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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**PRESCOT.**—**LODGE OF LOYALTY (No. 86).**—There was a good attendance at the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held at present at the King's Arms Hotel, Prescott. After the usual business, including an initiation, Bro. Young, W.M., called attention to the special circular which he had issued to the members in reference to the approaching installation of our Royal brother, remarking that, as nearly the oldest lodge in the province, and one whose leading members had always taken a very active interest in everything concerning the Craft, he had no doubt many would be exceedingly anxious to witness the interesting ceremony. A long general conversation ensued as to the event, many expressing themselves desirous of being present, and various suggestions being made as to the best means of promoting the comfort and convenience of the brethren on the occasion, especially in reference to the railway travelling. Ultimately on the motion of Bro. J. Vaughan, J.W., it was unanimously resolved that Bros. Reginald Young, W.M.; H. Scott, I.P.M., J.W.; J. Fowler, P.M., Treasurer; and J. T. Hall, P.M., be requested to wait upon Bro. Shaw, the indefatigable and obliging district superintendent of the London and North Western Railway Company, to ascertain what arrangements could be made for the conveyance of the brethren; to and from London on the occasion. It was announced that the New Masonic Hall, which has been built for the accommodation of the lodge, was nearly ready for occupation, and Bro. J. T. Hall, P.M., gave notice that at the next meeting of the lodge, he should move that it be removed, from and after the April meeting, to the new building.

**IPSWICH.**—**BARRISU UNION LODGE (No. 114).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 18th ult. Present:—Bros. Durance George, W.M.; C. Schulen, P. Prov. G.D.C.; C. Long, P.G.D.C. Cambs., S.W.; Rev. A. W. G. Moore, P.G.C., J.W.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; W. Spalding, P.M., Secretary; H. Clarke, and others. The lodge was opened in ancient form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of last lodge having been read and confirmed Bros. Geo. Elliston and G. Pirie were examined, obligated, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and Mr. Henry Edwards, who had been previously balloted for and accepted, was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree—both ceremonies being ably performed by Bro. George, W.M. The beautiful hymn "Days and Moments quickly flying" was given with great effect, adding much to the impressiveness of the third degree, which, we think, always needs the powerful adjunct of music to render it really sublime. The usual banquet succeeded, and of course was well attended and excellently served as usual.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188)**—held an emergency meeting on Monday, 22nd ult., for the purpose of electing a Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master. A greater number of members than might have been expected were present. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. S. L. Hickman, who after calling the attention of the brethren to the business of the meeting addressed the lodge, in his usual meek and gentlemanly manner, stating that he should feel great pleasure in representing the lodge as Steward on the occasion. Bro. I. Frankford (the oldest member of the lodge), proposed that the W.M. should represent the lodge as Steward at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was seconded by Bros. S. Davis, when to the surprise of the majority present, it was opposed by Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M., and Bro. O. Roberts, I.P.M., who brought forward a candidate in the person of Bro. Albert, P.M. and Secretary. After a somewhat noisy discussion, the two propositions were put to the lodge, when Bro. Albert, finding his chance hopeless, gracefully retired from the contest, and the W.M. was formally elected to fill the important position. It may be remarked, that such a lack of deference to the W.M., emanating as it did from Past Masters, has rarely, if ever, been witnessed in the lodge.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the annual installation meeting of this lodge was held, at its old quarters, the Hoins, Kennington. The

lodge was opened by Bro. James Duckett, P.M. and Secretary, in the absence of Bro. Levy. There were present, Bros. Jas. Duckett; F. Lee, P.M.; S. Haddock, P.M.; W. R. Grellett, P.M.; North Ritherdon, S.W.; J. S. Terry, J.W.; J. Broadbent, S.D.; D. Barclay; J. M. Marr; Geo. Reeve; W. M. Marr; J. Bradley; W. Levantin; H. Grain; J. Gooch; and visitors Bros. P. Dickinson, 1298; M. S. Larham, 1216; H. O. Graham, 281; R. Charlwood, 376; W. F. Roger, P.M. 193; F. Coudercy, 79; John Oliver, W.M. 1328; H. Massey, 619 (*Freemason*); J. W. Weight, S.W. 1298; and Jas. Stevens, P.M., 1326. After the opening of the lodge, Bro. Grellett, P.M., in a most able and fluent style installed Bro. North Ritherdon, S.W., and W.M. Elect, in the Master's chair, who appointed as his officers, Bro. Terry, S.W.; Bro. Broadbent, J.W.; Bro. Lee, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Duckett, P.M., Secretary; Bro. Hicklin, S.D.; Bro. Barclay, J.D.; Bro. Bradley, I.G.; Bro. Grain, W.S.; Bro. Grellett, D.C.; and Bro. Bentley, T. On the completion of the ceremony, the new W.M. initiated Mr. John William Watts, and performed his work in a most able manner. He afterwards read to the brethren the circular from the Grand Secretary concerning the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and called upon them to elect a Steward for the occasion. The brethren elected the W.M. unanimously, on the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the J.W. Bro. Lee, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Grellett, P.M., seconded the gift of a P.M. jewel to Bro. Levy, the I.P.M., who has filled the office of W.M. of the United Pilgrims Lodge twice; once ten years ago, and again last year. The motion was unanimously adopted, and the brethren then closed down, and adjourned to an elegant banquet, provided by Bro. J. Eaton, the proprietor of the "Horns." At the conclusion of the repast, which was much enjoyed by all the brethren, the toasts were proposed and honoured. After "The Queen and the Craft" and the other three opening toasts, Bro. Lee proposed the "W.M.," who, he said, they were all pleased to see working the ceremonies so ably. From the way he had hitherto conducted his Masonic duties, the brethren might be sure he would continue to discharge them with satisfaction to himself and gratification to his brethren, and no doubt they would all have a very delightful year under Bro. Ritherdon's reign. The W.M. in responding, said he had now an opportunity of thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him. The office of W.M. was a most important one, and he should endeavour to fill it properly. He trusted that they would have a successful year; but that depended as much upon the brethren as upon him. If they would do their part, he would do his, and he requested the officers to attend punctually and regularly, and support him, and the ceremonies would be conducted in such a way as to produce an impression on the candidates, which they should always receive. (Cheers.) In proposing "The Health of the Past-Masters," the W.M. said the lodge was much indebted to them for the assistance they rendered. Bro. Lee, P.M., responded. He regretted that the I.P.M. was not present. The W.M. had alluded to the approaching installation of the Prince of Wales, which would be a great event in the annals of Masonry. He would suggest that all the brethren of this lodge should attend the ceremony on that red letter day. As was mentioned by the Lord Mayor at the Great City Lodge, it would have a great effect on the country at large with regard to freedom of opinion and Popery. Now was the time for Masons to move and be stirring, and if they did, no doubt their lodges would be prosperous. He trusted that the United Pilgrims Lodge would prosper, and that a great number of brethren would be added to that fold, and uphold the dignity of the Craft. Bro. Grellett and Bro. Duckett also replied. "The Health of the Initiate" followed. In giving it, the W.M. said that he hoped that their newly-made brother would find that this lodge was not merely a place where its members might meet, but that it was a lodge of Freemasons—that is, every member doing his best for the Craft in general, and his own special lodge in particular. From the way Bro. Watts had gone through the ceremony, he had shown a desire to make himself a worthy brother among them. He had paid particular attention to the obligations, and exhibited a wish to go thoroughly into the Craft. He had seen the beneficial effects produced on others by their joining the Order, and was anxious that they should also be produced on himself. Bro. Watts said he was entering on a new phase of life, and it might be imagined he was rather anxious and nervous, for this reason, he craved the indulgence which was accorded to brethren addressing a lodge for the first time. He wished them to understand, that as far as lay in his power, he would always endeavour to uphold the dignity and the honour of the Craft, and of this lodge. His next aim would be to make himself thoroughly acquainted with all the mysteries appertaining to it. He did not know what they were, but it should be his purpose thoroughly to understand the whole art and mystery. On some future day, he hoped to be greeted with yet greater warmth than he had been that day. Bro. James Stevens in his reply to the toast of "The Visitors," remarked that he must inform those brethren who were not constant visitors at the hospitable board of this lodge, that this was the usual way in which the United Pilgrims treated their guests, consequently visitors were always glad to come to this lodge; as a frequent visitor himself he had often seen the W.M. do the Masonic work, and it was with very great satisfaction he saw Bro. Ritherdon placed in the high position of W.M. He was a Mason who would do honour to his position, to the Craft, and to the lodge. The visitors heartily wished him a successful year, and trusted he would have officers about him who would be willing to discharge their duties, in fact as they had now promised to do. Referring to the event which was now occupying so much attention among the Craft, he would say that it was much to the visitors' satisfaction that they had seen the W.M. elected as Steward. He thought the 28th of April would

be a kind of holiday, and that the London lodges would consider it a point of duty to call their lodges together and get them to accompany them to the Albert Hall, and afterwards to entertain their country brethren at banquet at their lodges. The country brethren would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing London working. The ceremony of installation would not last long, and a sort of jubilee might be kept by all the brethren, in honour of the event. The Prince of Wales taking the Grand Mastership, was an event of great importance at the present time. The events of the past two years had been such that they proved it; and from the capital of Italy utterances had come which showed that this installation would be distinctly impressed on the whole world. As Englishmen and as Masons, they were called upon to take notice of the notorious dogma which was antagonistic to them in every way, and they must give a distinct denial to any idea of supremacy from that part of the world which he spoke of. The utterances of the Lord Mayor on Saturday, the 20th March, were so explicit and definite that there could be no mistaking his meaning. He (Bro. Stevens), hoped that the 28th of April would be an unmistakable answer to what had been fulminated from Rome, and that from that day he should not be subjected to anathemas and excommunication. He looked to the event as one of great significance, and hoped it would last for years and years, and be the means of making Freemasonry flourish still more than it had ever done. (Hear, hear). Bro. Grellett responded to the toast of "The Installing Master," and said that it was only by attending the late Bro. John Thomas's Lodge of Instruction, and paying attention to the information he was always ready to impart, that he had become proficient in the art. He then paid a just tribute of gratitude to Bro. Thomas for the liberality with which he always offered his time and his knowledge to such brethren as might wish to avail themselves of it for the purpose of learning Masonry, saying that he was never more pleased than when he could open the immense stores of Masonic learning which he had acquired. Bro. Grellett added that if any of that knowledge which he had so acquired was of any service to the W.M., if he wished to instal his successor he should be most happy to place it at his disposal (cheers). The W.M. then gave "The Officers," whom he described as the backbone of the lodge body. He had great confidence in those brethren he had appointed, and he believed they would use every endeavour to be properly qualified for their duties. He also related to the brethren how he became an efficient officer himself:—by attending lodges of instruction regularly, and leaving his friends and neighbours always when the lodge of instruction at Brixton met. Bros. Terry, Broadbent, Barclay and Duckett replied, the latter brother observing that he had done all he could to become an efficient officer under Brother Thomas; it was much to the regret of all that they had heard of his death. With respect to the remarks which had been made respecting the installation of the Prince of Wales, he thought it right that he who would one day wield the British sceptre should now wield the Masonic sceptre; and as to the anathemas of Rome, he looked upon them as the vapourings of envy. As long as brethren acted up to the ceremonies they would defy the vapourings of the envious, only let them be true to themselves and each other, forget their personal differences, support the Order and discharge their duties, and they would be strengthening the Craft. The lodge was a particle of the body corporate, and if it was properly supported, and properly nurtured (for Masonry was only in its infancy at present) it would become one of those gigantic bodies that would last for all time (cheers). Bro. Lee also replied as Treasurer, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

**DEPTFORD.**—**ROYAL OAK LODGE (871).**—An emergency meeting was held at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, March 25th, 1875. There were present Bros. S. O. Lewin, W.M.; W. Wyatt, as S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; R. Harman, D.C.; H. J. Fisher, Organist; G. Andrews, P.M.; H. A. Collington, P.M.; L. Lemon, W. A. R. Harris, C. Williams, G. Jones, T. Frith, A. Maers, E. James, E. Good, R. Harvey, J. Allen, J. Phillips, G. Porter, F. H. Burn, J. Rennie, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. W. Halsey, P.M. 134; J. V. Watkins, 1326. The work was done by Bro. G. Andrews. J. T. Phillips was passed, and G. Jones and T. Frith were raised. G. Andrews, P.M., was elected to be the Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Letters of condolence were unanimously agreed to be sent to the widows of Bros. J. W. Reed, P.M., who died on the 20th, and F. R. Hoed, who died in the morning that the lodge met in the evening.

**WALMER.**—**LORD WARDEN LODGE (No. 1096).**—On Friday, March 19th, the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year took place at the Lord Warden Hotel, Lower Walmer. The following brethren were present:—Bros. B. R. Eastes, W.M.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, I.P.M.; T. Ayling, S.W. pro tem.; T. E. Cavell, J.W.; J. W. Grimes, Chaplain, pro tem.; T. J. Usher, P.M., Sec.; R. L. Batting, Organist; J. E. Lawrence, S.D.; E. Kirby, J.D., pro tem.; J. Lees, I.G.; C. Chamberlain, P.M.; E. Hanger, J. Dow, A. H. Des-Barres, R. N. Stratling, H. G. Laming, F. Powell, T. Smith, W. T. Pritchard, C. L. Seth, J. Trollope, and S. Holgate; and visiting brethren, Bros. W. Hester, P.M. Belgrave, 749, and E. T. Ross. The lodge opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed; the ballot for the W.M. for the ensuing year was next taken, when Bro. T. E. Cavell was elected; the ballot for the Treasurer was next taken, when Bro. B. R. Eastes was elected, and the Tyler was re-elected; then the ballot was taken for Bro. G. Thompson to become a joining member, which was unanimous; the bye laws were next read in conformity with them. Then Mr. Samuel Michael Williams and Mr. George Wood were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., after which another

brother was proposed to be balloted for next lodge night as a joining member. Nothing further being offered, the lodge closed. The brethren then spent a pleasant hour together.

**ROCHDALE.—ST. CHAD LODGE (No. 1129).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Rockbuck Hotel, Rochdale, 17th, March. The officers present Bros. E. W. Norris, W.M. Jos. Ireland, S. W. P. M. H. Turner, Secretary; P. M. James Hadfield, Treasurer; Peter Lee, S. D.; James Fletcher, J. D.; Hodgson, I. G.; The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 6.45; the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree. Bro. T. Butterworth Collingwood presented himself and was examined, and the brethren were highly satisfied, he was therefore entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the candidate was admitted and duly raised by P. M. Richardson, in a pleasing manner. Bro. T. B. Collingwood was invested, and the business of this degree being ended the lodge was closed. The lodge was closed in the second degree. After reading the communications and making necessary arrangements to ascertain how many of the brethren intend to be present at the installation of H. R. II. the Prince of Wales, the lodge was finally closed at 8.15, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was provided by C. M. Jones, P. M.; and his wife, in that excellent manner they are so well noted for. The W.M. took the chair and was well supported by his officers and brethren. After the cloth was removed, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," and the toasts were given in the usual manner. P. M. Turner proposed "The Health of the newly raised Bro. T. B. Collingwood," who on rising thanked them kindly for admitting him among them and said he would endeavour to become a Mason in act, as well as in deed and conform to the rules and regulations of the Order. The W.M. gave the closing toast, and the brethren departed in peace, and good will towards each other, after having enjoyed a comfortable evening.

