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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—An exceedingly strong meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Montpellier Tavern, Walworth. The proceedings commenced at a quarter-past four o'clock in the afternoon. The officers present were Bros. J. Wright, W.M.; Wise, S.W.; Macdonald, J.W.; Walton, S.D.; Allen, J.D.; Harris, I.G.; Wright, P.M., Treas.; Pulsford, P.M., Sec.; J. Potter, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M.; W. S. Stuart, A.D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of the officers, raised Bros. Hoborn, Colegrave, Wotton, Hadfield and Schrader to the sublime degree, passed Bros. Hooker, Creasy, Bunker, Russell and Gilbody, 1259, and initiated Mr. Mason. The ceremonies of each degree were ably and impressively performed by the W.M. By the unanimous vote of the lodge, the W.M. was elected to the position of Steward at the forthcoming installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It being the night of election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Wise, the S.W., was unanimously elected to fulfil the duties of that high and honorable position. Bro. Wright, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Beck, Stuart and Newsham appointed Auditors. The W.M. having, during his year of office, presented the lodge with a new set of collars, and in many other ways testified his zeal to discharge the duties of Master liberally, thoroughly, and efficiently, the brethren unanimously passed him a special vote of thanks, in addition to the customary Past Master's jewel, in testimony of their high appreciation of his conduct in the chair of K.S. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Wright, I.P.M., for his services as Treasurer. Several minor matters having been transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, catered for by Bro. Allatt. Among the visitors present were Bros. Dann, P.M. 75; W. Braham, P.M. 715; Walls, I.G. 141, 138, 1503, 1512; Harris, Domestic; Holmes, 1259; Gilbody, 1259; Sirgood, 1381; Charlton, 1446; Meadows. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honored and Bro. Fowler sang one verse of the "National Anthem." In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. expressed a hope that His Royal Highness would be many years spared to carry out the duties of that high position, and said he took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the honour they had bestowed upon him by electing him as Steward to represent the Southern Star at the great installation in the Albert Hall, which ceremonial would be an event unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry. The Grand Officer's toast followed, and the W.M. alluded to the loss the Pro Grand Master had recently suffered by the untimely demise of Lady Carnarvon. The I.P.M. then briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that it would be superfluous on his part to make any remarks upon Bro. Wright's merits after what had that day transpired in the lodge. This toast was heartily received, and the W.M. returned thanks. The initiate, Bro. Mason, according to ancient custom, was toasted, and made an excellent reply. The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," and in his speech alluded to several by name. This toast was received with great heartiness. Bro. Walls, in reply, said he was particularly gratified at having his name mentioned so flatteringly by the W.M. He had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Wright installed W.M. of the Southern Star in May last, and as he had personally known him some years, it was very gratifying to him to think that the arduous duties of W.M. had been carried out by his old friend and brother so well as to call forth so unusual an expression of appreciation from the brethren as he had witnessed that afternoon in open lodge. In conclusion he congratulated the lodge upon possessing so zealous a worker in the cause of Freemasonry as Bro. Wright; and he also said that their W.M. elect, Bro. Wise, would equal, if not surpass him in carrying out the duties of the chair of K.S. efficiently. Bros. Braham, Meadows and Sirgood also briefly responded. The toast of "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge" was then given, and severally responded to. In the intervals, the

