.

CONSECRATION OF THE BERTIE LODGE (No. 1515) AT OXFORD.

On Friday, Nov. 6th, a meeting was held at the Apollo University Masonic Hall, for the purpose of consecrating the Bertie Lodge, No. 1515. The University Lodge had been kindly lent for the occasion by R. W. Bro. F. P. Morrell, of the Apollo Lodge.

The brethren assembled at the lodge about half-past three o'clock, and shortly afterwards the procession of Prov. Grand, and Past Prov. Grand Officers entered the lodge. As the procession was entering the following verses were chanted by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Hallewell:—

"Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early and so late take rest and eat the bread of carefulness, for so He giveth His beloved sleep."

The presiding officer, W. Bro. R. J. Spiers, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., D. Prov. G.H. of Oxfordshire, who had been appointed by the Acting P.G.M., R.W. Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar in charge of the province, to undertake the ceremony, then took the chair, and with Bro. Pickard, P.M., as S.W., the lodge was opened in the first degree. The P.S.G.W. Bro. Morrell (W.M. of the University Lodge) then addressed the presiding officer, stating the object of the meeting and the wishes of the brethren. After the Secretary had read the petition and warrant, and the brethren of the new lodge had signified their approval of the officers designate of the Bertie Lodge in the usual manner, the new officers, who were, Bros. Galpin, Mayor of Oxford, W.M. designate; Jason Saunders, S.W. designate; Eagleston, J.W. designate.

The lodge was then consecrated in ancient form by the Presiding Officer, after which came an anthem from Psalm 133, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity, &c."

The customary offerings of corn, wine, and oil having been made, the lodge was constituted, after which Haydn's Hymn, "The spacious firmament on high," was sung with great effect by the brethren.

The installation of the W.M. designate and the investment of the new officers followed.

Bro. Spiers conducted the whole ceremony with judgment and ability.

In the evening the brethren dined together.

The banquet was held in the Council Chamber of the city of Oxford, a fine old room, decorated with portraits of some of the Sovereigns of England, and of municipal benefactors and city magnates, and it was well worthy of the occasion. The chair was taken by the new W.M., the Mayor of the City, and there were present the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. J. Spiers, who had performed the duties of Consecrating Officer of the new lodge, and had installed the W.M. and officers; by the Treasurer, Bro. Round, who, singularly enough, has subsequently (on the 9th inst.) been unani-

mously elected Mayor for the present year; by Bro. F. P. Morrell, M.A., of St. John's College, W.M. of Apollo University Lodge, and Prov. S.G.W.; by all the members of the new lodge; and by other City Aldermen and Councillors, and by a great number of those who had been present at the ceremonial of the day. The addresses of many of the speakers were very excellent, and it was particularly remarked that in a city numbering 35,000 inhabitants there had existed only one Lodge into which citizens could be admitted for upwards of 65 years. It is true there are two other Lodges, but they are confined to members of the University (excepting five or six citizens are members of one of them). It is true that the two number about 230, but objection has hitherto most curiously been made to the establishment of a second City Lodge; and it has only been by the exertions of the Deputy Provincial Master, seconded by the expressed desire of the excellent Acting Prov. G.M., Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, that the new lodge, the Bertie, named after the family of Bro. the Earl of Abingdon, Lord High Steward of the City, has been brought to a success. The whole gave great satisfaction to all who were present.

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT THIRSK.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the ceremonial of the dedication of the new Masonic Hall in connection with the Falcon Lodge, 1416, took place.

The hall, which is a handsome white-brick building, has been erected at a cost of nearly £900, on a suitable site given by Bro. Frederick Bell, the Lord of the Manor, and consists of banqueting, lodge, and ante-rooms, built in accordance with the rules of the Craft from plans furnished by Bro. Bourne, the architect; the enclosure surrounding it being laid out in flowerbeds and planted with shrubs.

The lodge was plastered with Parian cement in order that it might be decorated. The walls are panelled and coloured in distemper, the panels being a beautiful French grey, the mullions of a darker tint, and the mouldings a maroon colour, which forms an appropriate relief.

In addition to the members of the Falcon Lodge the following visiting brethren were present at the dedication and installation of the W.M. elect: K. Boulton, P.S.W.; Restoration, 111; T. Norris, 3rd Dragoons, Manchester, 179; L. W. Tallett; Benevolence, 184; F. M. Herring, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Lawton, P.P.G.R.; J. Ward, P.P.G.P.; M. Cooper, P.J.W.; A. T. Attwood; T. B. Whytehead; T. J. Russell, York, 236; G. W. Smales, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Hallgate, W.M.; S. Chadwick; G. Hirst; J. Bolton; Lion, 312; H. H. Spink; Unanimity, 424; Geo. Marwood, P.D.P.G.M.; Cleveland, 543; A. Farmer, W.M.; North York, 602; G. B. Hall; Camalodunum, 660; R. H. Stafford, P.M.; R. E. Collinson, D.P.G.S.D.; S. Evans, P.M.; G. Kearsley, P.M.; R. Lumley; E. Fletcher; W. Harrison, J.W.; F. Smith, S.D.; A. Pratt; De Grey and Ripon, 137; M. Knowles, P.S.G.D.; J. Hunton, P.M., G.P.J.D.; Durham, 940; W. Wilson; W. Lucas; Excelsior, 1042; J. Bowson, W.M., Marwood, 1244; C. Waistell, W.M.; C. Palliser, P.M.; Anchor, 1339; A. G. Bleasdale, St. James, 1448.

The brethren assembled in the banqueting room, and, having robed, were marshalled in order, and proceeded to the lodge room. The lodge was opened in due form by W. Bro. Marwood, P.D.P.G., and the following ceremonial of dedication was gone through, Bro. Attwood officiating as Chaplain and Bro. Walton presiding at the harmonium.

The following Psalm having been chanted:

"Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord keep the city, the Watchman waketh but in vain. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and the bread of carefulness; for so He giveth His beloved sleep.

"To God the only Wise: our Creator and Redeemer, glory be.

"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

The W. Master directed the Architect (Bro. Bourne) to examine the appointments of the lodge, to ascertain that all was correct.

The Consecration Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Musical response.—"So mote it be."

ANTHEM.

To Heaven's High Architect all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given,
Who deigned the human soul to raise,

By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.
Sound all the Great Jehovah's praise,
To Him the dome, the Temple raise.

The W.M. made the circuit of the lodge, and sprinkled water.

SANCTUS.

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory. Glory be Thee, O Lord.

Invocation.

The W. Master bearing corn, the Senior Warden with wine, and the Junior Warden with oil, formed a procession round the lodge (solemn music accompanying), halting in the East.

The W. Master scattered corn over the lodge and consecrated to Freemasonry.

Response.—"So mote it be." Grand Honours once.

ODE TO MASONRY.

Hail Masonry! thou Craft Divine,
Glory of Earth from Heaven revealed,
Which dost with Jewels precious shine,
From all but Masons' eyes concealed.

The procession moved a second time round the lodge and halted in the West, when the Senior Warden handed to the W. Master the vessel containing wine.

The W. Master poured wine upon the lodge and consecrated to Virtue.