**NEWTON ABBOTT.—DEVON LODGE (No. 1138).**—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on the 16th ult. Present—Bros. W. R. King, W.M.; B. G. Beachey, I.P.M.; F. D. Bewes, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. S. Saunders, J.W.; W. Harris, S.D.; E. Huxtable, J.D.; R. L. Lloyd, Treas.; J. Oliver, Sec.; G. H. Hearder, Org.; F. J. Pratt, and C. Stevens, Stewards; G. Crooke, I.G.; W. L. Pope, D.D., P. Prov. G.C.; R. Hoskins, L. E. Beame, W. H. Benfill, J. Williams, A. Christie, H. Voysey; visitor—W. Uglow, Morning Star Lodge, 1396. The lodge being opened and minutes confirmed, when Bro. N. H. Beazley, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of C. West Lancashire, was balloted for as a joining member and unanimously elected. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, when Bro. L. E. Beame, who having proved his proficiency as a Fellow Craft, was most ably raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. F. D. Bewes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. The lodge was then resumed to the second, and then to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Herbert Martin, and Mr. Robt. E. Burges, candidates for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry; being clear, they were initiated into the Order in a most impressive manner. Several accounts were passed, and a letter from Grand Lodge, announcing the installation of the M.W. Grand Master, was read, and some brethren stated it was their intention to attend if tickets could be obtained. The labour of the lodge (which had been open upwards of three hours) being ended, it was closed in the usual manner.

**MILLOM.—WHITWELL LODGE (No. 1390).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the evening of the 16th ult. There was a goodly muster of brethren present. The minutes of last communication were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. T. B. Myers, of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, Liverpool, as a joining member, also for Mr. Wm. Hodgson, which proving favourable for both, the latter being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries by the W.M., Bro. John Mills, P. Prov. G.S.B., the working tools being given by the S.W., Bro. Meredith, and the charge was most impressively rendered by Bro. McKay, being a visiting brother from the Union Lodge Kendal. This being the only business of the evening, at the request of the W.M., Bro. McKay, gave the lecture on the first tracing board, which was given with his usual good style, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for the treat the brethren had enjoyed, and hoped that it would not be the last that Bro. McKay would give to the brethren of this lodge. Bro. McKay thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment, and expressed himself glad to do anything to further Freemasonry and promote its principles among the brethren, and if, at any future time, he should be in the neighbourhood on lodge night, he would be pleased to give the more advanced lectures. On a letter being read from Bro. Postlethwaite, the J.W., saying that in consequence of his sad bereavement, he would not be present that evening, the W.M. rose to say a few words on this and another sad circumstance. He said in God's providence it had pleased Him to visit the homes of both our Wardens with that dreadful foe, death. Bro. Postlethwaite had met with the greatest loss that can fall upon a household in the loss of his wife. Bro. Meredith, also in the loss of all his dear children. We can well feel what those bereavements are. I have known both for some years, and I, in common with their friends and acquaintances, feel much for their loss. I am not prepared to make a speech; but that, I am sure, is unnecessary, because, as Masons, we cherish affectionate regard for each other in every relation of life, and inculcate those kind feelings towards each other, which makes us regard other's afflictions as our own. Among the brotherhood I am sure there is no need of eloquence to raise feelings of sympathy in our hearts; we can feel what ought to be said. I therefore propose that addresses of condolence be sent to Bros. Meredith and Postlethwaite,

and that they be recorded on the minutes. A brother having seconded the motion, it was carried unanimously. Bro. Blakeney proposed, and Bro. Cooke seconded that Bro. the Rev. Wm. Barton, of Lodge Sincerity, 1019, be received as a joining member. There being no further business, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer at 10 p.m.

**STONEHOUSE.—LODGE METHAM (No. 1205).**—On Monday, 15th ult., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P., was installed as W.M. of Lodge Metham, for the ensuing year, in the presence of about a hundred brethren, many of whom had come from various parts of the two counties, to do honour to his lordship, who is highly esteemed among his Masonic brethren. The interesting and imposing ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by Bro. Col. Elliot, assisted by Bro. Leigh, and at the conclusion the lodge choir sang the beautiful anthem "Behold how good and joyful it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity." His lordship appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Col. Elliott, I.P.M.; William Harries, S.W.; W. Glover, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Newnham, Chaplain; C. Leigh, Treasurer; W. Powell, Secretary; E. A. Northey, Assistant Secretary; S. Hyne, S.D.; T. Gibbon, J.D.; C. Hale, I.G.; C. Mutton, D.C.; R. K. Granger and Howe, Stewards; T. Moore, Tyler. The following brethren were present:—Col. Elliot, P.M., 1205, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Leigh, P.M., 1205, P.P.G. Sec; the Rev. Richard Metham, P.M., 1205, P.P.G. Chaplain; Br. R. W. Beechey, P.M. P.G.W. Malta; J.M. Hiffley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; C. Parkin, P.M., 884; P.J.G.D. Derby; F. Aubrey Thomas, P.M., 1247, P.G.S.D.; J.B. Gover, P.M., 70, 1247, 1486, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Vincent Bird, P.M., 954, P.P.G.T.; S. Jew, P.M., 105, and 1486, P.P.G. Treasurer; W. B. Hambly, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; C.G. Gibson, P.M., 189, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Hele, Mus. Bac. W.M., 330, P.P.G. Organist, Cornwall; G. Bignell, P.M., 105, P.G.S.; Josiah Austin, P.M., 1099, P.P.G. Organist; G. Sadler, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T.S. Bayly, P.M., 189, P.P.G. Treasurer; J. Montgomery, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Lord Charles Beresford, J.W. 1205; C. C. Gibbes, P.M.; the Hon. H. A'Court, J.D. 1205; W. Jell, P.M. 230; W. D. Thomas, P.M. 159; W. Powell, P.M. and Hon. Secretary 1205; D. Cross, P.M. 1205; S. H. Annis, W.M. 223; J. E. Curteis, W.M. 189; C. Cooper, W.M. 105; Thomas Goodall, W.M. 954; J. May, P.M. 223; F. E. Thompson, P.M. 112; Dr. R. W. Beaumont, P.M. 114; E. A. Northey, William Harries, W. Glover, T. Gibbon, G. H. Emery, C. Mutton, C. Hale, S. Hyne, R. K. Granger, E. Hart, H. Dean, J. Maher, W. H. Blowey, J. Martin, W. Pearce, T. E. Peck, A. Thompson, G. A. Arberry, W. Meadows, R. S. Smith, R. Bankhead, G. Quick, T. Brown, W. H. Ching, T. Brooking, H. Boyling, J. S. Cox, W. H. Hunt, G. Congram, S. Page, H. Hlop, J. Maunder, A. Staite, G. W. Green, G. T. Derry, A. E. Lean, J. Matters, W. Morris, J. P. Kearney, H. Shaw, T. Sims, 223; S. Roach, 105; G. Evens, 1,099; Harris, 105; Raymond, 215; F. Littleton, 139; W. Brodie, 1,254 (Exeter); W. Boon, 223; J. James, J. W. 105; J. Northey, 105; T. Moore, 1205; S. Samuels, 223; A. Ralph, 183; J. Sullivan, 202; E. T. Tarret, 70; J. Murch, 1,099; J. E. Nicholls, 1,099; T. Child, 230; R. H. Burt, 230; J. J. Westcott, 202; E. Binding, 202; C. P.; Fisher, 70; S. Ramsden, 70; J. Beer, 202; J. Gourley, 153; W. Yeo, 223, and others. The annual banquet was held in the evening at St. George's Hall, under the presidency of Lord Charles Beresford, the newly-elected W.M. The hall was decorated with exceedingly good taste by Bro. Coath, P.M., of 893, under the direction of a committee of the lodge, with flags kindly lent by Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, K.C.B., and a variety of plants from the gardens of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. The banquet was provided by Mrs. Coffin, of George-Street, Plymouth, and the wines by Mr. S. Vospre, of Stonehouse, and in each of these departments the greatest satisfaction was given. There were about 120 brethren present, including the majority of those who attended the installation, and in addition there were also present—Br. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, Bros. I. Latimer, P.M., 189; P.G.J.W.; W. Derry, P.P.G.S.D.; Risk, J. T. Smith, P.M. 223; Fræhnert, Fly, Sherwill, Haggarty, Hearle, P.M. and Treasurer, 156, P.G.A.D.C.; Bros. J. J. Avery, W.M. 70; J. Waldo Howe, J.W. 189; Twose, P.M. 105; W. Coath, P.M. 893; A. Knowles, D.C. 159; H. Davey, S.S. 105; A. W. King, 1205; C. Walters, J. Pethick, and many others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the removal of the cloth, and the W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Most Worshipful H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," said his Royal Highness was a true, good-hearted Englishman who would always carry out to the fullest extent the truest principles of Freemasonry, and who would do honour to the high position he was soon about to occupy. The next toast was "The Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, and Past and Present Grand Officers, the Dep. Grand Master of Devon, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." This was drunk with the usual honours, and was followed by the toast of "The R.W. Brethren the Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.M. of Devon, and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall." In proposing this the W.M. spoke in the highest terms of Bros. the Rev. J. Huyshe, and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, both of whom were greatly beloved by the Masonic brethren of their respective provinces. Bro. Huyshe's name was a household word amongst Masons all over England. Bro. Col. Elliott, who responded, regretted the absence of the P.G.M., who had recently been laid upon a bed of sickness, and who, at one time, was so ill that his recovery was despaired of. He was now progressing towards convalescence, and he was sure every true Mason would heartily hope that the R.W. Brother might live for many years to preside over the province. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe had fully intended to have been present at the installation of the W.M., but he was suddenly called away to London, and the lodge was, therefore, deprived of the honour of his presence. Bro. Metham would also have been present but

for the death of his brother. He had written expressing his deep regret at the cause of his absence, inasmuch as he had hoped to have had the opportunity of thanking all the lodges for their generous subscriptions to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke. He (Bro. Elliott) was glad to be able to say that towards this fund Metham Lodge had contributed fifty guineas—(applause). He had now to ask the brethren to join him right heartily in *drinking the health of their W.M., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford.* The admirable manner in which his lordship had that afternoon discharged his duties after his installation was a sufficient justification—if there were no other—of the choice which the lodge had made. Metham Lodge should feel proud at having such a noble brother at its head, and also that it was the means of adding to the lists of members of the Grand Lodge of England one who was so thoroughly and entirely worthy to fill that honourable post, and whom they might shortly hope and expect to see filling a high office under His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England. Lord Charles Beresford in acknowledging the toasts, assured the brethren that he had the highest appreciation of the great honour which had that day been done him, and he hoped to be able to attend to the duties of the office during the greater part of the year. He was also glad that it would give him an opportunity of being present at the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. He had a very great idea of the value of Freemasonry, and believed it was one of the best institutions they had in the country. Under its banner high and low, rich and poor, old and young were brought together in social intercourse, and for benevolent and charitable purposes, such an institution was bound to do good. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., and suitably responded to by Bros. Colonel Elliott, Metham, and Leigh. "The Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by Bro. W. Harries, S.W., who thanked his lordship for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast. The office which had been conferred upon him was one which he valued very highly, and he hoped he should always be found performing its duties in a manner that would be in every way acceptable to the brethren generally. He was warmly attached to Masonry, and he need scarcely say that he was equally attached to his lodge, and he hoped he should always be found foremost in promoting that good feeling and those truly Masonic principles which were, or ought to be, the very essence of the Order. Metham Lodge was a lodge of which they had all reason to be proud, and the maintenance of its honour and reputation depended to a great extent upon the manner in which its officers discharged their functions. These functions required a vast amount of thought, study, and attention, and it would be his pleasure, as indeed it was his duty, to give to the office all that study and earnest attention which the brethren had a right to expect of him. Bro. Glover, J.W., also acknowledged the toast, and hoped the lodge would always find him at his post. Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel responded for "The Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodges," and the last toast on the list was "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren." During the evening valuable musical services, vocal and instrumental, were rendered by Bros. Fræhnert, Fly, Hart, Cross, Harries, Emery, Gibbons, Mutton, Binding, Glover, Maher, Hele, and Rowlands. The evening, altogether, was a most enjoyable one.

**SOUTHALL.—ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, March 23rd, at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Scuthall. Since the last regular meeting held in November the lodge has had to deplore the deaths of Bros. Richard Limpus, P. Prov. G. Organist Middlesex, W.M., and Edwin Sillifant, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary, opened the lodge; Bro. C. Horsley, P. Prov. G.H. Middlesex, P.M., passed Bros. C. Paulson and J. Davies to the second degree and raised Bro. G. Wilson to the third degree, the work being done in an admirable manner. Letters of condolence were ordered to be sent to the widows of the deceased officers. A petition from a widow was recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence, and she had £8 10s. collected from amongst the dozen members present—to be increased to £10 10s. from the Charity Fund of the lodge. Bro. R. P. Tebb was unanimously elected as the Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. C. G. C. Stahr, P.M.; C. A. Ferrier, S.W.; C. G. Rushworth, J.W.; J. W. George, J.D.; H. D'Arcy, G. W. Schollar, R. J. Tebb, T. S. Lewis, and others. Visitor—Bro. J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 1423. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. The brethren partook of tea and slight refreshment, and then returned to town.