brethren were entertained by the sentimental and humorous vocal efforts of Bros. Fowler, Walls, Meadows and Sirgood. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, and the lodge adjourned until May next.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge, which it may be remembered is formed from amongst the members of the First Surrey Rifles, was held at the head-quarters of the camp, Flodden-road, Camberwell, on Thursday evening, last week, and was well attended. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Messenger, the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot taken for C. H. Rugg, a candidate for initiation; and for Bro. Thomas Preston, F.C., Great City Lodge, as joining member. The ballot was unanimous in both cases. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Goldring and Hutchins were examined; and then opened in the third, and Bro. Goldring was raised in a most impressive manner. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master of Quebec, and Past Grand Master of Canada, was introduced by Bro. Major Irvine, P.M., and a deputation of Past Masters. Bro. Irvine explained that Bro. Graham was a member of the Legislative Assembly of the Dominion of Canada, a Doctor of Law, and an author of repute in North America. The W.M. greeted him cordially, and the brethren saluted him in accordance with his rank. Bros. Hutchins and Curnock were then separately raised to the sublime degree, and Mr. C. H. Rugg was duly initiated. Bro. J. H. Hastie, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Styan was re-elected Treasurer, and W. Grant, Tyler. It was then proposed and carried unanimously, that the Master Mason's ticket for the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, be placed at the disposal of the W.M.; and the W.M., after some highly complimentary remarks, said he knew he should be carrying out the wishes of the lodge by giving the much coveted ticket to the Secretary, Bro. Curtis. The brethren applauded the W.M.'s award, and a resolution to present a P.M. jewel to Bro. Messenger, on the completion of his year of office was proposed and carried unanimously. Bro. G. R. Steel, of No. 1 Lodge, and C. J. Henton, of No. 1441, were proposed as joining members, and will be balloted for at the next lodge meeting. It was then proposed by Bro. A. L. Irvine, P.M., and seconded by Bro. S. H. Wagstaff, P.M., "that a petition be sent to the Grand Lodge for permission to form a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Macdonald Lodge (No. 1216)." This was unanimously agreed to, and the lodge having been closed, adjourned to the corps mess-room, where the brethren and their distinguished visitor supped together and spent a very pleasant hour before parting. The brethren present included W. G. Messenger, W.M.; J. H. Hastie, (W.M. elect) S.W.; M. S. Lartham, J.W.; A. Styan, Treasurer; J. J. Curtis, Secretary; J. Hammond, S.D.; T. W. Carwell, J.D.; F. H. Cozens, Organist; C. Fountain, I.G.; and Bros. G. N. Bridges, I.P.M.; S. H. Wagstaff, P.M.; A. S. Irvine, P.M.; G. Waterall, P.M.; and Bro. T. G. Gardiner, (Colonel commanding 1st Surrey Rifles). Also Bros. C. E. Goldring, J. W. Holland, D. A. Ross, C. H. Nevill, J. Clay, B. B. Joy, T. A. Harper, J. B. Staley, F. Hutchins, A. C. Bradley, H. P. Jarman, W. A. Curnock, A. Youngman, J. D. Challoner, E. Eldridge, W. Gray, T. A. Fitzer, and W. C. Hale. Amongst the visitors were Bros. The Hon. J. H. Graham, LL.D., P.G.M. Canada, and G.M. Grand Lodge of Quebec; J. N. Greene, Union Lodge, No. 95, State of New York; N. B. Heaton, W.M. Great City Lodge 1426; G. R. Steel, No. 1; F. de Grey, 706; H. Durham, 177; T. Preston, D.C. Great City Lodge, 1426; R. S. Stedall, 129; T. Edmondston, T. W. Farmer, 25; T. Heaton, 1426; E. H. Hunt (Mount Moriah); G. Phythian, J.D. 22; C. G. Henton, 1441; J. Wilkinson, 176.