Response.—"So mote it be." Grand Honours twice.

ODE TO VIRTUE.

Come, Holy Virtue, by whose aid
In heaven-ward steps we long to tread,
Bring love, bring truth, bring friendship here,
Bring peace and unity sincere.

The procession moved a third time round the lodge and halted in the south, when the Junior Warden handed the W. Master the vessel containing oil.

The W. Master then anointed the lodge with oil, and consecrated to Universal Benevolence.

Response.—"So mote it be." Grand honours three times.

ODE TO CHARITY.

Come, Charity, with goodness crowned,
Encircled in thy heavenly robe,
Diffuse thy blessings all around
To every corner of the globe.

Incense was carried once round the lodge.

Salt was strewn over the lodge, the Chaplain reading Levit. II. v. 13.

The W. Master then solemnly consecrated the lodge to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence.

The Consecrating Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Musical Response.—"So mote it be." Grand Honours five times.

Bro. Harwood, having offered his congratulations to the brethren on the success of the work, the ceremony closed with the following Anthem:—

Hail! Masonry Divine!
Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign.
Where'er thy Lodges stand
May they have great command,
And always grace the land:
Thou art Divine!

Hiram, the Architect,
Did all the Craft direct,
How they should build.

Sol'mon, great Irsael's King,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us cause to sing
Hail! Royal Art!

The business of the lodge was then proceeded with for the installation of the W.M. Elect. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. A. G. Bawlett was presented to Bro. Marwood, P.D.P.G.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation by Bro. Bell, P.M.; and having taken the obligation was proclaimed according to ancient custom. In the name of the lodge the W.M. presented Bro. F. Bell, P.P.G.S.W., with a splendid Past Master's jewel, in token of the esteem of the brethren of the Falcon Lodge, and their grateful acknowledgment of his past services in connection with its formation, and the two years during which he had filled the chair. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers:—Bros. J. Rhodes, S.W.; G. Anderson, J.W.; W. Coltman, S.D.; W. Hall, J.D.; G. Ayre, I.G.; T. J. Wilkinson, Secretary; J. Walton, Organist; and Bros. Denwoodie and Atkinson, Stewards.

Bro. Bell, P.M., then conveyed the thanks of the assembled brethren to Bro. Marwood for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the ceremonies of the day. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the Fleece Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Hall, presided over by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the loyal and usual Masonic toasts, after which Bro. Bell, P.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the W.M. It was received heartily by the brethren, and was suitably responded to, the W.M. expressing his warm interest in all that related to the Craft, and promised to do his best to promote the welfare of the Falcon Lodge. The healths of the Past Master, of Bro. Marwood, and of the visiting brethren were duly responded to.

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Across the downs of Hastings they spurred by
William's side.

And the grey sands of Palestine with Moslem
blood they died.

And he adds—

"But never then, nor theme, till now, has falsehood or disgrace
Been seen to soil Fitzgerald's plume, or mantle
in his face;

While one is left of all that honoured race,
In front of Ireland's chivalry is that Fitzgerald's
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RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

MEETING OF MOVEABLE GRAND CONCLAVE AT LIVERPOOL.

The "good old town" of Liverpool has again clearly established its position as a great Masonic centre by the hearty and unanimously spontaneous welcome given to the representatives of the Grand Imperial Council in connection with the second Moveable Grand Conclave and Grand Commandery of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist, which was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 13th inst. Not only was the Grand Conclave most numerous and influentially attended, but the spirit of hearty good fellowship which actuated every Sir Knight present made the illustrious gathering one of the most pleasant and enjoyable which has been held in Liverpool for many a day. The steady and vigorous growth of the chivalric order could not possibly have been more clearly demonstrated than by the gathering on this occasion—certainly the largest ever witnessed in the provinces, and not excelled even by many held in the metropolis. So soon as it was clearly ascertained that the Grand Council would honour the "first shipping village in the country" with its presence, arrangements were immediately set on foot for giving the illustrious visitors a fitting welcome, and there is no doubt that the nature of the reception given to the members of the Grand Council on Friday last was not only satisfactory to the Grand Council, but most creditable to the Liverpool Conclave, more especially those charged with carrying out the arrangements. The interior of the large hall, as arranged for the meeting of the Grand Conclave was exceedingly striking, imposing, and picturesque, and much of this admirable arrangement was due to Sir Knight J. Wood, Treas., 55; Sir Knight G. E. Hayner, Recorder, 97; and Sir Knight J. R. Goepel, P.S., 55, each of whom, in different ways, spared no effort to make the large room worthy of the occasion. The banners of the following conclaves were displayed to great advantage:—Roman Eagle, 6, London; Rose of Sharon, 19, Birmingham; Byzantine, 44, Leicester; Palatine, 56, Manchester; Liverpool (Premier), 55, Liverpool; Skelmersdale, 77, Liverpool; Walton, 97, Kirkdale, Liverpool; and the banner of the Grand Conclave. The large and handsome Red Cross flags from Bro. Kenning's well-known Masonic establishments, which have already been used to good decorative purpose in connection with royal visits to Liverpool, were also displayed in the room with the most striking effect, and the banners of several Knights Templar added still further to the exceeding beauty of the whole internal picture. The three Liverpool Conclaves were very numerously represented, and there were also Knights from conclaves in London, Leicester, Bolton, Glasgow, and Manchester.

In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of M.I. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., Grand Sovereign, the position of President of the Council was taken by Most Eminent Colonel Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, and amongst the others present were the following:—

Grand Imperial Council.—II. Sir Knight the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Chief Int. Gen. for West Lancashire; II. Sir Knight R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; II. Sir Knight J. Boyd, Grand Marshal; II. Sir Knight Captain T. Cubitt, Grand Orator; and II. Sir Knight G. Toller, jun., G. Historiographer.

Grand Senate.—II. Sir Knights Henry A. Dubois, G. Sub-Almoner; Eugene H. Thiellay, G. Vice-Chancellor; J. G. Marsh, P.G.S.G. and P.G.A.; G. Turner, Int. Gen., W.L.; Dr. J. K. Smith, I.G., W.L., unattached.

Sovereigns and Past Sovereigns.—II. Sir Knights C. F. Matier, D. Int. Gen., South Lancashire; J. R. Goepel, P.S., 55; H. Nelson, P.S., 77; H. M. Molyneux, P.S., 55; J. T. Callow, M.P.S., 77; J. C. Lunt, P.S. and Treas., 97; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, P.S. 23; Jesse Banning, M.P.S., 97; R. Washington, H.P. and P.S., 55; C. Stretton, M.P.S., 44; T. Clark, M.P.S., 55; and G. W. Wheeler, M.P.S., 114.

Viceroy and P. Viceroys.—E. Sir Knights W. Cottrell, 77; the Rev. T. W. Richardson, 97; and W. Doyle, 55.

Generals and Prelates.—Sir Knights G. H. urner, J.G. 55; W. Quayle, S.G., 97; J. J. Rose, H.P., 77; G. E. Hayner, Recorder, 97; Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D., H.P., 97; R. Washington, H.P., 55; H. Jackson, S.G., 77; J. E. Jackson, S.G., 55.