**LIVERPOOL.—THE HAMER LODGE (No. 1393).**—Of all the lodges in West Lancashire, perhaps none are at this moment so prosperous as the comparatively young one known as the Hamer, formerly meeting in Windermere Street, Liverpool, but now having elegant and comfortable quarters of its own at the Clarence Hotel, Everton road, Liverpool. For many reasons, but especially for the marked excellence of its working, and the great popularity of its W.M., Bro. R. H. Evans, and indeed of all its excellent officers, there has for some months past, been a very large and constant accession to its members. Indeed so rapidly is the number increasing, that the necessity for greatly enlarged accommodation is every month becoming more and more urgent, though in other respects, the present place of meeting is so comfortable and convenient that all would regret to leave them. At the usual monthly meeting on Tuesday last, there were no fewer than five balloted for initiation, and three of them being in attendance were effectively passed through the first degree. Afterwards six were passed to the second degree, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the

W.M. and his Wardens. There was an unusually large attendance of visitors, including brethren from several other neighbouring towns, and even from Ireland and Canada. At the close of the usual business of the lodge the W.M. called attention to the communication from the Secretary of Grand Lodge, in reference to the installation of "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales." The members expressed very great interest in the event, and many expressed their desire to witness the ceremony. Bro. J. Jones, I.P.M., said he thought it was highly desirable that as many members of the lodge as possible should visit the metropolis on such an auspicious occasion, but in his opinion the Hamer Lodge ought to be officially represented, and he had therefore very great pleasure in proposing that their esteemed Worshipful Master, Bro. Evans, be requested to attend the installation of our Royal Brother at the expense of the lodge. The motion was received with much favour, and unanimously adopted. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the lodge was closed shortly afterwards. A little later the brethren met together at supper, the W.M. presiding, and the vice chairs being occupied by Bro. Jackson, S.W., and Bro. McCarthy, J.W. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" expressing his gratification at seeing so many of them present with them that evening. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Crosby Leighton, W.M. 1035, J. Vaughan, J.W. 85, H. Vaughan, J. D. 86, and W. Simpson, 823, all of whom acknowledged the compliment, and spoke in high terms of the excellent working of the Hamer Lodge, and the very great hospitality and kindness which all its members invariably showed to visiting brethren. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were altogether of an interesting and enjoyable character.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—A convocation of this chapter was holden on the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, and like all the meetings of the companions of the Domatic Chapter, was most successful. Chapter having been opened by the Principals and Past Principals, among whom were Comps. J. R. Foulger, Z.; G. Bolton, H.; A. T. Hayward, J.; James Weaver, P.Z.; H. G. Buss, P.Z.; John Coutts, P.Z.; Thomas Cubitt, P.Z.; H. Moore, P.Z.; M. Scott, P.Z.; H. Levander, P.Z.; — Wilson, P.Z.; and—Gilbert, P.Z. The companions were admitted, and for the purpose of exalting some brethren, Comp. T. Cubitt took the H. Chair; and Bros. M. H. Sellar, (Domatic Lodge), Thomas Hayward, (Kennington Lodge); John Mason, (Ebury Lodge); and Thomas Skinner, (Ebury Lodge), were exalted, as R.A. Masons. Comp. Bolton was then installed M.E.Z.; Comp. A. T. Hayward, H.; and Comp. Montague Scott, P.Z., J. The other officers were Comps. H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treasurer; Comp. William Palmer, S.E.; Comp. James Weaver, P.Z., S.N.; Comp. Hill, P.S.; Comp. A. Treadwell, 1st A.S. Comp. Lawrence, 2nd A.S.; and Comp. Bentley, Janitor. On his retirement from the First Principal's chair, Comp. J. R. Foulger was presented with a beautiful P.Z. jewel, whose exquisite neatness drew warm admiration from all the companions. This being the whole of the business before the chapter, it was closed, and the companions sat down to a nice banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

IPSWICH.—ST. LUKE'S CHAPTER (No. 225).—The regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., present Comps. Jas. Turner, Z.; Emra Holmes, H.; Charles Byford, J.; Geo. Abbott, Prin. Soj.; Jas. Goodball, Treasurer, &c. The chapter having been opened in ancient form and the minutes of last chapter read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., announced that this was the annual meeting for the election of officers. The following were nominated to the respective offices:—Comp. Emra Holmes, as Z.; Charles Byford, as H.; Jas. Turner, as J.; Geo. Abbott, as Prin. Soj.; Jobson as N.; Syer, Janitor. Comp. Holmes proposed a candidate for exaltation at next meeting. The M.E.Z. announced that he had received a copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Alexandra Chapter against the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter, advocated by the Royal Sussex Chapter, and asking the opinion of the companions thereon. After some discussion it was decided to take no steps in the matter. The other routine business of the chapter having been disposed of, the companions shared the secrets, the Royal Arch Chapter was closed in due and solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal toasts were given, and three Grand Principals were duly toasted, and a pleasant social hour was passed.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (time immemorial).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, March 25th. Present—V.W. Bros. Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W., and P.M. 26 and 74, acting as W.M.; Moutrie, acting as S.W.; James J. Dutton, J.W.; Milson, S.D.; Birth, acting as J.D.; John Dutton, M.O.; Rubie, as S.O.; Keene, as J.O. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were three candidates for advancement present, with regard to whom due notice had been given, namely, Bros. Gazzard, G. Falkner and P. Braham. For the first of these a ballot had been taken on a former occasion, and on the names of the other two being submitted to the brethren present, the result was unanimously in their favour. The ceremony was conducted by the acting W.M., and the candidates were duly admitted; first as Mark Men, and afterwards as Mark Master Masons,

Letters of apology for absence were read from Bro. Thompson, W.M., on account of illness, and from Bro. Major Preston, who was unavoidably from home. A ballot was taken for W.M. during the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. James J. Dutton, and in the same way, his brother, John Dutton, was appointed Treasurer. The Secretary presented the report of the committee of three members selected to draw up a code of by-laws, and the reading of them was commenced, but as it appeared probable that much discussion would arise, and that owing to the lateness of the hour, it would be impossible to complete them on that evening; it was determined to appoint a more extended committee for their reconsideration, with a view to their adoption at the next meeting. The lodge was finally closed at ten o'clock.

Knights Templar.

ROCHDALE.—ALBERT PRECEPTORY (No. 34).—The annual meeting of this preceptory was held in the Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochdale, on Thursday, the 19th March, and I am sorry to say there was a very bad attendance of the Sir Knights. The Sir Knights present were Wm. Davies, Preceptor; John Fothergill, First Captain; Robert Whitworth, Second Captain; C. M. Jones, Past E.C., Treasurer; E. Woodcock, Registrar; James Holroyd, Past E.C., Almoner; John Ashworth, Equerry; William Ashworth, Prov. G. Chancellor, Lancashire; and Clement R. N. Beswick-Royds, Sub-Prior, Lancashire. The preceptory was opened in form, and the minutes were read and put for confirmation, and carried unanimously. After which the Sub-Prior took the chair, and proceeded to install Sir Knight John Fothergill, who had been elected Preceptor for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner, the newly installed Preceptor appointed the following officers:—Wm. Davies, Prelate; Robert Whitworth, First Captain; E. Woodcock, Second Captain; C. M. Jones, Treasurer; John Ashworth, Equerry. On account of so few being present, the Preceptor was unable to get a sufficient number of officers to support him during his term of office. Since the alterations in the statutes there has been a great falling off in the attendance of the Sir Knights. They say there is no inducement to attend, as past rank is abolished, the titles altered, and separated from the Masonic body. We get no new members, and those who have joined do not think it worth their while to attend. The Order is in a very unsatisfactory state, and if something is not done soon the Great Priory will have no need to suspend the preceptories in arrears. They will not meet in sufficient numbers to open. It is a great pity such alterations should have taken place for no earthly good. Why it has been done I do not understand, I have not heard anyone speak about the alterations, but entirely disapprove of them. Those who are installed Preceptors now are called upon to pay 10s. 6d. and after their time is expired fall into the ranks of a full private. Before the alterations, those who were installed Eminent Commanders had nothing to pay and enjoyed all the privileges of past-rank. It is a strange alteration, the sooner something is done the better, that the encampments once more may flourish and enjoy all the privileges they used to do.

Scotland.

ANNAN.—ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 79).—This lodge gave a grand concert and ball on the evening of Thursday, 18th ult., under the patronage of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Annan, Lauderdale Maitland, of Eccles, P.G.M.; A. Johnstone Douglas, of Lockerbie House, R.W.M.; the Prov. Grand Lodge of Dumfriesshire; and sister lodges. The concert and ball were generously taken in hand by the brethren of the mystic tie, to raise funds in aid of the new Town Hall, proposed to be built in place of the "mickle o' stanes" at present doing duty as Town Hall; but unfortunately the public of Annan did not give the concert that amount of tangible encouragement, which the labour and pains bestowed on the object by Bros. J. Walsh and R. Jeffrey, as well as the other members of the lodge, deserved, and which praiseworthy end the Masonic brethren had in view should have commanded. The brethren, however, have the consciousness of knowing that no efforts were spared by them to make it a success.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).—The annual visitation of this lodge by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow took place on the 22nd ult., within St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The lodge having been opened by the R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, the deputation from the P.G.L.—who had previously inspected the books and accounts of the lodge in an adjoining apartment—entered the hall. They appeared for the first time in their beautiful new clothing (specially made for them by Bro. George Kenning, of London, and Argyle-street here), and were received by the brethren upstanding, and with the customary honours. The deputation consisted of Bro. J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas.; A. McTaggart, P.G. Secy.; James Gillies, P.G.S.D.; George Thallon, P.G.J.D.; A. Allison, P.G. Jeweller; A. Baul, P.G.B.B.; and John Miller, P.G. Direc. of Music. The deputation having taken their seats on the dais, the R.W.M. said he had much pleasure in welcoming them within the sacred precincts of that lodge, and he hoped they would find the books of St. Mark in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Bro. McTaggart then said that the deputation had come there that night under very adverse circumstances, seeing that unfortunately they had with them neither the R.W. Provincial Grand Master nor his Depute-Master, both being unavoidably absent. However, he (Bro. McTaggart) would be able to report extremely favourably regarding the state of Lodge St. Mark and of

its books during the past year. Having read the official report to that effect, signed by the inspectors, Bro. McTaggart continued that he was glad to say that from the manner in which the books and accounts had been kept the task of the deputation that night had been a very simple one, and they had found the condition of the lodge as good and as favourable now as it had been in times past. With regard to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, he was glad to say that the past history of its work was a very gratifying one, as was evinced by the progress made by the Order within the province. The number of members added to it during the last twelve months had been over 700; being, he thought, more than had been made in any twelve months preceding. This was very satisfactory, in view of the fact that there is a growing desire on the part of Masons to keep their membership more select, and to increase the amount of payment—that was, of lodge fees. It would be found that by comparison with other countries, the fees in this country were very small; and he thought that one of the first things to improve the Order in Scotland would be to increase them. He was led to believe that a motion was on foot, which had his entire approval, to the effect that the Grand Lodge should fix a minimum admission fee for all lodges holding under it. Bro. McTaggart then went on by referring to the gratifying condition and prospects of the Benevolent Fund in connection with Provincial Grand Lodge, and after touching on one or two other points of interest to the Craft within the province and generally, concluded by hoping that on their next year's visit they, or those who might form the deputation, would be able to report as favourably of Lodge St. Mark as they had been this year. The R.W.M., Bro. Mitchell, having thanked the deputation for the very flattering remarks they had made about the lodge, moved a hearty vote of thanks to them for their visit, which having been carried with acclamation the deputation withdrew. Thereafter, the lodge went on to business, when three candidates, Wm. Morrison, John Marshall, and John Hannay, received the first degree from the R.W.M., the charge at the close being delivered to them by the D.M., Bro. A. C. Lindsay-Gray. The chairman announced that the annual festival of the lodge would be held on the 23rd prox., being the eve of St. Mark's Day, and the lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE PARTICK ST. MARY (No. 117).—The 106th anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated by a supper and ball, held in the Burgh Hall, Maxwell-street, Partick, on the 26th ult. Soon after eight o'clock, the chair was taken at supper by the R.W.M. Bro. Robert Wylie; the duties of croupier devolving upon Bro. David Peacock, S.W. There were present: Bros. Thos. Grainger and Andrew Brunton, P.M.'s of the lodge; John Bain, S.W.; Andrew Agnew, J.W.; Forrest, S.D.; John M. Wylie, Treasurer; John Calderwood, S.D.; and Alfred Lawrence, Chaplain. There was a numerous attendance of members at lodge and visiting brethren, as well as a large proportion of ladies, about ninety in all sitting down to an excellent supper. The tables having been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and were heartily responded to. That of the "Army, Navy, and Volunteers," was coupled with the names of Bro. Forrest for the Navy, and Bro. Agnew for the last-named branch of the service. Each of these brethren having briefly replied, Bro. Brunton proposed "The Commercial Interests of Partick," coupled with the name of Bro. Grainger, by whom it was acknowledged. The toast of the "Provost and Town Council of Partick," having been given, in somewhat humorous terms by Mr. Lyon, and replied to in a corresponding vein by Bro. Wylie; Bro. Thomas Halket (102) said he had no doubt they would all heartily respond to the toast which had been given him to propose, namely, "Prosperity to Lodge Partick St. Mary's, No. 117." The success which had hitherto attended the lodge could not but be greatly gratifying to the Master and office-bearers, while the present meeting was a very good proof of the spirit and energy with which they conducted their business, as well as of the prosperity of the lodge. It gave him great pleasure to propose the toast. In Freemasonry there was no rivalry; Masons were one and indivisible, members of one brave brotherhood to promote all that was noble and good, all that was just and generous. In asking them, therefore, to honour that toast, he did not ask them to support anything selfish or exclusive. On the contrary, Masonry sought the good of all. In their Order, they had nothing to be ashamed of, nothing to apologise for. Its principles had been expounded by the most eminent men of all ages, who had given them their approval. There was one point in connection with that lodge he would just refer to—that was the proposal now before them—to get a hall for themselves. That showed that there was life and energy among them, and the erection of such a hall would make an era in the history of that ancient and honourable lodge. He hoped that their next anniversary meeting they would be able to hold in their own hall. The toast was coupled with the R.W.M. and office-bearers of the lodge, and replied to by the chairman in a sentence. He had to reply, he said, for their old mother Mary. She was 106 years old that night, and very vigorous. She gave birth every year to about fifty sons of the Craft, and he hoped she would many a fifty more. After one or two other toasts, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the entire company, the latter retired to allow of the hall being cleared for dancing. In about half-an-hour, or there about, afterwards the ball was opened and kept up with spirit till an early hour. The gathering was altogether an entire success.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held within their own hall, at No. 12, Trongate, on the 22nd ult. The R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, occupied the chair; other office-bearers present being Bros. J. Garth, S.W.; J. Horn, J.W.; B.