HERVEY LODGE No. (1260).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. C. Darby, W.M., presiding, who raised Bro. Monney, and passed Bro. Hooper. He then resigned the Chair to Bro. George King, junr., P.M., who initiated Messrs. Joseph Cox, James Mansell, and Charles William Robins. Bro. George King, P.M., presented to the acting W.M., (Bro. George King, junr.), Bro. Jabez Hogg, M.D., P.G.D., P.M., for installation. The ceremony having been performed, the new W.M. invested Bro. C. Darby, I.P.M., Bro. George Harrison, S.W., Bro. Southwood, J.W., Bro. C. Darby, I.P.M., Treas., Bro. George King, junr., P.M., Sec., Bro. Hollingsworth, S.D., Bro. Ward, J.D., Bro. Kingcombe, I.G., Bro. George King, D.C., and Bro. C. T. Speight, T. The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Darby, who thanked the brethren for the gift, and said he should always be most happy to think he had been Master of this lodge. The S.W., Bro. Geo. Harrison, presented to the lodge new collars and jewels for the Master, Past Master, and Wardens. The J.W., Bro. Southwood, presented some very handsome menu cards, and Bro. Kingcombe, I.G., presented an engraved copper plate for the lodge summonses. The S.W. asked whether it would not be agreeable to the brethren to have a banquet on the evening of the Prince of Wales's Installation, as many other lodges would do, but the W.M. reminded him, that although it would be an excellent way of finishing up that day, many of the brethren were already engaged elsewhere, and he himself had made his arrangements for that evening. But the matter might be further considered among the brethren. The S.W. again gave notice of motion to hold the summer banquet this year. The Revd. C. J. Martyn, sent a telegram, and Sir Albert Woods, and Bro. Fenn, letters regretting their inability to be present. The Audit Committee's report was received. The lodge, it should be stated, unanimously voted at the last meeting Bro. George King, junr., to represent it as Steward at the Prince of Wales' Installation, and also voted all expenses and the cost of the commemorative jewel. The lodge was closed at the conclusion of the business, and the brethren adjourned

to Bro. Cathie's, Simpson's Divan, Strand, and partook of a most elegant banquet, the serving of which was personally superintended by Bro. Cathie. When the banquet was disposed of the toasts were honoured in due course. The W.M., in giving the first toast, said that he need not offer any remarks upon the Queen, as her virtues and goodness commended her to all, what mortal could more the ladies adore, than Masons loved their Queen, the loved mother of Masons; the toast having been drunk, the W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales." In doing so, he said, it needed no words to recommend this toast to the brethren, especially as at the present time Masons' thoughts were concentrated on the great event which was shortly to happen. It was a happy thing that H.R.H. had consented to take the head of the order, which was a very important body. Freemasonry was entering upon a new phase of existence; he should say now that H. R. H. had entered upon his duties as Grand Master, a great advancement of the Craft might be expected, and no doubt it would tend much to the advancement and advantage of the Craft. Every member of the Order, as well as every member of the Hervey Lodge, would wish that His Royal Highness might long be spared to reign over the Craft. He hoped that the members of the Hervey Lodge might also long be spared to wish His Royal Highness an enduring and prosperous reign. "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, &c.," was next proposed, and the W.M. in doing so, reminded the brethren of the many Grand Officers who had honoured them with their presence that evening. He had himself had the pleasure of meeting them on many occasions, and he gladly seized this opportunity of giving them a hearty welcome. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, in reply, said he esteemed it no common pleasure to return thanks for this toast. It was said that love was blind, and he was sure the brethren would form no exception to that rule, or if they did, the brother in the chair would not have indulged in the kind remarks he had made with regard to the Grand Officers. There were other brethren present, who, although perhaps younger than he, knew as well as he the merits of the officers who held grand rank in the Craft. They were greatly blessed in having such a great number of good and worthy men holding high office. They were specimens of the tenets of Freemasonry, and were looked upon as men who illustrated the principles of Masonry. He trusted that they would hand down to the future a noble and worthy heritage to Masons yet to come. As to Masonry itself, he believed it was rapidly progressing in this country, and he must say that, taking up the remark of an eloquent Dean of the Church, who pointed to true greatness as one of the great objects in life in all men; it was the object of all Masonry to attain to a position above the petty animosities that often divided men. Masonry