Knights.—Sir Knights Joseph Wood, Treas., 55; A. Mitchell, H., 55; S. Hague, 55; W. S. Thomson, 55; R. Young, 55; J. B. McKenzie, 55; J. Lloyd, 55; T. McWean, 55; J. W. McWean, 55; J. Bell, 55; R. Pearson, 55; J. Skeaf, Rec., 77; W. Quayle, S.B., 77; W. H. Cooper, H., 77; H. Burrows, S.S., 77; T. B.

Myers, 77; J. Dale, 77; T. Large, 77; J. Dawson, 77; C. Munro, 77; W. S. Matthews, 77; J. White, 77; J. Atkinson, 77; W. Shortis, 77; E. A. Wright, 77; W. P. Jennings, 77; P. Ball, Sentinel, 55, 77, &c.; T. W. Robinson, 55, and 77; N. Turner, 97; W. Fletcher, 77; G. E. Hayner, J.G., 97.

The assembled Knights having been ranged under their respective columns, received the members of the Grand Imperial Council under the Arch of Steel. M.E. Sir Knight Colonel Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, occupied the throne as Grand Sovereign, and the other officers who assisted at the opening of the Grand Conclave were V.I. Sir Knight, Lord Skelmersdale, Int. Gen., Lancashire, as Most E. Grand Viceroy; V. I. Sir Knight, R. W. Little, G. Treasurer, as G. Prelate; V. II. Sir Knight J. Boyd, Grand Marshal; V. II. Sir Knight Captain Cubitt, Grand Orator; V. I. Sir J. Toller, jun., Grand Hist.; V. II. Sir Knight H. A. Dubois, G.S.A.; and V.E. Sir Knight E. H. Thiellay, G.V.C. The lines at the reception of the Grand Imperial Council were under the direction of Sir Knight Hayner, Recorder, 97, and the different movements were executed with almost military precision. After the Acting Most Illustrious Sovereign and his grand officers had taken their respective places, the Grand Conclave was opened in Imperial Form, and with solemn prayer to the Omnipotent Ruler of the Universe, offered by V.I. Sir Knight Little, Acting G.H.P.

The report of the Executive Committee, by command of the G.S., was taken as read.

A Sanctuary of K.H.S., and Commandery of St. John were then opened, and the degrees were conferred on no fewer than 28 candidates, which added to those who have already taken the degrees, make about 50 in Liverpool who have joined the sacred religious order. Sir Knight Little acted as the M.E. Commander, and the other offices were filled by members of the order.

V.E. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale was appointed a Grand Viceroy in the Grand Imperial Council. His lordship was also appointed Int. General for West Lancashire, II. Sir Knight G. Turner resigning in his favour, and II. Sir Knight Dr. J. K. Smith was appointed Deputy Int. Gen. for the division, and II. Sir Knights G. Turner and Dr. Moore were appointed Past Int. Generals for the same division.

In connection with the sanctuary of K.H.S., and Commandery of St. John the Evangelist, Bro. Knight Lord Skelmersdale was appointed Prov.G.C., and he appointed the following as his officers:—Bro. Knights G. Turner, P.P., G.C.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.D.G.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.G. Seneschal; R. Washington, P.G.C. of Guard; H. M. Molyneux, P.G. Prior; I. W. Robinson, P.G. Sub-prior; H. Nelson, P.G. Chancellor General; G. E. Hayner, P.G. Registrar General; T. Clark, P.G. Treasurer General; W. Doyle, P.G. Hospitalier General; J. T. Callow, P.G. 1st Lieutenant; J. E. Jackson, P.G. 2nd Lieutenant; J. Banning, P.G. G. of the S.V.; J. L. Lunt, P.G. S.B.; W. Cottrell, P.G. T.B.; J. Lloyd, P.G. Verger; W. Quayle, P.G. Harbinger; and Robert Pearson, P.G. Warder.

The Grand Conclave was closed in Imperial form. The music for the imposing ceremonials during the afternoon was furnished in a very effective manner by Sir Knight J. Skeaf, Recorder 77, who presided at the harmonium.

Immediately on the conclusion of the proceedings in Conclave, the representatives of the Grand Imperial Council and Grand Senate were entertained by the Knights of the three Liverpool Conclaves, at a sumptuous banquet at the Adelphi Hotel. There were between fifty and sixty present. M.E. Sir Knight Colonel Burdett, G.V., presided, supported on the right and left by members of the Grand Council and Grand Senate, Int. Generals of Divisions, and other distinguished Sir Knights. Bro. Ludlow, the courteous manager of the hotel, provided a very excellent banquet, and the wines were of the choicest quality. After dessert had been placed on the table,

Colonel Burdett proposed "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Christian, Masonic and Military Orders." The toast, he said, was one with which they were all perfectly familiar, but as true and loyal subjects he was sure it would be received in that assembly with the same cordiality as in other orders. (Received with the greatest cordiality.)

"The National Anthem"—Sir Knight Washington.

Colonel Burdett: Sir Knights, the next toast is one which I have very much pleasure in giving, and it is one I am certain which will be received with the greatest enthusiasm. Without any comment, as that is unnecessary, I give you "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Family." Colonel Burdett added: We have all drank that toast with the greatest enthusiasm, but on the present occasion, we must all feel that His Royal Highness is now more to us than he has ever been before. He has now taken that position in the craft which we have all looked

forward to, although we had no idea that the honour would have come so quickly. We must all feel highly honoured by his acceptance of this high office, and each of us ought to feel it our duty to support him in the duties he has undertaken. (Cheers).

"God Bless the Prince of Wales"—Sir Knight Quayle.

Colonel Burdett: The next toast which I wish to submit is "The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P." This is a toast which I feel confident you will honour with enthusiasm, as it more closely concerns ourselves than any of the others. I am exceedingly sorry our Grand Sovereign has not been able to attend our meeting to-day, but as he has, I personally know, been suffering from several little things, rheumatism, gout, and so on,—(laughter)—you will at once see it was impossible he could have been present. We must all sympathize with him in his suffering. (Hear, hear). He has sent his regrets that he was unable to come to Liverpool, but hopes to have that pleasure at some future time. (Loud cheers). I know the Grand Sovereign has the interests of the order at heart as much as we have, and he has assisted the order not only by his personal influence, but by his active exertions.

Song, "Thy Voice is Near"—Sir Knight the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins.

II. Sir Knight G. Turner, P. Int. Gen., said: I have now the honour and privilege of proposing the next toast, "The Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, Colonel Francis Burdett." (Great cheering). I knew that when I mentioned that name it would be received with the greatest enthusiasm. Both as the P.G.M. of a most important province, and as a gentleman, Colonel Burdett has taken a very warm interest in Masonry, and we must all have felt great pride in seeing him preside during the successful meeting of this day. (Hear, hear). I personally feel he has conferred an honour and favour upon us, and we have endeavoured to give him and his companions the hearty welcome which Lancashire Masons are in the habit of giving. I trust you will receive this toast with the cordiality becoming the position of him whom we seek to honour.

Song—Sir Knight Quayle.