Smart, Treasurer; and J. Crawford, Secretary. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, among the latter being Bros. James Shaw, R.W.M., 354; Dugald Butler, R.W.M., 27; R. M. Yuill, R.W.M., 275; &c. The lodge having been opened, and minutes of the last meeting read and approved of, the following candidates for initiation having been duly proposed and seconded, and there being no objections, received the E.A. degree at the hands of the R.W.M.:—G. Finlay, J. Taylor, J. Hutcheson, W. Robertson, and J. Charles. Two cases for charity were then brought forward, which were favourably entertained; after which a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow entered the hall, having concluded their annual inspection of the lodge books in another apartment. The satisfactory result of this was announced from the dais by Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, which he followed up by an able, interesting, and most useful address to the brethren on points, the observance of which would conduce to the advancement and improvement within the province and generally. At the close, the R.W.M. (Bro. Morgan) thanked the P.G.L. for their kindness; and with reference to one or two little short-comings in their working which Bro. McTaggart had pointed out, said he would endeavour to have them remedied. Three of their number having been affiliated as members of Lodge Star, the deputation then withdrew, after which the lodge closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ATHOLE (No. 413).—The usual meeting of this lodge, held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 23rd ult., was an unusually agreeable and successful one. The R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, presided; and the other office-bearers present were Bros. John Miller, P.M.; James Loutitt, D.M.; Colin McKenzie, S.W.; Daniel Leeds, J.W.; Wm. Loutitt, S.D.; Robert McLeish, J.D.; and J. W. Stevenson, Secretary. Among the numerous visitors present were Bro. A. B. Thorburn, R.W.M., 4; David Horne, J.W. 3½; Dr. McInnes, S.W., 27; James Booth, S.W., 87; and J. M. Oliver, S.W., 360. The general attendance was the largest that has been seen in the hall at any ordinary meeting for a lengthened period, no fewer than 103 in all, having signed the Tyler's book. The lodge having been opened, three approved candidates came forward for initiation—namely, James Crichton, Wm. Lockey, and George Robertson, who, there being no objections, received the E.A. degree at the hands of the R.W.M. Thereafter, the chairman announced that, in fulfilment of his kind promise made some time ago, Brother G. Walter Baynham had come forward that evening, to favour them with a short lecture, which he was sure they would all enjoy. Brother Baynham, who was seated on the dais at the Chairman's right, then commenced the delivery of his lecture, which was entitled "The Two Sides of Life. Of this we need but say that the chairman's prediction was realized to the full. The lecture, which occupied about half-an-hour in delivery, is a witty and a wise one in happy combination, discovering in its author much insight into human, and particularly social, life and character, and containing not a few shrewd shots at "folly as it flies," the most of which reach well home. It seems, we may add, with apt illustrations and anecdotes, which, we need scarcely add, were most felicitously "rendered." Bro. Baynham's elocutionary abilities and practised skill in dramatic delineation are as well, and much more widely known, without than within the craft; so that all and sundry will readily believe that the occasion was in the very truth a treat. The lecturer received that (as he so well knows) highest of all compliments, the rapt attention of his auditors throughout, save when at some happier stroke they perforce gave way; whilst universal and prolonged applause rang through the lodge-room when he had concluded. On the cessation of this, the Chairman, in a few words, expressed his lively sense, in which he was sure every brother present would join, of the high gratification afforded them by Bro. Baynham's admirable lecture; and said the least thing they could do was to award him a very hearty vote of thanks. This was thereupon given with a will, and the demonstration was renewed in full force when Bro. Baynham, in briefly returning thanks for the reception he had met with, announced his willingness on some other occasion, perhaps before the end of the present session, to give "another of the same." The lodge then adjourned to refreshment, when a very pleasant hour was spent. In the course of the proceedings the Chairman proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of Bro. John Miller, P.G. Dir. of Music; who, in a few words of reply, referred to the amount of work which fell to be gone through by the P.G.L., not the least of which was the annual visitations, just now commenced for the present year, which they paid in turn to each of the lodges within the province, now 27 in number. The orthodox toast of "The Last Laid Stones" having been neatly given by the chairman and duly honoured, the J.W. (Bro. Leeds) gave "The Visiting Brethren," of which he was happy to see so many present that evening, and hoped to see many of them back again. The toasts was coupled with the name of Bro. Thorburn (No. 4), and by him acknowledged. It was sure that he only spoke the mind of every visiting brother present in expressing his appreciation of the amusement and instruction they had received that night from Bro. Baynham's lecture; and he only wished they could have many more like it. The pleasure of the harmony hour, we should add, was greatly enhanced by the singing of a glee party, consisting of Bros. Miller, Shaw, and Robertson; and the efforts in the humorous direction of Bros. Scott and J. C. Burne. The "last toast" having been honoured, the lodge was recalled to labour, and, on its being found that there was no more business, lodge was then closed in due form.

RENFREW.—COUNTY KILWINNING LODGE (No. 370).—On the 18th ult. the usual fortnightly meeting of the R.C.K. Lodge, 370, was held in their hall, High-street,

and after the transaction of business Bro. Anderson, R.W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, introduced to the meeting Bro. Thomson, of Glasgow, who is well-known among Masons for the grand enthusiasm he has shown at all times in providing for the wants of those of his brethren who may have been more unfortunate than the majority of us in connection with the good things of this life. Bro. Thomson, who was received with applause, delivered an excellent address, taking for his subject "Charity," which was listened to with great attention and frequently applauded, after which remarks were made by Bro. ex-Bailie Masson. The meeting then closed at an early hour, all having been well pleased with the evening's performance. This is the second lecture which has been given this season. The R.W.M. has arranged for a few more for the benefit of the Craft.

GLASGOW.—LODGE MARYHILL (No. 510).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 167, Main-street, Maryhill, on 24th ult. Bro. John Lockhart, R.W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. Hugh Niven, P.M.; Jno. McKay, D.M.; Alex. Nevay, S.M.; Wm. Carey, S.W.; Jno. Govan, Treas.; P. F. Craigie, Sec.; and Matthew Wingate, S.D. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, the occasion being the annual visitation by Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. The lodge having been opened, and minutes read by the Secretary, the deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, being received by the brethren with due honour. Having taken their seats upon the dais, the R.W.M. presented his mallet to Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., who said he accepted the same in the name of Bro. J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas., and himself, who had a special authority to come out and visit the lodge. He had much pleasure in returning the mallet to the R.W.M., being quite satisfied that, while the latter held it, it was in trustworthy hands. Bro. McTaggart then briefly addressed the lodge. He said it afforded him no small gratification to be there that night. He was in the position of being able to report to the brethren that the affairs of that lodge were in a highly satisfactory condition. The certificate he had inscribed in their book, he thought, was amply sufficient in testimony of the fact. It was to the effect that the deputation had found affairs in excellent condition, and that the lodge was working in strict harmony with the laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. A higher certificate than that they could hardly have had. In the first place, the sederunt book was exceedingly well kept; a fact which reflected great credit on their Outer Guard. This matter of the sederunt book, he might state, was an important point, inasmuch as of late years a spurious body of Masonry had sprung up, the promoters of which professed to give it cheaper than it could be obtained in legitimate lodges; but he (Bro. McTaggart) shrewdly suspected that it was just about value for the amount of money paid for it. It behoved them, therefore, to be well guarded; and the speaker then gave them some advice as to how to proceed when a stranger sought admission to the lodge. Continuing, he said he was very glad to see that their minute book was in capital condition, and gave not only a truthful but a very copious account of their proceedings. The roll-book was well kept, and the cash-book had been properly audited; and he was glad to see from the latter that the balance was on the right side. The receipt-book was also well kept. As to their cash-book he wished to say a word or two. He observed that in three cases where they had made new members the fees were not paid on the night of initiation. This he warned them to avoid in the future. The first preparation of a candidate should be the payment of his money, and a record of the same taken and kept. It was all very well to say that the proposer and seconder of a candidate were his securities and as such liable for the amount, but, in practice, did they ever know of a case where they were fallen back upon and compelled to pay. He was very glad that night to find that they had been able to subscribe no less a sum than £7 15s. to the Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. During last year he saw they had initiated thirty-one members, and of that number there was not a single case where the three degrees had been given to a candidate in one night. In three cases two degrees had been given on the same night, the remaining twenty-eight members admitted having received the degrees according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He might fearlessly say the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge had not shown another so clean a bill in this respect as the Lodge Maryhill. The hurrying through the three degrees in one night was clearly contrary to Grand Lodge law, but the latter was often disregarded in this matter on the shallowest pretext. No single man could take up at once the three degrees of Masonry; and it was therefore absurd in any man to seek them in one night, unless in cases of extreme emergency, for which Grand Lodge laws amply provided. In concluding Bro. McTaggart said they would allow him to congratulate them on the state of their lodge, and he hoped, if the deputation were spared, to see them another year, that they would find him in an equally faultless position. It was very gratifying that a lodge so young as theirs had made so much progress during its short existence; and he might say that if the Provincial Grand Lodge could in any way encourage them, it would be glad to do so. He thanked them for the reception they had given the deputation. Bro. Geo. Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of the P.G. Benevolent Fund, thereafter briefly addressed the meeting with reference to his own department, adding in proof of the very satisfactory progress and position of the Fund, the figures which he brought forward at the meeting of Lodge St. Mary's a week previous, as recorded in the last issue of the *Freemason*. In looking over his books, he added, he did not find any applications for relief from Lodge Maryhill for the last two years. He was very happy that this should be so, if there was no necessity

but if they did want they must not be backward in coming forward for schedules, with which he should be happy to supply them. The speaker having concluded, Bro. McTaggart said they would allow him to supplement what Bro. Sinclair said by the announcement that the accounts of Brother Walker had been equally flourishing. When he was appointed Treasurer of the P.G.L. some six or seven years ago, he was in the unfortunate condition of having no funds. After his election, he (Bro. McTaggart) remembered very well saying that there was not much use in having a Treasurer when there was no funds to take charge of; and he proposed that the office should be abolished. This, however, was not done, and Bro. Walker was now in a different case. At the end of last year he had a balance in hand of over £50. Moreover, he had been able to provide and pay for, the fine new clothing which the deputation had brought out with them, and was then able to manage affairs without asking the lodges for a single penny more than they had been in the habit of paying. On the conclusion of Bro. McTaggart's remarks, the R.W.M., on behalf of the lodge, returned thanks for the encouragement the deputation had given them to go on; and thereafter stated his desire that those of their number not already affiliated to Lodge Maryhill should now be so. Accordingly Bros. Geo. Sinclair; R. Robb; P. G. Marshall, and W. Phillips, P.G.S.B., stepped forward to the altar, and received affiliation at the hands of Bro. McTaggart. Bro. Sinclair having returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them, the deputation retired, and the lodge adjourned for a short time for refreshment, being afterwards closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (No. 67).—This Chapter held its regular monthly meeting in the F.M.H., 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on the 23rd ult.—Companions present, J. Duthie, Z.; J. Cunningham, H.; W. Taylor, J.; D. French, Scribe E.; D. Renald, First Sojourner; J. Nagle; Second Sojourner; J. Dickie, Third Sojourner; J. Mason, Scribe, N. Not only all the office-bearers were present, but the Treasurer and a full meeting of well qualified companions to constitute and hold the same. The visiting companions were G. W. Wheeler, Z., 73; Gilchrist, P.Z., 73; C. McKenzie, First Sojourner, 50; and Companion W. H. Bickerton, of Chapter 79. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and approved of. Applications were then read from Brothers William Niven, of Lodge 27, and William Mitchell, of Lodge 3, for admission into this Chapter, which were approved of. The candidates having been duly prepared, were led into the lodge and instructed in the mysteries of this degree by Bro. Taylor, Past Z. The lodge was then closed on the Mark degree, and opened on the degree of Excellent Masters, when Bros. Laird, Niven, and Mitchell, were duly prepared and led into the lodge, and installed into the mysteries, by Companion Duthie, Z. The Lodge of Excellent Masters was then closed and the Holy Royal Arch Chapter opened, with Companion Duthie, Z.: Comp. Cummin, H.; Comp. Taylor, J.; all the office-bearers in their proper places. The three above named brethren being duly prepared, were led into the chapter by the First Sojourner and were instructed and received as Companions by the First Principal. A committee was, after discussion, appointed to make arrangements for the annual supper of the chapter, which is to take place in F.M.H., 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at 7 o'clock, p.m. The chapter was closed in due and ancient form by the three Principals, all the companions standing to order.

GLASGOW.—GOVAN CHAPTER (No. 117).—A special meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on the 22nd ult., at 8 p.m. On the invitation of the officers, the chapter was opened by Comp. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent of Lanarkshire, for the purpose of installing newly-elected office-bearers. He was assisted by Comps. Thomas Halket, acting H.; James Balfour, acting J.; and John Fraser, P.G. Scribe N. There were present Comps. John McFarlane, Z. of the Chapter; John Sutherland, H.; John Hutcheson, J.; Archibald W. Berry, S.E.; John Miller, S.N.; Robert Muir, Treasurer; Thomas Lowther, First Soj.; William Ferguson, Second Soj.; Robert Dunlop, Third Soj.; John McIntyre, Janitor; and a considerable number of companions belonging to the Govan and other chapters. When the chapter had been duly opened, the P.G. Superintendent installed the above-named office-bearers into their several offices, and at the close of the ceremony, which was performed in an able and impressive manner, he congratulated the Chapter upon its present prospects, and hoped that after that meeting they would have in the future a prosperous career. Thereafter, Companion Jas. McFarlane, M.E.Z., thanked the P. G. Supt. for the kindness and courtesy he had shown the Chapter of Govan, and trusted that the remarks he had made would stimulate them to renewed efforts in the direction of promoting Royal Arch Masonry in the district, as well as in Lanarkshire at large. The P.G. Supt. made a suitable reply, in the course of which he gave some useful advice to the office-bearers and companions present. The following companions of the deputation were then affiliated, by the unanimous voice of the chapter, the newly-installed M.E.Z. officiating:—Thomas Halket, John Balfour, and John Fraser. Companion Halket, in replying for himself, said he would be most happy at any time to assist the chapter in any way within his power. Companions Balfour and Fraser also acknowledged the honour paid them, the latter adding that he felt it the more from that being the first chapter within the province from which he had received the distinction of honorary affiliation. The chapter was thereafter duly closed.

Much of the beauty of Masonry is seen in its traditions and legends. To ignore this fact would be to put a check on the prevalence of truth. To discard fiction, would be to reject the rhetoric or poetry of literature, and to prohibit all orators from edifying their hearers with fine perorations.

## CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at the Masonic chambers, Argyle Street, Birkenhead, Bro. Donald Fraser, W.M. 477, presiding, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province.

The accounts for the past year having been audited and found correct, the following report for presentation to the Court of Governors to be held at Crewe, on the 31st instant, was read and unanimously agreed to:—

During the last twelve months, in consequence of the resignation by the Marquis of Ripon of the Grand Mastership of the Order, Masonry has been exposed to severe criticism, its principles called in question and much odium attempted to be cast on the fraternity; yet Masonry flourishes, and even its greatest traducers have been compelled to admit that the exertions of the Craft in the sacred cause of charity, and especially of education, are beyond all praise.

Year by year the great Masonic Institutions in London increase in usefulness and strength, conferring inestimable benefits on large numbers of poor and distressed Freemasons, widows, and orphans.

As these great institutions in the Metropolis administer to the necessities of the Craft in general, so this institution provides for the educational requirements of this Province in particular, and it is very gratifying to find that while the brethren exhibit an increasing interest in our local charity, their zeal on behalf of the general charities remains unabated.

The demands on the resources of your institution during the past year have been great, twenty children having received the benefits of education and two advanced in life, at a cost of £136 1s. 7d., and there are now five candidates for election.

These facts show how important it is for all the lodges in the province, and the brethren individually and collectively, to exert themselves to the utmost to procure a large annual increase in the donations and subscriptions.