was a great power, not only in England, but in the whole world, which no potentate could put down, as long as it was true to itself, which was the great point, and the little heaven that was to leaven the whole lump by making us what we ought to be, a true, straightforward, temperate and just people. He could not sit down without thanking the W.M. and the brethren for the very hospitable and kind way in which the Grand Officers had been received that evening, and not the less so because Bro. Cathie had seconded the lodge's noble and Masonic idea, by providing the best Masonic dinner he had ever sat down to. In wishing the Hervey Lodge prosperity, he hoped that though it was a young lodge, it would emulate its noble godfather in every way, and carry out the principles which that brother carried out both officially and non-officially. (Cheers.) Bro. Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M.," by desire of the I.P.M. He said that though he was not a visitor, he might, in one sense, be called one, for, through various engagements, he had been unable to come to the lodge since it first saw the light. Formerly, the Hervey Lodge was held at a great distance, and was not easy to get at, and it was only lately that it had come into a civilised part of the world, the fashionable locality of the Strand, (laughter,) if he might say so, when he saw Bro. Simpson, the fashionable Rector of St. Clement Danes, beside him. Although he had not been able to come to the Hervey Lodge, he had always been anxious for its prosperity; and very naturally so, since it did him the honour to bear his name. Having made great progress since its launch upon the Masonic waters, and had sundry good Masters, it had followed up its principles, and chosen this year a Master that had never been found wanting. Whether to congratulate the lodge on having such a Master, or to congratulate him on having such a lodge to preside over, he scarcely knew. In either case, or in both cases, the brethren were to be congratulated, because, during the lodge's six years of existence, it had passed through many phases of difficulty. It had now, he hoped, achieved that position in the Craft, and that position of solidity, which would ensure its well being for many a year to come. Bro. Dr. Hogg was a Grand Officer of the Order, who had been Treasurer of the lodge for some time; and the brethren knew how much they owed him in that position. They did not however know what they would owe to him in the year to come. He (Bro. Hervey) was not a prophet, and if he were, they knew that a prophet was not believed in his own locality. If he might prophecy what would be the result of Bro. Hogg's Master-ship he would say it would be a very successful period for the Hervey Lodge, and that the brethren would find that time twelvemonth when he gave up the gavel to one of the Wardens, he did not say which, he would give it up with the lodge in such a state of prosperity that his successor would have little to wish for as regarded the future, but to continue in the same course. For the successor of Bro. Hogg, he could only hope that he would have as successful a year as Bro. Hogg. Speaking for himself, it had given him great pleasure to be present that evening. The

good dinner was not the least of the enjoyments of the evening, though he confessed he was sorry to hear Bro. Simpson allude so pointedly to it. (Laughter). Certainly it had proved so, and long might the brethren find similar enjoyment. Long too, might Bro. Hogg have health to participate in it. Bro. Hogg had mentioned in proposing the health of the M.W.G.M. that they all wished H.R.H. might long reign over them. He, (Bro. Hervey) wished the same good wish for Bro. Hogg, and that all the brethren present might live to congratulate him upon the position which he had taken in the lodge. (great cheering.) The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said he could scarcely find words to express his feelings for the kind and generous way in which Bro. Hervey had proposed this toast; but on more than one occasion he had experienced the same kindness and generosity not only on the part of Bro. Hervey, but on the part of the brethren of the lodge for six years, from the birth of the lodge, at which he assisted. He had assisted at a great many births in his early days, (laughter) but he did not know that he had ever assisted at one which gave him a greater degree of pride and satisfaction than the birth of the Hervey Lodge. He was very much impressed with the impressive way that Bro. Hervey consecrated the lodge, and at that time he thought, but he did not then expect that he would have any more to do with assisting the bantering. However, it was so to be, and he was glad he had been disappointed, for he had now attained a position which he could not refrain from saying, was a very distinguished position. He owed it to the kindness of the brethren, and to their generous feeling. He felt that he should have to ask the brethren to act with indulgence towards him during his Mastership, for although Bro. Hervey had said so much in his favour, he still felt very