Colonel Burdett, who was received with long-continued applause, said: I feel myself inadequate to return you thanks for the kind manner in which my health has been proposed and responded to. I assure you, though this is not the first time I have had to do it, I don't think I have ever been more gratified than by the kind and cordial manner in which the toast has been responded to this evening. I feel I am no longer among strangers, but in the midst of friends, and all I see here, I hope, will permit me to call them friends. (Applause.) I also feel very much gratified indeed this evening to find such a large number here representing the different conclaves. We have had different opportunities of meeting together, but still I think I have never seen such an assembly as this—not only this evening, but at the Grand Conclave we have closed a short time ago. Last year we had the pleasure and gratification of meeting a large number at Leicester, but here we have had even a larger gathering. There is an old saying, "A rolling stone gathers no moss," but I think that has been upset in this instance. We have rolled from London to Leicester, and then from Leicester to Liverpool, and still we are gathering "moss"—increasing in numbers; and I have no doubt that, as we roll further, we shall gather more. ("Hear, hear," and cheers.) I am very glad to see this, and to know that the Order of the Red Cross is progressing throughout the country, being most popular where it is best known. A great compliment has been paid to the Grand Council by such a meeting as this; and although it may put us to some inconvenience in coming down to Liverpool, still we have all felt great pleasure in being here, and thus showing that we wish to do our duty to the members of the order. (Cheers.) There is one thing which we ought to congratulate ourselves upon, and that is the manner in which the drill was gone through this afternoon. The way in which that drill was gone through led me to suppose you must have been under a drill sergeant, but the fact that it was done entirely by the illustrious Knights of the Order does you infinite credit. I feel very much gratified at the reception you have given us, and personally thank you for the manner in which you have received the toast.

Colonel Burdett: I now give you "The Past and Present Members of the Grand Imperial Council." Earl Ferrers, the G.S.G., is one who throws himself heartily into the order, and we all rejoice, I am sure, to see him occupy his present proud position. He also occupies the distinguished post of P.G.M. for Leicestershire, and although still a young man, we are sure to see him yet do a great deal for the order in general. I desire to couple with this toast the name of an officer whom you all know both publicly and privately—whose name is known here and everywhere—I mean Sir Knight Robert Wentworth

Little. (Loud and prolonged cheering.) He has not only come here to-day at much inconvenience to himself for the benefit of the order, but he has been here, there, and everywhere—everywhere when called upon. He has been all over England, Scotland, and Ireland, and even to Jersey and Guernsey, to advance the interests of the order, and I feel confident that, so long as we can boast of such Knights as Sir Knight Little to help us to carry out the order, the "Red Cross" will flourish beyond everything. It is to his exertions that the order is indebted for its present proud position. He brought it forward, and it was by his exertions it arose, backed by others who sympathised with him. We now stand in a very high position, not only in England, but throughout the world, and therefore I give you "Sir Knight Little and the other Past and Present Members of the Grand Imperial Council."

Song—"The Sea is England's Glory"—Sir Knight Marsh, P.G.S.G.

Sir Knight W. Little, who was received with acclamation, said: The toast which has just been proposed by your illustrious chairman is one of which we, as recipients, ought to be justly proud, and I must personally return my best thanks for the very complimentary manner in which my name has been mentioned, and the cordiality with which it has been received. Whatever services my coadjutors or I have rendered I assure you have been rendered very willingly, and whatever we have done has been done with a single eye to the future interests of the order. You may expect me to tell you that the order is in a very satisfactory condition. The only hitch is at our own headquarters in London, although the order is progressing most favourably in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales—in America, and throughout the colonies. We cannot obtain an efficient clerk in the office in London, and I need hardly tell you in this great commercial centre that, unless there is a proper arrangement in that direction we cannot do satisfactorily. I trust, however, that by the exertions of the Executive Committee, who have resolved to devote their special energies to remedying this shortcoming, we shall soon have a better state of things. There are now 121 conclaves in existence in various parts of the world, with a membership of about 3,000, obtained during the last nine or ten years, and that is a result upon which we may sincerely congratulate ourselves. The principles upon which the order is founded must command the respect, and attention, and sympathy of every intelligent Freemason. I heartily thank you for the very hearty manner in which you have received the toast.

Colonel Burdett next gave "The Illustrious Intendant Generals of the Order," and in doing so, he said they exercised a very large amount of influence, which was used with great discrimination and discretion. The Int. Gen. for West Lancashire (Captain Turner), had excited himself to the utmost to secure the success of their order, and he believed that Lord Skelmersdale, who had that day been appointed to the position formerly held by Captain Turner, would use his influence in the same direction. They must all feel personally indebted to Captain Turner for having brought the order to its present position in Liverpool, and he had no hesitation in saying that it occupied a higher position in Liverpool than in almost any other town in the kingdom.

He hoped the example set by Sir Knight Capt. Turner, would be followed and extended throughout the country.

Song—"The men of merry England"—Sir Knight Washington.

II. Sir Knight G. Turner thanked the assembly very much for the manner in which the toast had been received, which was ample recompense for any slight service he had rendered. To show that he had not only preached but practised, he had that day consented to give way to Lord Skelmersdale, whom he considered in every way worthy to fill the office of Int. Gen. He trusted they would all support his lordship, and do their best to continue the success which had attended the establishment of the order in that division.

Gen. Sir Knight Dr. J. K. Smith, Dep. Int. Gen. also responded, and gave an explanation of the change of leadership which had taken place that day, adding, that he hoped Lord Skelmersdale would long continue to fill the post of Int. General. He would always have great pleasure in acting as his lordship's deputy, as he felt it was a good arrangement to have Lord Skelmersdale at the head of the order in that division, and would be for its ultimate good.

Em. Sir Knight Matier also briefly responded. Recitation, "Bingham on the Rhine"—Sir Knight Shakespeare.

Colonel Burdett next gave "The Sovereigns of the Different Conclaves," responded to by Em. Sir Knight Stretton, M.P.S., 44; Em. Sir Knight Clark, M.P.S., 55; Em. Sir Knight Nelson, P.S.,

77; Em. Sir Knight J. Banning, M.P.S., 97; Em. Sir Knight Wheeler, M.P.S., 114; Em. Sir Knight Little; Em. Sir Knight Marsh; and Em. Sir Knight Green, St. George's Conclave, Bolton.

The Colonel then proposed "The V.E.G. Preceptor and the rest of the Grand Senate," which was acknowledged by II. Sir Knights Dubois, Thiellay, and the Rev. J. R. Jenkins.

II. Sir Knight Turner, proposed "The Health of those who had assisted in the proper reception of the Grand Conclave," and in doing so alluded to the fact that about 50 members had joined the Order of the K.H.S. within about a fortnight. He also referred to the admirable services rendered by Sir Knight Hayner, Recorder of No. 97 Conclave, in the drill which had been so much admired that afternoon, and the valuable services of Em. Sir Knight Goepel, P.S., 55, in the way of decorations.

Em. Sir Knight Goepel, in a humorous speech, thanked the assemblage for the favourable mention given to his name, stating he wished to show the nature of the reception to the Grand Council, by even "simple country rustics."