Your Committee have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a donation of £5 5s. the proceeds of a Masonic Ball, given by the brethren of Stockport; they also gratefully acknowledge the benevolent zeal of the brethren of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, by whom the sum of £84 has been presented as the result of an amateur dramatic performance in December last, which was eminently successful, under the general superintendance of Bro. W.M. Asher, of that lodge, and of a picnic held in August; these examples of the benefits arising from combined effort will, it is hoped, have their due influence in stimulating other lodges in the province. We regret to find that notwithstanding the strong appeal made in our report at the close of the year 1872, to the W.M.'s in the province, there are some lodges who still stand aloof from contributing to the funds.

At the close of last year, the capital of the institution amounted to £1995 3s 10d., the interest on the invested portion of which was £95 os. 5d. During the current year an additional £365 has been securely invested, making the present capital £2216 11s. 2d.

Your Committee cannot close their report without again expressing their thanks to the Honorary Secretaries, Treasurer, and other Officers of the Institution, for the very valuable services rendered, and their constant watchfulness over its interests.

The five candidates for admission to the benefits of the Institution were in attendance, and after a careful consideration of each case it was resolved that the whole should be recommended for election, in the hope that, during the ensuing year the brethren will, by renewed exertions, make up the deficiency in the revenue legally applicable to the objects of the Charity.

## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

On St. John's Day the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C., Nelson, New Zealand, held their annual Festival in the Masonic Hall, at high noon; the installation of officers took place, Bro. W. Westbrooke Squires, P.M., acting as Installing Officer, assisted by Bro. W. B. Sealy, P.M., conducting the ceremonies. Bro. William Lightfoot having been installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge, the following office-bearers were duly invested:—J. C. Moutray, S.W.; Leonard G. Boor, J.W.; W. M. Stanton, Treas.; John E. Green, Sec.; William Holmes, S.D.; W. T. Good, J.D.; John Cann, I.G.; Woolcott, Tyler. At the close of the ceremonies, the pleasing duty devolved on the retiring Worshipful Master, C. L. Maclean, of presenting, in the name of the lodge, to Bro. Past Master Sealy, a handsome silver cup, purchased by the subscriptions of the brethren, as a testimonial in recognition of his valued services and zeal in support of Masonry in Nelson for many years past, and particularly for the great interest shown by him in the instruction of the brethren. The cup bears the following inscription:—“To Bro. W. B. Sealy, P.M., Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C., in acknowledgment of his able services as Instruction Master, Nelson, 1874.” Bro. Sealy acknowledged the fraternal presentation in feeling terms, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had always cooperated with him, for the general good, and claiming no merit for the success attending his work, which at all times he felt to be not only his pleasure, but his duty to the Craft he so devotedly loved and revered. The banquet took place in the evening, and after the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts, and a tribute of acknowledgement offered to the retiring Secretary, Bro. Geo. Collins (who retires by reason of failing health) the evening was pleasantly spent in music and social harmony. On the following Tuesday evening, the Trafalgar Royal Arch

Chapter of Nelson held its second convocation at the Masonic Hall, M.E. Comp. Sealy, Z, and the other Principals and officers being present. The new robes and chapter equipments, supplied by Comp. Geo. Kenning, having arrived, via Suez, were used for the first time on this occasion. Four Master Masons were exalted to the sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and others were balloted for and elected. The chapter already numbers over thirty companions, besides the honorary members.

## Obituary.

## THE LATE BRO. E. G. WILLOUGHBY, P.M.

Birkenhead has just lost one of its oldest and most respected Freemasons by the death of Bro. Edward Gardner Willoughby, who died on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at his residence, Carlion-road, Kingsland-park, Tranmere, near Birkenhead, at the ripe age of 77. Deceased was a native of London, of which city he was a Free Vintner, and for some years kept the Albion Hotel at Chester. He subsequently kept the Birkenhead Hotel, and for years rented, along with his brother, the Birkenhead Royal Mail Ferry from the Corporation of Liverpool, and also the Tranmere Ferry at a later period. He was well known and very highly respected in connection with these and other schemes, and on his retirement from business he carried with him the respect of every one who had had any dealings with him. Bro. Willoughby served his fellow citizens in various ways, being a churchwarden in St. Mary's Church, Birkenhead; a commissioner of the township; a poor law guardian; and one of the original promoters of St. Catherine's National Schools. By his fellow citizens he was highly esteemed and loved for his upright, gentle, and charitable character.

The deceased had been a prominent member of the Masonic Order for the long period of nearly half a century. Indeed, Bro. Willoughby and the late Bro. Clarke Rampling, architect, who died a fortnight ago, were amongst the oldest members of the fraternity in this country. The Mersey Lodge, No. 477 (Birkenhead), the first in the Hundred of Wirral, was founded 34 years ago, Bro. Rampling being the first W.M., and Bro. Willoughby the second. The latter had previously been W.M. of one of the Chester Lodges. He was some years Treasurer of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, now in existence for 12 years, having during that time educated 40 children, many of whom have received grants of money to advance them in life. The funeral on Saturday last was attended by a large number of friends, and an unusually large assembly of brethren belonging to the various lodges and chapters.

The following Royal Arch Chapters were represented:—Fidelity, 477, Birkenhead; Zion, 537, Birkenhead; De Tabley, 605, Seacombe; Grosvenor, 721, Chester. The lodges represented were the Cestrian, Chester, 425; Mersey, Birkenhead, 477; Zetland, Birkenhead, 537; Combermere, Seacombe, 605; Warren, Seacombe, 1276; and Rock, Rock Ferry, 1289. The Mark Master Mason lodges represented were the Joppa, 1A, Birkenhead; and the Egerton, Rock Ferry. Amongst the brethren in attendance were the following:—Bros. J.P. Platt, P. Prov. G.H. Cheshire; William Bulley, P. Prov. G.H. Cheshire; T. Platt, P.G.H. Cheshire; F. K. Stevenson, P. Prov. G.D. Cheshire; E. Harbord, P. Prov. G.S. Cheshire; J. B. Hignett, P.M. 537; T. E. Hignett, P.M. 537; J. Griffiths, P.M. 477; S. Jones, P.M. 477; R. Gracie, P.M. 477; H. Martin, P.M. 477; J. M. Radcliffe, P.M. 605; T. Leighton, P.M. 705; J. Williams, P.M. (Chester), 425; Donald Fraser, W.M. 477; E. Haddon, W.M. 605; Dr. Wilson, W.M. 537; W. M. Asher, R. Rhodes, J. Alsop, H. O. Jones, George Mowll, C. Cook, Charles Marsh, B. Elvis, William Corrie, W. Worrall, jun., T. Roden, Richard Hinton, Robert H. Hughes, M. Mc'Nerney, Richard Ackerley, T. Dixon, Gallagher, John Walker, Godfrey, Davis, W. H. Hime, H. Green, and others. Each Freemason wore a spray of acacia as the Masonic emblem of purity.

The Rev. Canon Knox, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Rigby, officiated at the last service over the remains of his old friend. At the close of the service the brethren placed on the coffin, in a solemn manner, the sprigs of acacia which they had worn during the procession.

## BRO. FRANCIS ROBINSON HOOD.

Bro. Hood died at his residence, 20, Union-street, Deptford, on Thursday, March 25th. He was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, (No. 871), on February 22nd, 1871, and continued a subscribing member until his death. He never took office in the lodge, as he entered the order late in life, and was in ill health for many years before his decease. He was an annual subscriber to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He held a prominent position in the town in which he resided. No brother could possibly be more respected than he was. A sorrowing widow and family lament their heavy loss.

## BRO. JOHN WILLIAM REED.

Bro. Reed died on Saturday, March, 20th, at the early age of 29 years. He was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, 871, on January, 22nd, 1868, and after filling several offices, was installed W.M. in February, 1872. He did good suit and service to Masonry, for he was a Life Governor to the Boys' and Girls' School, serving the office of Steward to the Boys', he being the only Installed Master of his lodge, who had been initiated in it, that was a Life Governor to both institutions. His good example was, in a measure, followed by one of his successors. Bro. William Myall, P.M., became a Life Governor of the Girls' School; and another, Bro. G. Andrews, P.M. of the Male and Female Annuities. Some of his predecessors in the chair, who had been joining members, were Life Governors and Vice-Presidents of the Masonic charities. He was exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry in the Pythagorean Chapter 79. He was buried on Thursday, March 25th,

He has left a father, brothers, widow, and family, to lament his early death. He died of consumption, after a long and protracted illness of intense suffering, which he bore with Christian resignation.

## BRO. JOHN HOLMES FUDGE.

Bro. Fudge, we regret to say, died on Thursday morning, March 18th. He was initiated in the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, on November 9th, 1867, he being the first person initiated after the lodge had been consecrated in October 1867. He served every office in the lodge, and was last year Senior Warden. His wife died a short time before his election as W.M. last year. When his time came for election, in consequence of his loss and failing health, he declined being elected into the chair. He in a quiet and unobtrusive manner worked well in the cause of Masonry. He was an annual subscriber to the Male Annuity of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He has left nine children to lament the heavy loss they have sustained in the irreparable death of one of the best of fathers and a thorough Mason.

## MONUMENT TO THE LATE PROV. G. MASTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

Last Sunday, a ceremony of a peculiarly interesting nature took place at the handsome church of St. Mary's, Rufford, near Ormskirk, where a monument to the memory of the late Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Thomas George Fermor Hesketh, Bart., M.P. for West Lancashire, was unveiled in the presence of a numerous and influential congregation, comprising some of the best county families, and a goodly gathering of Freemasons. The monument has been erected by the eldest son of the deceased F. G. Fermor Hesketh, Esq., at a cost of 1000 guineas, and is placed in the corner of the north side of the chancel chapel. It is a recumbent figure in marble of the deceased baronet, weighing about three tons, resting on an alabaster tomb of great magnificence, bearing the simple inscription “Sacred to the memory of Sir Thomas George Fermor Hesketh, Bart., M.P., born January 11th, 1825; died August 20th, 1872.” The whole subject and design have been admirably conceived and carried out by Mr. Noble, the eminent sculptor, of London. Afternoon service began at three o'clock. Prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., West Lancashire, the beloved and much respected rector of the parish of Rufford—the church having a history which extends back 600 years. The lessons for the day were read by the Rev. J. Sperling, of Eccleston, and a very eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Cross, of St. Andrews, Southport, who took his text from the 27th chapter of St. Matthew, verse 60, “And they rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.” In the course of his discourse the preacher pointedly alluded to the many excellent qualities which had marked the late baronet, and spoke of the peculiar propriety of the monument they had that day met to unveil. It may be interesting to know that the Freemasons of West Lancashire have erected a marble font, certainly the finest in this part of the country as a mark of respect to the memory of their deceased P.G.M. Although the church contains a reredos, pulpit, reading desk, a real Flaxman tablet, and illuminated windows of great beauty, there is nothing at all to be compared to this really magnificent font, which is solid enough to last for centuries. The basin is formed of the red Victoria marble, weighing about one ton, supported by fine marble shafts of various colours, elegantly carved, and resting on two steps of Belgium or St. Ann's marble. The font has been erected by Messrs. Stubbs, of Liverpool, and will prove alike creditable to them and honourable to the Freemasons of West Lancashire. It is expected that there will be a Masonic demonstration at Rufford when the font is completed and given over for use in the Church.

## Masonic Tidings.

Our Royal Grand Master is at Nice.

Bro. Emra Holmes, whose recent lecture at Colchester, on “Public Speaking,” is about to be published in our contemporary, the “Masonic Magazine,” gave a reading, à la Bellew, at the Working Mens' College, Ipswich, last week, when about 400 were present, and numbers were turned away from the doors. The reading comprised selections, grave and gay, from Shakespeare, Hood, Arthur Sketchley, Gerald Massey, and others. Bro. Holmes is to give another reading at Colchester, during the present month.

The Right Hon. Lord Waverley, Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, has appointed V.W. Bro. the Rev. Chas. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec., as Stewards for the Province of Suffolk, at the installation of the Prince of Wales. No appointment could have been more popular in the province.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.—On Tuesday last Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Arthur reached London, on his return from a visit to Egypt. He had left Paris on Monday evening by the mail train which starts from the Northern terminus at a quarter to eight, and had crossed the Channel from Calais to Dover, landing at four in the morning. His Royal Highness arrived at Charing Cross Station at ten minutes past six o'clock. There were in attendance on the Duke of Connaught three or four gentlemen of his suite, who accompanied him in a royal saloon carriage from Dover. Several of the Queen's carriages were in waiting at the Charing cross terminus of the South-Eastern Railway, and his Royal Highness drove at once to Buckingham Palace.

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## NOTICE.

With reference to the statement of the *Times* that "Certificates are required to be countersigned by the Secretaries," it is entirely incorrect and unfounded.

## INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

We understand that after providing for all the qualified members of Grand Lodge there will be one Master Mason's ticket for each lodge that has made application.

## DRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

With regard to this most important point we are in a position to say, that the following regulations on the subject will be printed on the cards for admission. We request our brethren carefully to note the rules and arrangements thus laid down. "Brethren to appear in evening dress (or black frock coats), white gloves, and full Masonic Craft clothing. Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters must, in addition, wear the collar and jewels of their respective offices. Provincial Grand Officers—the collars and jewels of the lodges and offices, respectively, in right of which they attend as members of Grand Lodge. Non-commissioned officers of the regular service in full dress uniform will be considered in evening dress. Volunteers must not appear in uniform. No jewels or emblems to be worn but those appertaining to Craft or Royal Arch Masonry. Brethren are recommended to bring their Grand Lodge certificates, as they

cannot be admitted unless the Stewards in charge of the entrance are satisfied of their identity. This ticket is not to be given up, but is to be produced for inspection whenever required by the Stewards on duty. The places in the hall have been determined by ballot. A seat is provided for every brother to whom a ticket has been issued. Brethren are therefore expected to proceed quietly to the places assigned to them. Brethren bringing coats and hats must take them in the hall and place them under their seats out of view. The use of this ticket is an engagement by the brother named thereon to conform to all the regulations made by authority of the Grand Master. By command of the M.W. Grand Master. (Signed) John Hervey, Grand Secretary."

## THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

We think it well to give our friendly readers and the Craft a few words of fraternal advice and warning. Some lodges, it seems, despite the cautionary directions of the official circulars, are sending in the names of all their brethren, on the ground, we suppose, that if there is to be an allotment of tickets at the last, they may stand well as to numbers in the distribution. Now, we venture to think, and to say, that in so acting, they are not behaving quite fairly to the authorities, as they are giving them much increased trouble. It is not likely, as a general rule, that one half of the members of any lodge will attend, and as W. Masters are desired to return only the names of those who *really mean to attend*, we trust that they will consider a little the very heavy labours of those excellent brethren who have the arrangements of the gathering and the apportionment of the tickets. We trust, that all who are in authority in our lodges will endeavour strictly to comply with the rules and regulations laid down, and appreciate the evident desire of the central authorities and officials to be fair and considerate to all.