rusty. He was an old Mason; but perhaps in the presence of Bro. Hervey he ought not to say so, because he learned Masonry in Bro. Hervey's Lodge of Emulation many years ago. The present was his one-and-twentieth year in Masonry, and soon after joining the Order he became acquainted with his distinguished brother Hervey. From that time he had always felt the utmost regard and affection for him, (hear hear.) If the brethren observed any shortcomings in him (Bro. Hogg), during his year of office, he hoped the brethren would excuse them, for his head would be in his work, and all his endeavours would be to promote the good of Freemasonry in general, and of the Hervey Lodge in particular. (Cheers.) Before sitting down he had much pleasure in proposing as a toast, the health of the God-father of the lodge, Bro. Hervey, and he wished it had fallen to better hands to do so. He asked the brethren to drink "Long Life, Health, and Happiness" to him. The lodge had passed, as Bro. Hervey had told them, through some phases of difficulty and danger, but they had been surmounted, and he trusted the brethren would all live to see what Bro. Hervey had that night predicted, great prosperity for the lodge, and the existence of peace and harmony for many years to come. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Hervey thought there was a conspiracy against the comfort of the brethren seated at the W.M.'s end of the table, otherwise the W.M. would not have asked him to inflict another speech on them. But it should be but a short one. If the Lodge had not had good men at its head it would not have been in its present position. There were two brethren who had followed its Masters, Bro. King, senr. and Bro. King, junr., who had done their best for the Lodge's welfare (Hear, hear), and the Lodge ought to be very grateful to them. (Hear, hear.) To go to another subject he would advert for a moment to what was now going on in the Craft at large, and from that they would find that this Lodge during its brief existence had lived in the reign of three Grand Masters. It was consecrated during Lord Zetland's Grand Mastership, who granted the warrant; it had passed through the Grand Mastership of the Marquess of Ripon, and it was now under the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales. On that day fortnight one of the most striking ceremonies which had ever taken place in Masonry either in this country or elsewhere would be performed, and it was to be hoped that considering the exertions which were being made by the brethren who had undertaken the management of the arrangements on that occasion, it would be carried out with success. Of course a great deal of detail had to be considered, much more than met the eye, or would ever meet the eye, of any brother Mason. There was a large mass of brethren to be introduced into a building for every one of whom there was a place under their respective banners. They would find that they had not to fight for a seat, and that they had not when they got into the building to wander far and wide of the point to which they wished to attain. It was to be hoped that the result of the endeavours which were being made at the present moment would obviate all difficulties when the brethren went to the building, that they would find that various blocks which were parcelled out for their accommodation would accommodate all who had tickets for those blocks, they also would find that they would have no difficulty in being piloted to their seats, because the Stewards of the day would take care that the brethren were directed in the proper course, and that they would consequently, according to the letter on their cards, have to go to a particular block. These arrangements had not been arrived at without much thought and labour; and when the brethren came to consider that there were 1068 lodges in England, whose convenience had to be considered, they would agree with him (Bro. Hervey) that the brethren who undertook the duty were entitled to the gratitude of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn were doing their utmost to render the day successful as a matter of ceremony, but also consulting the convenience and comfort of each and every brother who would congregate at the Albert Hall on the 23rd inst., to show their loyalty to the Prince of Wales and

their loyalty to the Craft. He did not know that he could give them any more detail, because the various circulars that had been sent out had given all the details which it was possible to give to enable the brethren to come to a conclusion as to what they had to do and to look forward to. Without going beyond "the secrets of the prison house" (laughter) he might inform the brethren that the various Stewards would all be accepted from the different lodges. It had been considered desirable to have them all, and that it would not be quite fair to ballot one out and another in. A redundancy of Stewards was deemed best, that they might all have the honour of acting on that great occasion, and doing their best for the success of such a gathering. (Hear, hear.) He was reminded by Bro. Simpson that the executive were very sorry indeed that the number of applications for the admission of Master Masons was so great that space could not be found for them, and that their admission was necessarily restricted to one Master Mason from each lodge. As there were 1068 lodges in England, this would give 1068 brethren beyond those whose rank entitled them to admission. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Hervey concluded by again thanking the brethren for drinking his health. The W.M., in proposing "The Initiates," hoped those brethren would feel that they had that day entered a body whose principles would do great service to them. If they kept their eyes open and studied the various emblematical and peculiar devices of Freemasonry, they would be very much pleased; perhaps it would prove to them that it was just what philosophers and men of all ages had been looking for, the best and shortest way of finding true human happiness. (Hear, hear.) He himself looked on the Masonic body as one of the best types of true brotherhood. He was going to say, but in presence of Bro. Simpson he must ask pardon for saying, it was an entrance upon life of as much importance as the Christian life; in that it was the binding of true happiness. Cicero mentioned a somewhat similar institution, in which he said he felt that those who entered it entered on a new phase of life. They were called initiates, and they were supposed to be initiated into a new union with men, a truer happiness with their fellow creatures, a universal brotherhood, a more perfect elysium. He hoped that might be the initiates' experience that evening; that they had joined a society which taught what the Christian religion taught, brotherly love, relief and truth; a society of men they might trust, to whom they might confide the secrets of their hearts, and look for support in any kind of adversity. (Hear, hear.) The initiates having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed, for which Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Bro. C. H. Hopwood, M.P., and D. Richardson responded. Bro. C. Derby replied as P.M. to that toast. Bro. King, junr., for the "P.M.," Bro. Harrison, Southwood, and other brethren responded as "officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. Bros. Seymour Smith, Frank Elmore and Van Noorden entertained the brethren with some excellent music during the evening. Among the visitors present were the following brethren:—Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain; Professor Erasmus Wilson, No. 2, P.G. Steward and W.M. 1494; C. H. Hopwood, P.M. 263, Q.C. and M.P.; Wright, W.M. 1158; Holland, P.M. 172; Garner, P.M. 890; Richardson P.M. St. Andrews; Harvey, P.M. 902; Defriez, S.D. 45; Green, S.W. 27; Van Noorden, 118; Ballard, 511; Sears, 299; Davis, Burdett Courts Lodge; Hennett, Universal Lodge; G. S. Marks, 205; Evans, 212; Massey, P.M. 619, (Freemason); F. Elmore, 12; Seymour Smith, 742.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The proceedings commenced at six o'clock in the evening. In addition to Bro. Gardner, the W.M., there were present the following brethren, who in the absence of the regularly appointed officers acted for them, viz., Bros. Drysdale, P.M., S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Higgins, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Pope, I.G.; Stuart, P.M., I.P.M. The Secretary, Bro. Stuart, read the minutes of the meeting in March last, and also the minutes of an emergency meeting, held on Friday the 19th ultimo, which was convened to consider the communication received from Grand Lodge, respecting the installation of H. R. H. the M.W. Grand Master, the proceedings of which meetings were confirmed. Letters were then read from Bros. Everett and Painter, the S. and J.W., explanatory of their absence from the lodge that day. The W.M., assisted by Bro. Stuart, P.M., and the rest of the officers, raised Bros. Fallows and Richardson to the third degree. Bro. Koch, I.P.M., having arrived, introduced, at length, a notice of motion given by him at the meeting in March, that a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge should be established. He stated that a very handsome amount could be accumulated by applying the sum of three shillings, which could be deducted annually from the subscriptions of the members—towards that worthy object, which would enable the lodge to assist a distressed brother or the family of a deceased one, in addition to what might be obtained for him or them from the Board of Benevolence. This matter was fully discussed by the W.M. and other brethren, and ultimately a resolution was passed that the further consideration of the subject should be adjourned until after the vacation. Bro. Koch then brought forward another notice of motion or agenda, that the services of the Secretary should be considered, with a view to their being remunerated. He spoke very highly of the efforts at all times made by Bro. Stuart to further the interests of Freemasonry, and the welfare of the lodges which he represented, and in conclusion he moved that the sum of not less than five guineas should be annually voted to Bro. Stuart as Secretary to the Kennington lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Robinson. Bro. Webb moved and Bro. Cruse seconded the following amendment, "that the sum of ten guineas should be awarded Bro. Stuart for his services." Bro. Walls moved