Sir Knight Hayner, Recorder, 97; and Sir Knight I. W. Robinson, 55, also responded.

II. Sir Knight Dr. Smith proposed, "The Musical Brethren," which was acknowledged by Sir Knight Skeaf, Recorder, 77, who had presided at the pianoforte during the evening.

II. Sir Knight Turner gave, "Prosperity to the Liverpool Conclaves," which was acknowledged by Em. Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, P.S., 55, and Sir Knight J. B. McKenzie, 55.

The pleasant evening's proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX, AND CONSECRATION OF THE FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE, No. 1503.

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Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, continuing his oration, said: I would advise you to be a charity amongst yourselves, and I pray that God will give you His good spirit, thus enabling you to carry out the duties of the lodge with greater fervency. I trust that kindness and urbanity will diffuse themselves to those brethren who are assembled together to-day. We have a good warrant for the well-being of this lodge. I have known the First Master for many years. He is one that will give a grand start to this lodge. I think it will be one of the best in the Province, and one that we shall be able to look back upon with real and true pleasure, and by-and-by, when our lodge shall change and faces pass away, I trust we shall all meet in the Grand Lodge above.

Anthem.—(133rd Psalm.)

"Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren to dwell in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. Like as the dew of Hermon, which fell upon the Hill of Sion. For there the Lord promised his blessing and life for evermore."

The consecration prayer (first part), was then given by Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, the brethren all chanting "So mote it be." Sanctus,

"Glory be to thee, O Lord."

After the Scripture readings, all the brethren turned to the east, whilst the Presiding Officer pronounced the invocation, to which the brethren chanted "So mote it be."

The lodge board was then uncovered, and the Presiding Officer and his two Wardens carried the consecrating elements, corn, wine, and oil, three times round the lodge during solemn music.

Anthem.

"Glory be to God on High, peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

The Chaplain then carried the censers three times round the lodge, during solemn music, then halted in the east, and delivered the consecration prayer (second part), the brethren chanting "So mote it be."

Anthem.

"Glory be to God on High,
Let Heaven and earth reply,
Praise ye his name;
Masons his love adore,
Tiled in their mystic lore,
And cry out evermore,
Glory to God."

The Presiding Officer then constituted the lodge in ancient form, the brethren chanting "So mote it be."

National Anthem.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Lord heal her bleeding heart,
Assuage its grievous smart,
Thy heavenly peace impart,
God save the Queen!

Our Royal Widow bless;
God save the fatherless,
God save the Queen!
Shield them with loving care,
Their mighty grief we share,
Lord hear our fervent prayer,
God save the Queen!

O Lord, our God, arise,
Bless England's enemies,
On Thee we call.
Let sorrow whisper peace,
Bid wrong and anger cease,
Let love and truth increase,
Make evil fall.

In this our nation's need,
With Thee we humbly plead,
God bless our Queen!
Her life woe sanctify,
Her loss untold supply,
Thyself be ever nigh,
God save our Queen!

The ceremony of consecration was carried out without a single hitch, and the consecration prayers gave additional weight to the interesting proceedings.

V.V. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sen., then presented Bro. Col. Wm. Wigginton to the presiding officer for installation, saying that the new W.M. was an old member of the craft, and had filled the chair of many lodges, and felt sure he (Bro. Wigginton) would exhibit his usual excellent qualities in presiding over the new lodge. Lodge was then resumed to the third degree, and all the brethren below the rank of V.M. retired. In their absence a Board of Installed Masters of upwards of fifty in number was held, and Bro. Wigginton was installed as the first W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge, 1503. The brethren on their re-admission, all saluted the newly chaired W.M. in the several degrees, and the following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year: W. H. Saunders, S.W.; J. Tomlinson, J.W. The Secretary, Treasurer, J.G., &c., not being present, their election was postponed. W. Cox, S.D., I. Deeks, J.D., Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain of Harmony, Tyler. Votes of thanks were proposed and presented to the Consecrating officer, and to those who so ably assisted him, namely, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Bro. John Hervey, and Bro. H. G. Buss, and all four were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. After these compliments had been duly acknowledged, Bro. Little proposed that a cordial vote of thanks should be presented to the members and visitors present, and that a vote of thanks should be forwarded to the Vicar for his kindness in giving them the use of the Church. After some further remarks he would also propose that a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson for his very excellent address. He (Bro. Little) never heard such a discourse more to the interests of Freemasonry than on that day. (Cheers).

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson in responding, said: It gives me pleasure to return you my thanks for the kind appreciation you have shown my humble services this day. And I am sure the Vicar will be highly pleased with the vote of thanks. I beg to thank you for him. And I feel grateful if I have in any way added to the glory of the great Architect of the Universe. (Cheers).

Lodge was then closed in proper form.

The brethren then went by train to Richmond, and repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, when a grand banquet was served in the large hall. Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett presided, supported by Bros. Col. Wigginton, Rev. S. Simpson, Past Chaplain, Little, Hervey, Buss, and others.

After the removal of the cloth Bro. Col. Burdett, proposed the health of the "Queen and the Craft," to which the brethren lustily responded.

The National Anthem was then ably sung.

Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Past Grand Master, the Princess of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family." We have, he said, in H.R.H. one who has shown himself energetic in the cause of Masonry, and will, I am sure, still show further zeal in the future. (Hear, hear).

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and the National Song, "God bless the Prince of Wales," was sung by the brethren.

In giving "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl

of Carnarvon, and rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, said: We have amongst our Grand Officers those who are ever anxious to do their best to promote Masonry, and always ready to assist the smallest province, if it is a young province, or young lodge, we find them always willing to come forward. In the Earl of Carnarvon we have one who has added materially to the credit of the order, and has held his position in such a manner that very few men could have done. (Cheers). I therefore ask you to drink heartily the health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, and beg to couple with that toast the name of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson. The toast was highly honoured.

Song, "Polly"—Bro. Theodore Distin.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, in responding, said: It affords me a deal of pleasure to return thanks on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the officers. In so doing I would say the Earl of Carnarvon has won a good name amongst Masons. He is in every sense a man of high worth, and has proved himself as such both in his public as well as his private life. Allow me to thank you for the Grand Officers, both past and present. I think I may verge a little from the toast, and say that we all feel a great pleasure in knowing that our P.G. Master is connected with one who has shown a great interest in the craft, one who I have often wished had been a man. Masonry is operative as well as theoretical, and, in regard to promote the happiness of mankind, no one has done more than the Baroness Burdett Coutts. (Cheers.) She has done much good in converting the dens of wild beasts into the habitations of Christians. We are all pleased with her noble principles of charity; and in the person of our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master we recognise one who is closely connected with her. After some further remarks eulogising the Masonic career of Bro. Colonel Burdett, he thanked the brethren, and sat down amidst the cheers of all.