## THE GREAT CITY LODGE.

The visit of our Bro. the Lord Mayor and other civic authorities to this new and most flourishing lodge, specially and fully recorded in our last impression, seems to have been a most successful and enjoyable one. We are glad to read such a list of visitors, we congratulate its worthy W.M. on so pleasant a "soiree." It puts us in mind, as we con over the names of those who gathered round the hospitable board, of what the oldest Masonic MS. still preserves for us, of the habits of our operative forefathers in their Grand Assembly.

And the grete burges of that syte,  
They were there alle in their degre.

We heartily endorse all that was said about the friendly feeling that should ever exist between our ancient fraternities and the civic authorities of the oldest municipality in England, of the first municipality in the world. At this moment the important office of Lord Mayor is filled by our worthy and respected Bro. W. H. Stone, while the President of the Board of General Purposes is the Town Clerk to the venerable municipality; Bro. Ellis and Bro. Shaw, the two Sheriffs, are also Free and Accepted Masons. Several other members of the corporation belong to our Order, among them our excellent Bro. J. Symonds, and Bro. Horace Jones. We sincerely trust that the "entente cordiale" may long continue and increase as years move on. Freemasonry has yet but existed superficially so to say, in the city. We believe that it yet has to find there "a local habitation and a name," and probably a good hall, in which most of the City lodges could meet, would give impetus to its advance, and confer permanency on its existence. We hope to be privileged to record many more such truly fraternal reunions.

## THE BANK HOLIDAY.

Though as Masonic journalists we are very wisely stopped from all purely political remarks and reveries, we are not prohibited, so far as we are aware, from noticing from time to time, some of those many social questions and usages

which crop up in the onward passage of years, and the peaceful progress of mankind. We confess we are amongst those who fully approve of Bank Holidays. We think that many of us will remember the old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and most true it has proved like many others in the history of our Anglo-Saxon human race, and especially in Great Britain. We hear sometimes violent diatribes against the improvident and reckless habits of the operative population. But it may be fairly said of them, we contend, after much experience of their ways and feelings, that their virtues are their own, their vices the consequences, more or less, of social anomalies or exceptional causes. Given the same conditions to start with, there is no possible reason why our laborious fellow countrymen, or that important class which fills our banks, counting-houses, and warehouses, should not be every whit as intelligent, as self-restrained, as prudent, as well-conducted, as their "betters," to use a common form of expression. But until quite lately, the condition of these great classes was one of hard toil, so that the pursuit of material enjoyment, nay even of excessive relaxation, was the inevitable result of the long strain upon the human machine. We were in the parks on Monday, and we saw many hard-working clerks and workers, with their wives and children, enjoying the fresh air, and the verdure of those great lungs of London. No doubt the same scene was witnessed elsewhere in many crowded localities. We can conceive nothing better for the classes mainly interested, or indeed for every section of the community. Prince Albert said years ago, and no truer or wiser words have been uttered in our generation, that the "interest of the most widely contrasted classes," was, after all, "identical," and any legislation which tends to draw us all closer together, to give a stronger and kindlier cohesion to our social system, which lightens labour and takes away a little, if even for one hour, from the often depressing influences of toil, ought to be welcomed by the patriot, the philanthropist, and the Freemason. Sure we are of this, that with some faults and some errors, the result for the most part as, we said before, of much mistaken policy, the English people possesses in itself, the germs of the finest character the world has ever seen. Respectful and yet independent, loyal and peaceable, orderly and tractable, faithful to their employers, and most deeply attached to their kith and kin, they deserve, as they will no doubt receive in the wiser arrangements of administrative Government to-day, all that consideration, and all those social ameliorations, which will assuredly increase the general and domestic happiness of our nation, and render more stable the sacred institutions of home and Fatherland.

## THE NEW GENERATION.

One of the most popular topics of the "high falutin" writers just now, appears to be, the intense wickedness and worthlessness of the new generation. One might almost fancy such scribes were wishful to take a leaf out of the book of those excellent men, Messrs. Moody and Sankey; to denounce, like the eloquent Mr. Stiggins, the wickedness of all around him, except one or two chosen "vessels." No doubt when Mr. D'Israeli, in the memorable pages of "Coningsby," put into the mouth of a great nobleman, "these are evil days for the new generation," he struck a chord which vibrated through many sensibilities. But time has passed on, the changes of the world have been many, and that suffering generation has vanished in turn, and here we are, on the whole, as "well as can be expected," at any rate to-day, and with numberless signs of prosperity, loyal order, and peaceful progress. It is well we think, then, never to allow ourselves to give way on any pretence to hasty censures of persons and events, or to a morbid view of things in general. The world, after all, is pretty much the same from generation to generation. Particular epochs may have special characteristics and possibly have, but on the whole, the normal state of the world and of mankind varies very little. "In the long run," said some one of old, "most things find



their level here," and most true it is, that time, which carries everything away, heals most of the wounds and softens most of the changes it inflicts, and leaves us at last pretty much the same. It always has been the position of the passing generation to condemn the new one jostling it, and thrusting it on one side. The "post-nati," as good old Counsellor Pleydell said, have the advantage in a great measure of us old boys, and so we old boys get angry, and like angry people, some times inconsistent, are not very particular or uniform in the complaints we make, or the charges we bring forward. The "sensational" writer of to-day goes in for the "entire animal," and roundly asserts that there never was such a reckless, such a dissolute, such an ignorant, such a hypocritical lot, as those who are to succeed us. Well, we think the view is a morbid one, and the complaint exaggerated, and the position unreal. For curiously we ourselves remember almost the very same words when we ourselves were young. Then we were told, in sonorous emphasis, that we were headstrong and unmanageable, regardless of authority, and disobedient to rule. Then we were assured that our fathers behaved better than we did, and yet here we are repeating the same good old song to the ears, it may be, of laughing and chaffing youth. We, therefore, do not believe in the especial heinousness of the habits of this generation, as if beyond all preceding generations, in folly and perversity, though we do manfully avow our opinion—that there is much room for improvement. We are inclined to think that the "cram" system has a good deal to do with the alleged ignorance, the superficial acquirements of many of our young men. "Students' Humes" and other students' manuals are our utter abomination. Many of our boys, fine lads themselves, crammed like little quails in the poulterer's shops, for a special examination, know nothing correctly, and have mastered nothing thoroughly. As long as they can satisfy the examiners, as long as they are not "spun," that is all they seem to care for. They do not study for knowledge, or learning, or mental improvement, but for the "competitive examination," or the "qualifying examination," and when that object is gained they dismiss—as scarcely worth a thought, the crammed-up information of months. Hence our young men, as a fact, are behind our young ladies in everything, and once again in our history, if society is to be leavened with a purer spirit, and raised from its "slough of despond," our women must come to the rescue. There is no doubt that young men talk in society, of a good many things we kept to ourselves and there seems, therefore, generally to be a greater, "watershed" of evil in society. But as everything finds its level here, as we before observed, this very vicious freedom of speech has a counterpoise in the reaction sure to arise in all pure and gentle and ingenuous minds. We do not then, despite much that has been said, believe that our young men are essentially worse than our older generation, though they are fonder than they were of talking of themselves, and "trying to astonish the Browns." That there are many foolish young men in society, we do not attempt to dispute, who lead very dissolute lives, and say many silly words, and do many deplorable deeds. But so it has always been, and much as we regret it, much as we condemn it, it is not a new evil, but one which each age has successively witnessed. We do not think that "Young Masonry" is as yet, happily much to be blamed; it may be a little hasty in its opinion, and fidgetty under restraint, but such are always attributes of youth. We do not believe, however, that much good comes either from jeremiades or denunciations. Our experience of life tells us that man is not only a "gregarious," but a "combative animal," and we do not "fancy" that he is ever much improved, either by "tall talk" or "high falutin." We especially deprecate the illogical generalization of many writers just now on this topic, the "post hoc, proper hoc," in which so many like to indulge, as though it may be very fine writing, it is to our minds extremely inconsequential and hopelessly unsound. We deprecate all uncharitable judgments and morbid anticipations, the nervous irritability of third rate intellects. The eminent physician was quite right who said to a mooning and agitated patient "put your feet in

water, drink a glass of warm brandy and water before you go to bed, don't excite yourself, don't worry yourself with trifles, and please go to sleep."

#### OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

Anything which concerns our illustrious Grand Master must be a subject of deep interest to us, his loyal brother craftsmen. The announcement of the *Times* that our Royal Brother intends to visit India in the autumn is a matter of the deepest gratification to our Order. It is very characteristic of our Royal Family that they are ever to be found visiting and warmly sympathizing with all the different dependencies of our great empire; and the visit of the Prince of Wales to Hindustan is in itself a very striking event. In that far, yet fascinating land, dear to Englishmen, from the lives and valour of our "white-faced children," which, someone has said, "has been won by English valour and is now preserved by English pluck," there is hardly a palm grove or a jungle, hardly a hill or a vale, or a winding river which is not endeared to us by the graves and deeds of our own flesh and blood. Indeed British India constitutes in itself almost a romance. From the time of the first merchant adventurers until Clive with a handful of men won Plassy, and established our dominion, through the laurels of the great Duke, the victories of Lord Gough and Lord Napier, the quelling of the cruel mutiny, Anglo-India life is but a recapitulation of all that is devoted, and daring, and true in English history. We have had amid nearly 180 millions of people, a little phalanx of "heroic women" and stout hearts, whom nothing has hindered and nothing has daunted. When the Prince of Wales lands in India he will see a mighty Empire, won by the stalwart prowess of his race, and he will meet with countless millions speaking a strange language, worshipping other gods, yet bowing down before the peaceful sovereignty of Victoria. The meeting of the Indian Princes, with the Heir Apparent to the English throne will be a great, important, and an affecting one. He may be said to go in the name of the Sovereign, to confirm to those masses of people, all the very sincere declarations of the English Government of wise laws, civilizing arrangements, and equal rights, and just rule. In that strange and still mysterious land he will be able to point to a wise administration, and a contented people, and in the assurance of his sympathy with the princes and the people of Hindustan, he will no doubt greatly advance, there, by his royal presence, the progress of improvement and the prospects of peace. India has a great future before it, and under the directing and controlling influence of the Anglo-Saxon will, and truth, and high courage, and noble aims, we trust that many years of tranquil happiness and expanding civilization will be the lot of that numero us portion of the human race.

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have at length received the official list of the candidates for the Boys' School, that is, within the last few days, though we believe a list was published we presume on some official authority, some time back. Not however being favoured with such information, we can only deal with it, when it reaches us, officially. There are 48 candidates and 8 vacancies; fourteen candidates were elected last October. Of the present candidates, fourteen come from London, four from Hants, two from Cumberland, Kent, Devonshire, East Indies, Durham, East Lancashire, Dorsetshire, each; and one from each of the following provinces or districts: St. Helena, Gloucestershire, South Wales, Northamptonshire, Foreign Stations, Staffordshire, Gibraltar, Constantinople, Cheshire, Middlesex, West Yorkshire, Cambridgeshire and Warwickshire. This enumeration will suffice to show how cosmopolitan are alike the claimants for, and the operation of the benefits of the Boys' School. Indeed, it is an institution whose needs the Craft last year most surely testified of. We regret to note that only eight candidates out of forty-eight applicants can be elected this year—eight admitted, forty left out in the cold. Could not something be done to make a supplemental election in honour of the installation of

our Royal Grand Master by special exertions, or an emergency fund? We believe that at a small outlay, many more boys can be admitted, and would it not be worthy of our great Order in honour of this auspicious event in the annals of English Freemasonry to try and reduce this sad margin of disappointed hopes and expectations? We observe that in the *Times* it is stated sixteen of the boys have passed the Cambridge Middle Class Local Examination, and we hope that the statement is correct. We wish all prosperity to the Boys' School, and we trust that Bro. Binckes may have a good field day on the 30th June. We congratulate the Province of West Yorkshire on having already a Steward's list of over £400.

#### AMERICAN MASONIC LITERATURE.

We alluded, a fortnight ago, to the memorial volume of the "Dedication Memorial of the new Masonic Temple at Philadelphia." We have since received the volume, and nothing but the very crowded state of our columns prevented our reviewing it last week. We had prepared a review of it for next week's *Freemason*, but we prefer to refer our readers to the remarks of our able and respected Bro. W. J. Hughan. It is really a most remarkable book in every way, most admirably edited, and reflecting every credit on its compilers, and the great cause it represents. It will possess the deepest interest for future generations of Freemasons. The following worthy and distinguished brethren were entrusted by unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with the editorial duties, and right well have they fulfilled their task: Bros. Charles G. Meyer, Mark Richard Muckle, Robert H. Pattison, W. A. Burkhardt, Charles H. Ide, John L. Young, and Phineas Garrett. Of these the worthy and valued Rev. R. H. Pattison has gone to his rest before the completion of their noble labours. It is a work American Freemasonry may be proud of.

#### THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION.

The *Times* of Thursday has the following paragraph with reference to the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master:—

"Yesterday was the last day on which returns could be received by Grand Lodge of the members of English lodges who desire to be present at the installation of the Prince of Wales in Albert Hall, and so great is the demand of the brethren that Grand Secretary John Hervey has sent a notification to foreign lodges to the effect that as the building selected for the ceremony will not more than suffice for the English brethren who desire admittance, places cannot be given to deputations of foreign lodges, and the applications from these were exceedingly numerous. As it is, the admissions to Albert Hall on the occasion will be very restricted, and a Steward from each London lodge, in most instances the Worshipful Master, and two from each Provincial Grand Lodge, will regulate the actual admission of the brethren, and three additional safeguards will be taken that those admitted are personally known, that they have with them their certificates signed by themselves and countersigned by the Secretaries, as well as tickets of admission, which they can only obtain through the Masters of their lodges. The Worshipful Masters of Lodges, Wardens, and Past Masters, the constituent members of Grand Lodge, will themselves only gain admission on this occasion by having sent in their names through their Worshipful Master or the Secretary of their lodge, and of the brethren of the lodges. As only a certain number of tickets can be allotted, ballots will be held for these, but none under the rank of a Master Mason is eligible even to take part in the ballot. Under no circumstance can any but subscribing Masons to a lodge be admitted. Among the host of applications for admission beyond those of the brethren entitled and beyond those of the Master Masons who will share in the ballot have been large numbers for the Press—so large a number, indeed, that a great amount of space would be taken up if they were granted. The Grand Lodge will, however, recognise none but those members of Grand Lodge who have been authorised to supply Press reports, the right of reporting the proceedings in all lodges being strictly reserved, and the Craft is not disposed to extend the limits of this privilege in the performance of a ceremony which will contain forms guarded not only from "cowans and intruders," but from the eyes of young, incautious, and indiscreet brethren. Sir Albert Woods, the Garter King at Arms, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, will direct the proceedings.

The anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 11th of May.

Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., has accepted the Provincial Grand Mastership of West Riding, Yorks, at the invitation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

Bro. H. A. Dubois has been appointed Secretary to the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, in place of Bro. Edwin Sillifant, deceased.

## 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 INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES  
AS M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is extremely gratifying to observe the efforts which are being made by the executive of Grand Lodge to ensure the comfort of the brethren at the approaching installation of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. on the 28th of this month, and I have no doubt all and every arrangement will be as satisfactory to the Craft as it is possible for them to be. Part of the special Stewards will probably act as scrutineers (accidentally printed sentinels in my last letter to you), others would, I should think, be appointed to see the brethren take their proper seats according to their names and the numbers on the tickets, corresponding with the number on the seat allotted to them. I would suggest that the brethren should be admitted by different coloured tickets.

Say Grand Lodge, Blue; Grand Stewards, Red; Provincial Officers, Blue and White; Past Masters and Wardens, Pale Blue; Master Masons, White; and that a large banner (calico would answer the purpose), should be placed over each entrance corresponding with the colour or pattern of the tickets to be admitted at that door. This would tend to prevent confusion, and greatly facilitate ingress.

I would also suggest to the brethren, not to go without their certificates, as, in the event of not being known to the scrutineers, and not vouched for by some well-known brother, they might be spared the disappointment of not obtaining admission.

And I beg to assure the brethren there are very strong reasons, (whether well founded or not), for urging the adoption of this suggestion.

Yours fraternally, JOHN BOYD, P.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It being decided that a jewel to commemorate the above event should be struck, to be worn by the brethren acting as Stewards on the occasion, do you not think it would be a splendid opportunity to benefit the whole of the Masonic Charities by extending the privilege of wearing the jewel to the whole of the members of the Grand Lodge, such as Past Masters, Masters, and Wardens, or even to the whole of the brethren who attend on the occasion, it being understood that they should give a subscription of one guinea to one of the charities, which could be easily managed by the subscriptions being sent to the Grand Secretary's Office, at which place the jewels could be obtained or forwarded to Provincial brethren. As a London brother, and also a subscribing member to provincial lodges, and knowing the large number who intend being present, I apprehend that not less than from £7000 to £8000 would easily be obtained in that manner. The jewel would be a gratification to the brethren, the subscription a benefit to the charities, and the event a red letter day in the annals of Masonry. Should you deem this worthy of consideration, kindly grant space for this letter in your next issue.

Yours fraternally, M.E.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to add my suggestion to the rest, by expressing a hope that brethren acting as Stewards on this occasion will be permitted to wear some "special" jewel as a recompense for the labours they will undertake and perform, distinct from a mere commemorative jewel, which may be bestowed on the Order in general.

I also trust that members of the Craft who may be photographers may be engaged to take views, which might be sold for the benefit of the charities.

Could not some opportunity be given to ladies to view the hall after the ceremony—just a quiet march past the throne.

Yours faithfully and fraternally, N. R., W.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Feeling deeply for the W.M., who does not possess a dress coat, I beg to enclose the following advertisement out of the *Standard* of the 26th March, which may enable him to tide over this difficulty, without preventing him from becoming a life subscriber to the Masonic Boys' School.

Yours fraternally, A RUSTIC BRIDGE.

"DRESS COATS LENT. \_\_\_\_\_ of 13, \_\_\_\_\_ street, \_\_\_\_\_ lends the finest of Clothes for all occasions. Also Ladies' Riding Habits, Opera Cloaks, and Glasses. The Largest Stock of superior Clothes in London."

## THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any of your correspondents learned in Masonic Archaeology, inform me what is the meaning of the letters P.X.J.H., now used by officials of "The Order of the Temple," so called, after their signatures?

Yours fraternally, CHAS. J. BURGESS.

The Directors of the "Hackney Public Hall Company, Limited," have altered their title to that of the "Hackney Public and Masonic Hall Company, Limited," and propose to adopt the plans of the front portion of their building, now in course of erection, by Messrs. Jno. Waldram & Company, of Kingsland-road, for Masonic purposes.

## Reviews.

"Dedication Memorial of the new Masonic Temple, Philadelphia." A review by BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

This grand and superb book has been already much admired; and no wonder, for it is without an equal of its kind, and Masonically immortalizes the Library Committee, to whom its compilation and publication was entrusted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The names of the brethren selected for such an important undertaking were Charles Eugene Meyer (Chairman); M. Richards Muckle, the Rev. Robert H. Pattison, D.D.; William H. Burkhardt, Charles K. Ide, Treas.; John L. Young, and Phineas Garrett, Sec.; who engaged to complete the work on their own responsibility, which meant a pecuniary loss of several hundreds of dollars, and not only considerable trouble in the providing the material, but also much anxiety during the progress of the several portions of the work. The volume has been produced through a wise division of labour, and a most judicious selection of assistants in the enterprise, represented by F. Faas, engraver; Thomas Hunter, lithographer; Collins, printer; J. Fagan and Son, stereotypers; and Claxton, Remsen, and Haffelfinger, of Philadelphia, publishers. The photographic artist for the various views of the exterior and interior of the extraordinary building, is the skilful Bro. Gutekunst, who had previously issued some really excellent views of the Masonic Temple. Each of the thousand copies of the work bears the certificate signed in facsimile by the committee, with the number of the copy inserted, and there is a complete list of the subscribers printed, including only some eight brethren under the Grand Lodge of England. Had it not been for the copies being so quickly applied for, and had it been known that the "Memorial volume" was to assume its present imposing character, many more would have gladly subscribed. Unfortunately, it is now too late, unless the library committee decide to publish a second edition, which we hope they will do.

We should state that the typographical merits of the volume are of the highest class, and reflect the greatest merit on all concerned. The size of the type is most pleasing to the eye, and a more judicious arrangement of the contents seems to us impossible.

The "Introduction" declares that the "volume is given to the Masonic world without any claim to originality." Certainly there is no such claim made, but any who would infer the absence of originality because of the statement, would err indeed.

The committee, each in their own departments, have not only presented in a connected form all the incidents of interest connected with the Masonic Temple—the grandest in the wide world—but the work contains a really valuable sketch of the history of Freemasonry down to the present time, evidently written by a brother well skilled in the art of Masonry, and thoroughly conversant with the eventful career of the Craft.

Various important documents have been carefully transcribed, and inserted to elucidate certain doubtful points, and an interesting letter is given in reduced facsimile, which was sent by Bro. Lawrence Dermott, Grand Sec. of the "Grand Lodge according to the old Constitutions," to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Jan. 11th., 1765, the earliest of its kind so far published in any Masonic work.

In it is also clearly proved that so far Philadelphia has established its claim to possess evidence of being the oldest Masonic city in the United States, a lodge having been warranted there as early as A.D. 1730 by Daniel Coxe, whose patent as Prov. G.M. for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, was dated June 5th., 1730, and issued by the authority of the Duke of Norfolk, M.W.G.M. of England. As this lodge was formed "during the fall" of 1730, and the patent as Prov. G.M. was only issued in June, it was scarcely possible to have constituted a lodge earlier, and so the "Keystone" state may await the trial with confidence.

The City of Philadelphia also establishes its claim to have built the first Masonic Hall in America, the subscription list for which, dated March 13th, 1754, forms a splendid facsimile—large and faithful—of the original document, which is interesting to all students of American Masonry.

We have not noticed any more special claims on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, excepting that, without doubt, the New Masonic Temple (which was dedicated in "Ample Form," in September, 1873) stands unrivalled for its grandeur, proportions and magnificence in the "Old Country," or the "New."

The "corner stone" was laid by the Grand Officers on the 24th June, 1868, in the presence of 10,000 Freemasons and a vast concourse of spectators, the gavel used by Bro. George Washington, at the laying of the corner stone of the Federal Capitol, being employed for the occasion. A capital photograph of the six Grand Officers who officiated follows the description. The total cost of this wonder of the Masonic world was more than a million and a half of dollars, or about £300,000.

The portion raised by a loan might have been doubled or trebled with ease, so well does the credit of the Grand Lodge stand in the estimation of the "outer world." The architect of the imposing structure was Bro. Jas. Windrim, of the Philadelphia Lodge Hope, No. 72, the plan being adopted by the Building Committee with great unanimity, and afterwards duly approved by the Grand Lodge.

We should state that no less than 12,000 Masons assembled to take part in the dedicatory procession, many Grand Lodges being represented, and no expense or pains were spared to make the ceremony in every sense a reflection of the noble principles of the Order. The Grand Lodge entered the building at three p.m., but it was not until six that the youngest lodge passed through its portals.

The photograph exhibiting the Grand Officers at the Dedication, contains three brethren who took part officially in the Corner Stone Ceremony, viz.: M.W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, G.M., (then S.G.W.), R.W. Bro. Alfred R. Potter, G.M. (then J.G.W.); and our well-beloved M.W. Bro. John Thomson, the Grand Secretary. Words fail us to adequately describe this great undertaking so successfully begun, continued and completed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and which the Memorial Volume, ably and graphically portrays, so we conclude by saying, "well done!"

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO BRO. SIR  
MICHAEL COSTA.

An invitation having been issued by the W.M. of Fidelity Lodge, 286, Leeds, to the brethren of the neighbourhood of Leeds to celebrate at a lodge of emergency the winter Festival of St. John on the 16th ult., about sixty members of the Craft assembled at the Masonic Hall, Carleton-Hill, Leeds, under the Mastership of Bro. William Spark, M.D., P.Prov.G.O. of West Yorkshire.

The object of this gathering of Masons was to welcome Sir Michael Costa on the occasion of his second visit to Leeds for conducting a performance in the Town Hall of his own oratorio of Eli. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.M. of the Saint Oswald's Lodge, 910, Pontefract, P.Z. 495, &c., was invited to present the address to Sir Michael Costa.

The Fidelity Lodge was opened by the W.M. at 5.30 p.m., the other officers being Bros. Bakewell, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; Dixon, S.D.; Ostler, J.D.; Rowbottom, I.G.; Rawling, Tyler. The Fidelity brethren mustered strongly. Amongst the visiting brethren we noticed—Bros. H. Smith, P.G. Secretary of West Yorkshire; Collinson, P.Prov.G.S.B. North and East Ridings; Dr. Taylor, of Bradford, Captain E. T. Clark, of Snaith, John Simpson, P.M., Castleford; R. Holmes, Sir Michael Costa, T. W. Tew, with several others from neighbouring lodges. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at 5.45 p.m. in the first degree. Bro. Sir Michael Costa was introduced to the lodge by the Deacons and Stewards of the lodge, the brethren rising whilst their distinguished brother took his seat on the right of the W.M., Bro. Tew, P.M., being requested to be seated on the left of the W.M. The Master of Ceremonies of the Fidelity Lodge called upon the brethren present to salute Bro. Sir Michael Costa in the manner becoming Sir Michael's Masonic rank.

The W.M. then briefly addressed Sir Michael Costa, and said how gratified he and all the brethren present were at the opportunity afforded them of giving a hearty Masonic welcome to Sir Michael, who was not only one of the most distinguished Masons—but one of the most accomplished musicians of the day, and that he had come to Leeds to conduct the performance of his own oratorio of Eli. The brethren of the Fidelity Lodge had drawn up an address which he hoped Sir Michael would accept as a testimony of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Craft, and which would be to him a record of the pleasure his second visit to Leeds had conferred. The W.M. would call upon Bro. Tew to present the address, which he had much delight in reading.

"The Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Fidelity at Leeds. No. 289, and in the province of West Yorkshire.

"To Bro. Sir Michael Costa.

"Tuesday, March 16, 1875.

"We, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren, of the Lodge of Fidelity, at Leeds, desire to convey to you, Sir Michael Costa, our hearty welcome on your visiting Leeds a second time; and this gratification is further enhanced that we are able to greet you as a distinguished member of the Ancient Order of Freemasons.

"Our sentiments towards you on this occasion of your coming amongst the brethren of the Craft are intensified by the recollection of the great pleasure you conferred upon all classes of the community at the Leeds Musical Festival last October.

"No one possessed of the smallest musical taste could but appreciate at that festival your masterly powers over masses of musicians, making choristers and performers so blend their voices and instruments together in one harmonious whole as if there had been but one single person sounding one single note.

Your talents as a conductor of mighty Oratorios always rule supreme, and by the best use of these thus give adequate interpretations of the sacred work of the giant masters of music, and which have universally received for their productions the hearty appreciation of all admirers of classical music.

Many times at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the Crystal Palace, and Provincial Town Halls, have we listened to your direction of the masterpieces of Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Rossini, Donizetta, and Verdi, and greatly have we been impressed with the genius of your abilities in giving full force and meaning to such oratorios as 'The Messiah,' 'The Creation, and your own composition 'Eli,' as well as those lighter sparkling works the *Barbiere de Siviglia*, *Don Giovanni*, *Der Freischutz*, *Robert le Diable*, *Lucrezia Borgia*, and *Fidelio*.

To-day then you have afforded us the opportunity of welcoming you in a Freemason's Lodge, and of offering our congratulations to an accomplished musician, as well as an eminent member of the brotherhood.

In conclusion we beg to assure you of the gratification you have conferred upon us by this visit, and we trust that the blessing of the Most High may ever rest upon you, and that it may please Him to grant you a long life, not only to fulfil the important duties attaching to your musical attainments, but that He may also long spare you



to adorn with your talents and accomplishments the land of your adoption.

"BRO. W. SPARK, MUS. DOC.,  
"P.P.G.O., W. MASTER."

"Masonic Hall, Carleton Hill, Leeds."

Bro. Spark, W.M., having read the address from his chair of office, called upon Past Master Tew to supplement it, who accordingly addressed Bro. Sir Michael Costa as follows:—

"Bro. Sir Michael Costa, Alpha Lodge, No. 16. The Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Fidelity, desire that as a P. Prov. G. S. W. of the Province of West Yorkshire, I should supplement an address which every brother present trusts you will be pleased to accept, with a few remarks in addition to those which have just fallen from the lips of the talented brother who has been elected to occupy the chair of this lodge for the year 1875.

The Lodge of Fidelity at Leeds, better known under its original number of 364 than 289, is not a lodge just recently established. It has now enrolled upon its books the names of upwards of 50 active members. Both from its old and rectified number on the registry of Grand Lodge of England, it will afford you gratification to learn the antiquity of this West Yorkshire Lodge of Fidelity at Leeds, and that the brethren are remarkable for the three grand principles embodied in the name of their lodge, Unity, Honesty, and Loyalty.

Leeds has much occasion to be gratified with this second visit within so short a time, and must long remember with pleasure your successful inauguration of the musical festival last October, which this town trusts, under the Mayor, who has chosen the motto "Mars denique Victor est," may prove a nucleus for the organization of triennial festivals.