Bro. Colonel Wigginton rose and said: I am about to propose a toast you will all receive with pleasure. Although we are away from the place of meeting of Grand Lodge, it makes no difference. It is only within the last few hours that I have become a subject to the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. Up to that time I was a subject of Grand Lodge only, now I have another Master, and one I am proud of. As W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge, I hope he (Sir Francis Burdett) will find one who will support him in his province, and act for the good of Masonry in general. (Cheers.) Had our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master been away I would speak more freely. We call this the Francis Burdett Lodge out of the feelings of our heart, and because we have an unfeigned regard for the Provincial Grand Master, after whom the lodge is named. We have hitherto coupled in our toasts the Queen and the Craft, because we want to do honour to her and to show that we are a loyal body. We have also, since H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has consented to take the Grand Mastership of England, coupled the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, and I hope it will be always so; and, with these precedents, I beg to couple with the Provincial Grand Master another name, and I am sure every brother present will receive that name with pleasure. If there is one who has a greater claim to the regard of Freemasons more than another it is that of the Baroness Burdett Coutts. She has not only done a large amount of good for the poor, but has identified herself with Masonry. Within the next month our P.G.M. will present a set of chairs presented by her to a lodge in the Burdett Road. I therefore ask you to drink heartily "The Health of our Provincial Grand Master," and beg to couple with that toast the name of Baroness Burdett Coutts.

The toast was drunk with the highest honours.

Song, "Esmeralda"—Mrs. R. Limpus.

Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett rose amid loud cheering, and said: Brethren,—I assure you that I never found so much difficulty to respond to a toast as I do this evening. Bro. Wigginton has said more of me than I deserve—(No, no)—and it gives me great pleasure to hear the name of Baroness Burdett Coutts proposed. She has exerted herself in every way, and very few persons could do as she has done. Although she has a large heart, she has also a large purse. She has taken a proper view of things, and thinks it is better to bestow her charity during her life time. She has done much for the animal world, and has taken up the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and has also exerted herself to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. She has also done a great deal for Freemasonry, and is always ready to do her best. She has seen the benefit of it, not by the brethren alone, but by what is around us in the shape of institutions. An instance occurred the other day when I met with a gentleman who had a

son lately initiated into Freemasonry, and thinking, perhaps, it was of no benefit, he asked me to explain the advantages. I explained to him as well as I could about our different institutions. He said no more at the time, but two or three days after I received a cheque from him giving £67 to the different Masonic charities, and this, my brethren, from one who was not a Mason. (Cheers.) I again thank you for the very kind manner in which you have proposed and drank my health. (Renewed cheers.)

Bro. Colonel Burdett rose to propose the next toast, and said:—I have now a toast to propose which is of great importance, it being that of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, past and present." In the province we are always happy to see the Grand Officers. Grand Lodge has been worthily attended to this day. Whenever it is called, the brethren attend excellently indeed. In proposing the health of those already mentioned, I would couple with that the name of Bro. Buss.

The toast was drunk lustily amidst loud cheering.

Bro. Buss, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very high compliment they had just paid to the Deputy P.G.M. and rest of the Officers, both past and present, and assured them that it gave him great pleasure to be present that day, and he hoped that he should be spared to carry out his work. (Cheers.)

Trio, "The Magic Wave Scarf"—Mrs. R. Limpus, Bros. Limpus and Distin.

Bro. Col. Burdett—The toast I shall now propose will, I am sure, be received with pleasure. We have seen a new lodge consecrated this day, and I feel confident it will be a progressive one; one that will hold a very high position in the Province of Middlesex. The new Master is thoroughly endowed with the principles of Masonry, and I must say he is a very successful man. We have some excellent lodges in the province, and this lodge seems to be a rival, because the Master is a good one, and well up in his duties. I am much pleased with what I have seen to-day. Everything has been carried out in a manner that will not soon be forgotten. I therefore propose "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the Lodge." (Cheers.) The toast was enthusiastically responded to.

Irish Buffo Song, "The Whistling Thief"—Bro. R. Limpus.

Bro. Col. Wigginton, W.M., in responding, said:—Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and brethren, it is true we are now the last of the new lodges, but I am very far from hoping and wishing that we shall continue to be the last; and if there is one thing I wish for, it is that the Francis Burdett Lodge shall be one of the best. We have many competitors, and nothing shall be wanting on my part to make it one of the best in the Province; and if my Officers will work heart and soul with me, I will run the race that is open, and endeavour to win the prize. I am sure that if my Officers will bear me up in the work, the 5th of November will be a day long to be remembered. I sincerely thank you all for the very high compliment you have paid me. (Cheers.)

"The Officers of the Lodge" being proposed, Bro. Saunders, S.W., rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—The W.M. has said so much already in praise of the lodge that I shall only say that I trust this, the Francis Burdett, will be one of the best in the province. We as officers will do our best in assisting the W.M. to make it such.

Bro. Tomlinson, J.W., next rose and assured the brethren that no energy on his part should be wanted to promulgate the interests of the lodge, and hoped that, as the lodge was consecrated on the 5th of November, they would never blow up. (Laughter.) He thanked them all for the toast, and hoped that success would attend their labour as officers of the lodge. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Jenkins, one of the founders of the lodge, rose and hoped it would be one of the best in the province, and wished them every success.

Bro. Colonel Burdett rose and said: It is with great pleasure I propose the next toast. We are deeply indebted to those officers who so ably consecrated this lodge. The work was worthily carried out. I therefore propose the healths of those officers who have performed their several duties this day so admirably. Bro. Little, whom I appointed, has performed his duty in such a manner that very few men could do. I trust, brethren, you will all cordially respond. I therefore give you "The Consecrating Officers," Brothers Little, Hervey, &c.

Bro. Little, on rising, said: It gives me pleasure to return thanks on behalf of myself and Bro. White. I can only apologise for my own shortcomings this day. I felt so ill that I was afraid I should be prevented from coming amongst you this day. I am glad you have been satisfied with the work of to-day. Bro. Buss has been associated

with us for more than ten years, and has rendered me great assistance. I congratulate you, Worshipful Sir, on the prospects of this lodge, and am gratified with the proceedings this day. I wish you every success, and again thank you all for the kind way in which you have responded to our health. (Cheers.)

The Tylers' toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The banquet, provided by Bro. T. Palmer was of the best quality, and gave great satisfaction to all. And the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Limpus, added greatly to the whole proceedings. The rendering of the song, "Esmeralda," was given with telling effect by Mrs. R. Limpus, whilst the singing of the other songs shed as it were a lustre round the brethren, who highly eulogised her for the beautiful manner in which they were rendered.

The whole of the proceedings passed off with the greatest *célar*, and every one present was highly delighted.

Ireland.

MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

The half yearly general meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth street, on Thursday, the 12th of November, J. Creed Meredith, LL.D., Vice President, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous half yearly meeting having been read, were confirmed and signed.

The following report from the committee was read:—

"The Committee of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, in laying before the board a short statement of the progress of the institution during the past year, are happy in being able to state that the receipts from all sources, since the 1st of January, are somewhat in excess of the amount received during the same period last year; but, although such is the case, they regret to say, that so far as life and annual governors' payments are concerned, the amount received in 1873 exceeded that of 1874, by about £150. The committee think it will mention this, in hopes that during the remaining portion of the year an effort will be made to make up this deficiency, and enable the committee to invest, before the close of the year, at least as much as they were able to do during 1873. The number of pupils now under the care of the school, including the two elected this day, is 23; and the reports received as regards their health, general conduct, and attention to their duties has been most satisfactory. One of the boys elected in May last, the committee regret to say, left the school without leave and returned to his relatives. In consequence of strong representations laid before the committee, they were induced to permit his return to the school, on the distinct understanding that if again guilty of such insubordination he should be at once removed. The committee regret to say that this leniency on their part has not had the desired effect; and the boy having again left school, the committee have declined to permit his return, and must reluctantly request the board of governors to confirm this act by directing Isaac Strahan's name to be removed from the list of pupils of the school. The new Grand Lodge rules not being yet issued, the committee have postponed the consideration of the alterations advisable to be made in the rules of the school; but the Grand Lodge have resolved to make a grant of £100 per annum to the school, on condition that the grand officers for the time being, and the W.M. of each of the Dublin lodges, shall be governors of the school so long as such payment is continued. The committee recommend the following addition to rule 2:—'In consideration of the payment of £100 per annum by the Grand Lodge to the funds of the institution, each of the Grand Officers and the W.M. for the time being of each of the Dublin Lodges, shall be a governor of the school.' They would also suggest as an addition to Rule No. 11:—'They shall have the power of suspending the admission of a pupil, or rusticiating one already in the school, pending the decision of the board at its next half yearly meeting, should any circumstances come to the knowledge of the council that in their opinion would justify such a step.' The committee being anxious to have the opinion of experienced parties, as to the soundness of the education the boys were receiving, arranged that previously to the breaking up of the school for the summer vacation, an examination should be held in the several subjects in which they were being taught. The following brethren kindly consented to conduct this examination:—Rev. T. Gray, F.T.C.D.; Rev. Samuel Haughton, F.T.C.D.; Hugh Holmes, Esq., barrister; George Vaughan Hart, barrister; Rev. Benjamin Gibson; Rev. James Kay Latham, A.M. And the committee desire to take this opportunity of expressing how

deeply grateful they are to these brethren for the readiness with which they met the wishes of the committee, and the satisfactory way in which the examinations were carried out. The examinations were not confined to the Masonic boys, as it was deemed advisable that they should not be examined apart from the other members of the respective classes in which they were placed. This mode enabled the examiners to institute a comparison between the Masonic boys and the other pupils of the school; and the examiners reported that they found the Masonic boys fully equal in training, mental capacity, and deportment, to the other pupils of the school, and as being, in most cases, not only well prepared, but well grounded in their studies. One of the pupils—James Brett—distinguished himself by very superior answering, and has been highly recommended by all the examiners. This boy entered for the examinations held in the Royal College of Science, under the Science and Art Department of the Council on Education, and obtained certificates in nine out of the eleven subjects he entered for, viz:—Magnetism and electricity, mathematics, applied mechanics, geometry, inorganic chemistry, acoustics, geology, elementary botany, and general biology."

The several recommendations contained in the report were separately put and adopted.

The following report from the scrutineers of the ballot was read:—

We, the undersigned scrutineers of the ballot for the election of two pupils into the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, have to report that with the aid of the assistant secretary, we have examined the several voting papers sent in. We find that the total number of papers received was 661, of which 149 were from life governors, 327 from annual governors, and 185 from official governors; of these 21 were governors whose subscriptions were unpaid, six were not properly signed, three were received late, and two in duplicate.

The total number of votes recorded was 1,543, viz:—Wills Ballantine, 36; Thomas H. Blundell, 36; Edward L. Coleman, 330; George H. Gill, 58; William H. Knight, 163; James Montgomery, 543; William F. O'Neill, 148; William G. Orr, 159; Alexander L. Richardson, 15; William Sirt, 55.

Dated this 10th November, 1874.

Samuel Dobbin, }
Charles Foot, } Scrutineers.
John V. Legge, }
Samuel B. Oldham, Assist. Secretary.

The Chairman then declared James Montgomery, aged ten, son of James Montgomery, Captain of ship Abcona, of Lodge No. 106, Belfast, and Edward L. Coleman, aged eleven, son of William St. John Coleman, M.D., of Lodge No. 60, Ennis, duly elected as pupils of the school.

The several honorary officers and committees of the school were then unanimously re-elected for 1875. The pupils of the school were in attendance, and manifested by their healthy and intelligent appearance, the good care bestowed upon them by those under whose care they have been placed.

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Freemasonry in Bermuda.

LOYALTY LODGE, 358, IRELAND ISLAND.

An emergent meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday evening, October 7th, for the purpose of conferring the third degree on Bros. Sheddick and Beer, and occasion was taken to receive and entertain the W.M. and some of the officers and members of our sister lodge in these islands, viz., Hannibal, 224, G.R.I. The following officers were present:—Bros. W. E. Warder, W.M.; J. C. Tucker, I.P.M.; Chas. Thiele, P.M.; J. Bray, S.W.; W. T. Llewellyn, J.W.; W. Balls, S.D.; J. Sobey, J.D.; W. Downing, I.G.; J. McKirdy, Tyler, p. t.; and Bros. Cann, G. H. Curtis, T. Curtis, Fiddy, Blackwell, Clapp, Cook, Vine, Gole, W. B. Smyth, Field, Caragher, Taylor, Hopper, Marsh, Hobday, Lawler, Milton, Howard, Sheddick and Beer, as members. Visiting brethren from Hannibal were Bros. W. H. H. Wilkinson, W.M.; J. Watkins, P.M.; Frit, P.M.; Jepson, S.W.; Donnelly, Sec; Trott, Stowe, Andrews, Beer, Lane, Richards, Irvin, O'Brien and Burmand. Also Bro. Rev. R. Croker, of Burlington Lodge, 96; and Bro. B. Darrel of 233, as guests.

The lodge was opened in due form on 1st degree, with prayer, and the W.M. informed the brethren of the object of their being assembled that evening, at the same time commenting in eulogistic terms on the manner in which he and some of the officers and members were received on occasion of their visit to Hannibal a few weeks before, when they were so hospitably received and entertained, expressing great gratification at seeing so many brethren from Lodge 224, and sincerely trusting their visit to us would be one of pleasure.

The lodge was duly passed to the 2d degree, and Bros. Sheddick and Beer, having passed a search-

ing examination in their former degrees in a creditable manner, were directed to retire for preparation. The lodge was then raised to the 3rd degree, and the two brethren were in a most solemn and impressive manner raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. Beer returning thanks for himself and Bro. Sheddick. Nothing further offering, the M.M. Lodge was closed and F.C. resumed; but nothing offering, the F.C. was closed, and E.A.P. lodge resumed. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and nothing further coming before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren sat down to an excellent collation prepared by the stewards, the catering reflecting great credit on those brethren, as also for the neat and tasteful decorations of the lodge-room for the occasion.