In conducting at that festival, your masterly leadership gave adequate interpretations to works of such genius as the oratorios of St. Paul, Elijah, and The Messiah, as well as the lighter though equally difficult compositions Paradise and the Peri, and the Bride of Dunkerron, and we understand with pleasure that your abilities as a composer will be displayed to an appreciative audience in your own oratorio of Eli.

This is a work which I may say not alone as at Birmingham, when first introduced to an enthusiastic assembly, but in other large towns since 1855, has added laurels to your fame as an eminent musical composer.

We, then, who anticipate much pleasure in listening to Eli, cheerfully acknowledge on this present occasion, surrounded by the brethren of the Craft, who would have been more numerous could the invitations of the W.M. have been extended to the 2841 members of the 58 Masonic Lodges of West Yorkshire, that our first and chief ears as Freemasons is to extend to you the right hand of mystic fellowship, and welcome you as a brother in the midst of the Fidelity Lodge.

We greet you with respect because as a brother Craftsman you have, we believe, taken every degree which the orders of Freemasonry in this country can confer, and which few Masons amongst us have been endowed with equal abilities to merit.

Our next cause of rejoicing at this welcome of an accomplished member of the Craft is still further enhanced that we have as our guest this evening a brother amongst us who, in addition to all these Masonic distinctions, has himself attained the very highest position among the living musicians of the world.

The decorative honours which have been conferred upon you by the crowned heads of Europe, and which you are permitted to wear in this country, are tangible proofs of the high estimation in which you are held by the best beloved and most talented in the long catalogue of British Sovereigns.

Sir Michael, we cannot but feel proud of you, as a gentleman, an accomplished musician, and as the designer of the grand organ for the Alexandra Palace, but perhaps still more proud that these qualities and attainments adorn a member of the fraternity of Freemasons.

We hope therefore this, your second visit to Leeds, will be as gratifying to you as a musical composer, as the first in last October, and more especially in this ancient lodge, where the W. Master, also a scientific organist and musician, can doubly appreciate you as the guest of the Fidelity brethren.

Bro. Dr. Spark has rendered valuable services to the cause of Freemasonry in this country. His musical publications, freely given for the use of the Craft at all their gatherings, and in all their lodges, have earned for his usefulness well deserved respect. Dr. Spark long felt the urgent necessity of some fixed but classical standard of music, which should be recognized by the brethren generally, and should intensify the sublime dignity of our beautiful rites and ceremonies. In this object the W. Master has singularly succeeded, and by introducing good music at all our important gatherings has tended to increase their harmonious working in this country.

Long may you, Sir Michael, be able to devote yourself to disseminate amongst hundreds of people a love for sound classical music—as an art the most difficult and sublime of the seven liberal arts and sciences cultivated in a Fellow Craft's Lodge. May the Great Architect of the Universe grant you a long life to enable you still further to extend by new oratorios the genius of your abilities amongst all nations and all languages, so that when the Grand Geometrician of the Universe summons you from this earthly lodge to the everlasting lodge above, you may be permitted to join that grand chorus of all the Angels, Archangels, Cherubims, Seraphims, in the Celestial Lodge—sang, "Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.

May this crown of glory, and inheritance in the celestial lodge, be your everlasting grand reward.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa in returning thanks to Bro. Tew, the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Fidelity Lodge, said that he really did not know how to thank them sufficiently for the honour they had done him that day. He was an old and attached member of the Craft; he had worked hard for Freemasonry, for he loved it much, and more particularly English Freemasonry. English Freemasons did not, as was practised by Continental Freemasons, mix politics with Freemasonry, and the brethren in England were wise in not doing so. With reference to what had been said by the W.M. and Bro. Tew about his success in his profession, he could only observe that he had done his best to inculcate the love for classical music, and was thankful to God for what talents had been bestowed upon him. He had been much pleased with his visit to Leeds last October on the occasion of the musical festival, and he had noticed with pleasure the power and clearness of the Yorkshire voices. In again thanking the Lodge of Fidelity for the honour they had done him, Bro. Sir M. Costa said he should always look back upon this day as one of the happiest in his life.

The Lodge of Fidelity was closed in perfect peace and harmony at 6.20 p.m.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-hall of the Fidelity Lodge, where an excellent dinner was provided.

The musical arrangements, which were of an exceptionally excellent kind, were under the guidance of Bro. S. Sewell, Joe Wood, Fred. R. Spark, Hamilton Clarke, Walker, and the Organist of the Fidelity Lodge, J. P. Bowling. The words and the music were taken from Dr. W. Spark's "Liber Musicus."

ANNUAL BALL OF THE RED CROSS ORDER.

The annual ball given by the members of this degree was held on Wednesday evening at Willis's Rooms. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with unflagging energy till supper time. After this repast had been partaken of, the knights and ladies entered again with undiminished vigour into the spirit of the entertainment, and kept it up till an early hour in the morning of Thursday.

The arrangements made for the comfort and pleasure of the dancers were of the most approved description. The supper and refreshments during the evening were admirably supplied, and Coote and Tinney's band fully maintained its character of being the best in the profession. The surplus pecuniary proceeds of the ball will be given to the Masonic Charities and the Almoner's Fund of the Red Cross Order.

A fuller report will appear in our next.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following is the list of candidates for election on Monday, 12th April next, with the lodges and provinces to which their respective fathers belonged:—

- 1 James Thomas Marks, Medina Lodge, 35, Hants and I.W.
- 2 James Armytage, Buttrey, Royal Sussex Lodge, 342, Hants.
- 3 Henry Morrison Shipway, St. Helena Lodge, 488, St. Helena.
- 4 Robert Duff, Solway Lodge, 1220, Cumberland.
- 5 James Earl Storey Graham, St. Georges' Lodge, 140, Kent.
- 6 Charles Henry Cromwell, Zetland Lodge, 511, Gloucestershire.
- 7 William Reginald Hunter, Confidence Lodge, 193, London.
- 8 John Vincent Lee, Union of Waterloo Lodge, 13, London.
- 9 George Augustus Wimpey, Zetland Lodge, 511, London.
- 10 William Astle Cooke, Beaureper Lodge, 787, Derby.
- 11 Arthur David Kerr, Cambrian Lodge, 364, S. Wales, E.D.
- 12 John Tom Swallow, St. Peter's Lodge, 442, Northampton.
- 13 Donald Stewart Wharton Hambly, Lodge, St. John's, 70, Devon.
- 14 James Herbert Rees, St. Tudno Lodge, 755, N. Wales and Salop.
- 15 George Samuel Cox, Fortitude Lodge, 185, Devon.
- 16 Richard Thomas Gardner, Panmure Lodge, 720, London.
- 17 Leonard Wain, Pattison Lodge, 913, London.
- 18 Alfred Greville Vivian, United Strength Lodge, 228, London.
- 19 William Christopher Ludlow, Peace and Harmony Lodge, 359, Hants and I. of W.
- 20 George Randall Allison, Eastern Star Lodge, 95, London.
- 21 Richard George Head, Salopian of Charity Lodge, 117, N. Wales and Salop.
- 22 Gilbert Palmer S. Perrin, Moira Lodge, 92, London.
- 23 James Archibald Barclay, Union Lodge, 207, Foreign Stations.
- 24 Arthur F. Lemarchand, Harmony Lodge, 438, East Indies.
- 25 Percy James, Honour Lodge, 526, Staffordshire.
- 26 Victor Hugh Fairfield, Inhabitants Lodge, 153, Gibraltar.
- 27 William Henry Jackson, Royal Naval Lodge, 59, London.
- 28 Charles Frederick Austin, Williamson Lodge, 949, Durham.
- 29 Henry Walter Stock, Oriental Lodge, 687, Constantinople.
- 30 James Thomas London Slate, Vitruvian Lodge, 87, London.

- 31 James Sanders Davies, True Brothers Lodge, 609, India.
- 32 Charles Henry Jackson, Hope Lodge, 54, East Lancashire.
- 33 Elwood Blake Tibbits, Independence Lodge, 721, Cheshire.
- 34 Percy Norman Gingham, Mount Lebanon Lodge, 73, London.
- 35 John Henry Gurney, Royal Union Lodge, 382, Middlesex.
- 36 Alfred James Green, Honour and Friendship Lodge, 1266, Dorsetshire.
- 37 Charles Edgar Armitage, Eccleshill Lodge, 1034, West Yorkshire.
- 38 Wrightson Robert Bryant, Scientific Lodge, 88, Cambridge.
- 39 Robert Walter Keddell, Adams Lodge, 158, Kent.
- 40 Stanley Heppell Service, Fawcett Lodge, 661, Durham.
- 41 George William Stanton, Faith and Unanimity Lodge, 417, Dorsetshire.
- 42 George William Pinner, Euphrates Lodge, 212, London.
- 43 Alfred Christopher Quelch, Victoria Lodge, 1056, London.
- 44 Charles William Johnson, Temperance Lodge, 739, Warwick.
- 45 John Butterworth, Union Lodge, 129, Westmoreland.
- 46 George Arthur Dawson, Phoenix Lodge, 173, London.
- 47 Joseph Gover, Peace and Harmony Lodge, 359, Hants and Isle of Wight.
- 48 Thomas Smith Pilling, Royal Lancashire Lodge, 116, East Lancashire.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the general committee of this school was held on the 25th ult. in the library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major J. Creton, Vice-Patron, presided. The other brethren present were Bros. J. A. Rucker, S. Rosenthal, Richard Spencer, Robert B. Webster, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

There was very little business before the committee. The minutes of the former meeting, and of the house committee, having been read, authority was given to the chairman to sign cheques, and five petitions were read. The prayer of each was granted and the five candidates placed on the list for October election.

The committee then passed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and adjourned.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the Lodge of Benevolence held its customary monthly meeting. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, President; Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; and James Brett, Junior Vice-President. Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; John Savage, P.G.D.; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; William Smith, P.G.S.; Hogg, P.G.D.; Samuel May, P.G.S.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Cubitt, G.P.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer, Middlesex; and Bros. H. M. Levy, W. Mann, William Stephens, Bingeman, Marsh, Hogard, Hemming, and Rogers, were also present.

The sitting of the lodge was a prolonged one, as there were a great many cases before the lodge, some of them of a peculiarly distressing character. Grants to the amount of £125, made by the former lodge, were confirmed, and additional grants made to the amount of £505. One of these was of £100, and one of £50. Seven grants of £30 each were made; three of £20; eight of £10; and one of £5.

Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR GEORGE ELLIOTT M.P. P.G.S.W. Middlesex.—On Wednesday last a banquet, attended by upwards of a thousand persons, took place in the Market-Hall, in the city of Durham. At the same time a magnificent dessert service in silver, by Hunt and Roskell, was presented to Sir George. The service, consisting of ten pieces, cost £2000, and was subscribed for by friends and admirers of the hon. baronet. The Marquis of Londonderry occupied the chair, and made the presentation.

Tuesday's *Gazette* states that Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Factory and Workshops' Act to, among others, Bro. Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, Past Grand Senior Warden.

EGYPTIAN HALL.—As a rule, managers of entertainments give their patrons some extra novelties about Easter. Dr. Lynn, observing this good practice, presents to his visitors two lady pianists, the Sisters Gerbaldi, who at stated intervals play some most exquisite duets on two of Erard's grands, so that those who patronize Dr. Lynn's entertainments have just now an opportunity of witnessing some extraordinary feats of legerdemain and may alternate this by listening to some most delightful pianoforte recitals. The introduction of the Sisters Gerbaldi is an event in London musical circles.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—These remedies correct that state of the system which arises when the functions have been overworked, a low kind of inflammatory state arises in the blood, which is a fertile source of rheumatism and gout, the nerves partake of the general derangement and hence neuralgic pains so frequently occur, the acute suffering that ensues on the supervision of these pains must be felt to be understood. These pills strengthen and renovate the nervous system throughout, and consequently the whole bodily and mental functions are restored to vigour—they are of great value in those conditions of loss of tone, brought on by excess or free living, and in constitutions weakened by premature development or exertion.—ADVT.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**  
 For the Week ending Friday, April 9, 1875.

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3.**

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Prec.  
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound, Richmond.  
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

**MONDAY, APRIL 5.**

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 " 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.  
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 " 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-street.  
 " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 2319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.  
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.  
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.  
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.  
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-sr, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.  
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.  
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.  
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.  
 Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction (1178), Victoria Tavern, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, at 8; Bro. C. W. Kent, Preceptor.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6.**

Colonial Board, at 3.  
 Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.  
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.  
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.  
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.  
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.  
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.  
 " 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.  
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canonbury, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.  
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.  
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.  
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.  
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.  
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975) Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.**

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.  
 " 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway, at 5.  
 " 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich (Consecration).  
 Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
 Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.

Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent's Masonic Hall, Regent-street.  
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.  
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Prec.  
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.  
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.  
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.  
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor.  
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park.  
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havlock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9.**

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.  
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern.  
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.  
 " 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.  
 " 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, Craven-rd., W.  
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
 " 1475, Peckham, Victoria Tavern, Old Kent-road.  
 Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.  
 Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.  
 " 619, Beadon, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-street.  
 Preceptory 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.  
 Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arm's Hotel, Peckham Rye, W. W. Ayling, Hon. Sec.  
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W., at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.  
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.  
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9.**

" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.  
 Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, 33, Holden-square.  
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.  
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.  
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.  
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.  
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.  
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.  
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.  
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Brixton, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.  
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.  
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8, Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.  
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.  
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.  
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.  
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Precep.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, April 10, 1875.

**MONDAY, APRIL 5.**

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.  
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.  
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.  
 Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale, M.I., Liverpool, at 6.  
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6.**

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.  
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Mark Lodge 161, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale.  
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.**

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.  
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.  
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.  
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.  
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8.**

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fleetwood, near Preston.  
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 6.  
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9.**

Lodge 115, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
 " 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, near Birkenhead, at 7.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.**

 For the week ending Saturday, April 10, 1875.  
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

**MONDAY, APRIL 5.**

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.  
 " 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.  
 " 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.  
 " 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.  
 " 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.  
 " 556, Clydesdale, Crown-street Assembly Rooms.  
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6.**

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.  
 " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.  
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.  
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.  
 " 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.  
 " 198, Royal Arch, Maybole Town Hall, Maybole.  
 " 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.  
 " 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.  
 " 406, St. John, Dalziel Masonic Hall, Motherwell.  
 " 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.  
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.  
 " 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.**

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning.  
 " 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.  
 " 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.  
 " 86, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.  
 " 117, Partick St. Mary's, Partick.  
 " 126, St. Andrews, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
 " 128, St. John Shettleston, Shettleston.  
 " 166, St. John, 29, Graham-street, Airdrie.  
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-street.  
 " 442, Neptune, Kilwinning Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.  
 Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8.**

Lodge 88, New Monkland Town Hall, Airdrie.  
 " 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.  
 " 203, St. John, Operative Olive Hall, Airdrie.  
 " 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hotel, Dalry.  
 " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent road.  
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9.**

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Kilwinning Mission Hall, Dumbarton.