A blessing having been asked by Bro. Rev. R. Croker, the brethren did ample justice to the good things provided. The cloth being removed, the following loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured:—"The Queen and the Craft" was first proposed by the W.M., accompanied by a few loyal and appropriate remarks, and drank with great enthusiasm, the assembly singing "God Save the Queen." "The Grand Master and P.G.Ms." was next proposed by the W.M., and in doing so he expressed a hope to see H. R. H. the Prince of Wales P.G.M. as well as Grand Master of our ancient order, trusting his reign over the craft would be as prosperous as that of his predecessors. The toast was received heartily, and Masonically honoured, the brethren singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. P.M. Watkins, in a few pithy remarks, alluded to the resignation of Lord Ripon as G.M., news of which fact had reached here, and alike astonished all.

Bro. Rev. R. Croker, having been unwell for some time past, here requested the W.M. to be allowed to retire, but before doing so assured the brethren how delighted he was to be present this evening with so many brethren, especially that he was enabled to assist in welcoming those from Hannibal, 224, and, wishing them all the enjoyment possible, he begged to retire.

"The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Canada," was next proposed by the W.M., greeted with Masonic honours, and responded to on behalf of Ireland and Canada by Bro. Wilkinson.

The toasts of the evening followed—viz., "The W.M. of 224, and Officers and Members of 224." In proposing the W.M. of 224, the W.M., Bro. Warder, said he could scarcely find words to express the pleasure he felt at being able to propose it, and at seeing Bro. Wilkinson among us that evening. The brethren who accompanied him on a visit to Hannibal would long remember the fraternal manner in which they were received and entertained. Such interchanges of visits between lodges were productive of much benefit in many ways, and he wished heartily that his visit would be one of unbounded pleasure. The toast was enthusiastically received, and greeted with Masonic honours.

Bro. Wilkinson, in reply, said he was at a loss to give due expression to what he felt, but assured the brethren that the evening would long be remembered by himself and his brethren of 224 as one of the most pleasant. He could not close his remarks without paying a highly deserved compliment to the W.M. of Loyalty, congratulating him on the efficient working of the lodge.

The toast, "Officers and Members of 224," was next drunk, Masonically honoured, and ably responded to by Brother Jepson, S.W., thanking the lodge for the reception given them. He stated that he had long wished to pay a visit to 358, having heard such excellent accounts of the manner of working in the lodge. He begged to say that the description did not approach the reality at all. He was indeed agreeably surprised, and concluded his remarks by thanking the lodge for their reception of the Officers and members of 224, it being far beyond their expectations.

The toast, "Raised Brethren," was proposed by Bro. P. M. Thiele, duly honoured and ably responded to by Bro. Beer.

Bro. J.P.M. I. C. Tucker proposed the next toast, "Our Guests," and took occasion to remark with what pleasure he was enabled to do so, it being the health of our Rev. Bro. R. Croker, and Bro. B. Darrel. The lodge was highly delighted to have our Rev. Bro. among them this evening, and though he had for some time been much indisposed, the brethren would heartily join with him in drinking to his thorough restoration, trusting at the same time he would spend many more pleasant evenings with us. Bro. Croker had just handed £2 towards the Building Fund with his earnest wishes for the welfare of Loyalty. With respect to our worthy Bro. Darrel, the brethren could not be too enthusiastic in drinking to the health of one of the oldest members of 358. With the exception of Bro. Thiele, he was the oldest. Bro. Darrel had always been very zealous in ren-

dering assistance to Loyalty, especially in connection with R.V. Chapter attached. The toast was then drunk with Masonic honours, and responded to by Bro. Darrel.

"Loyalty Lodge" was then given by Bro. Wilkinson, W.M. of 224. He requested the members of his lodge to fill to the full and drink to the continued prosperity of Loyalty Lodge; which was done right heartily, accompanied with Masonic fire, and responded to on behalf of 358 by the H.M., Bro. Warder, alluding to the fraternal feeling existing between the lodges, trusting that many opportunities may offer to meet as they had done this evening, thereby strengthening the tie that binds us as brethren. Bro. Warder concluded by thanking 224, in the name of the Loyalty, for the substantial assistance rendered to the fatherless and widow on a recent occasion.

Bro. S. W. Bray proposed "Health and Prosperity to Our Sister Lodges in Bermuda," which being duly honoured, was responded to on behalf of 233 by Bro. Darrel, and for 224 by Bro. Wilkinson.

Bro. O. M. Jas. Watkins, in a very humorous style, proposed "The Ladies," the brethren singing the glee, "Here's Health."

"Distressed Brethren, a Speedy Relief to Them," was given by J. W. Llewellyn.

The list of toasts having been completed, the brethren gave themselves to harmony. Bros. Tucker, Bray, Cann, and Pike having prepared a few glees for the occasion, opened with the glee, "Glorious Apollo," followed by "Fair Flora decks the Flowery Ground," the trio, "The Monks of Old," and "Ye Gentlemen of England." Between the glees several musical brethren rendered some capital songs, among whom were Bros. Fiddy, Balls, Beer, McKirdy, and Richards, of 224. Bro. Clapp highly amused the assembly with "A West Countryman's Trip to the Seaside," in the true "Zummerset" dialect, and Bro. Cook recited in good style the scene from Henry VIII., "The Fall of Wolsey." The singing and recitations were well received. Bro. P.M. Tucker presided at the organ.

Appropos of the donations to the Building Fund of our Rev. Bro. Croker, it may not be out of place to state the intentions of the lodge with respect to the present building. Doubtless it will be interesting to many brethren who belong to Loyalty, or are acquainted with it, who are scattered over the globe, and to whom it would be a pleasure to hear of its prosperity. Those who have attended the full meetings of the lodge, especially in the summer months, it will be no difficult task to convince of the fact that the lodge room is inadequate to the requirements of this constantly increasing lodge. The members have therefore decided, that to enable them the better to accommodate themselves and their esteemed brethren who honour them with their attendance, they will reconstruct the present Hall. So as to accomplish the object in view Bro. H. Stollard kindly drew up a plan which has been approved by the lodge, the estimated amount will be about £450. Of this sum the officers and members, with the assistance of a few friends, have realized about £300 towards the amount required. The M.W.G. Master and Grand Lodge has been petitioned in the hope of receiving some aid towards an undertaking which has become a matter of necessity. Should this induce any brother interested in our lodge to render assistance, Bro. J. C. Tucker would gladly receive any donation towards so desirable an object.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings in the history of Loyalty, and the brethren highly delighted repaired to their respective homes.

Reviews.

THE SHIPWRECKED MARINER. A Quarterly Maritime Magazine. London: Geo. Morrish, 24, Warwick Lane, Paternoster Row, E.C.

We have perused this excellent contribution with pleasure. It contains an excellent article on "The Royal Navy, Ancient and Modern," abridged from an unfinished History of the Royal Navy by Sir N. H. Nicholas, and other sources. It gives some vivid impressions of the deeds and bearing of some of England's mighty heroes; and the whole it is full of information. Next comes a sketch of the Hebrides, in which the characteristics of that wild but interesting place are beautifully depicted. It also gives "The Doctor Afloat," "Floating Telegraph Station," "A Stowaway," "The 'Grace' of Sunderland," and many other interesting sketches. It is well printed, and nicely illustrated, and to those that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in the great waters, this valuable little publication will be found highly interesting, and we are sure it will be highly appreciated by all readers.