as a further amendment, that the sum of five guineas should be immediately paid the Secretary as a gratuity for his past services in addition to an amount of not less than five guineas to be voted annually; this motion was seconded by Bro. Sirgood, but upon discussion this was withdrawn in favour of Bro. Webb's amendment, which was passed and carried. The lodge was then duly closed. There being no banquet, at the refreshment which followed labour the toasts were necessarily few, and but briefly given by the W.M. Bro. Koch proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily received. Bro. Gardner in reply thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said he would take that opportunity of also tendering his acknowledgments to the brethren who had so kindly elected him on the 19th ult., to represent the Kennington Lodge as Steward at the installation of the Prince of Wales, the duties of which position he would endeavour to discharge to the best of his ability. The remainder of the evening was agreeably and convivially spent by the brethren, assisted by the vocal and dramatic efforts of the W.M., Bros. Stokes, Walls, and Richardson. Bro. Creed (1445) was the only visitor.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst. at the Sisters Tavern Pownall Road, Haggerston, when Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers, Bro. T. C. Chapman, S.W.; H. Lister, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treasurer; N. Green, Secretary; Shackleton, S.D.; Syree, J.D.; and Baker, I.G. The business of the evening consisted of the initiation of the Rev. Josephus Bailey and Messrs. Watson and Dallor, also the passing of Bro. Brand, H. Meyer and Johnson, the work being ably performed by the W.M., assisted by his efficient staff of officers. The bye-laws were approved, and it was agreed that the lodge should meet on the last Thursday in every alternate month. Bro. Lee, W.M., has been nominated to serve as Steward at the installation of the M.W. Grand Master. Refreshment followed labour, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The visitors were Bros. Reed, Stretton, (1326), and Kleimenhagen (1298).

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—This lodge held its regular weekly meeting on the 5th inst., at the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green. Present—Bros. Halford, W.M.; Stock, S.W.; Cook, J.W.; Hill, S.D.; Read, J.D.; Crawley, I.G.; Beckett, P.ceptor; Foxcraft, Hon. Sec.; and a numerous gathering of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the first and second ceremonies in a very able and impressive manner. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree. Bro. Defriez was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Killick, Secretary. It was unanimously ordered that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Foxcraft, for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Secretary during the past three years; and a pair of elegant vases were presented to him in recognition of his services, in acknowledging which he said, that although retiring from active duty, his heart would always be with the lodge. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Gardner, for his services in connection with the testimonial presented to the late Secretary. Bro. Stock was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed officers in rotation. The lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

PROVINCIAL.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—ADAMS LODGE (No. 158).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 25th, at the board room of the Sheerness Local Board of Health, for the purpose of installing Bro. Thomas Jno. Firminger, S.W., W.M. elect, who was about to be placed in the chair, as his father had previously been, with honour to himself and credit to the lodge, which event attracted an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, by the W.M., Bro. A. Oyston, assisted by his officers, when letters were read from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. F. Eastes, and the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. A. Spencer, of Kent, expressing their regret at being unable to attend, which deprived the brethren of the pleasure anticipated. The lodge being opened in the second degree, the W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, by Bro. Jas. Bagshaw, P.M. and Secretary. After the Ancient Charges and Regulations were given and assented to, the chair of K.S. was then assumed by Bro. A. Spears, P.M. and P.P.G.O. of Kent, whose ceremony was most impressively rendered, and appreciated by all, who congratulated him on his excellent working. After Bro. Firminger had been placed in the chair of K.S., by the Board of Installed Masters, he by the power invested in him, closed the lodge down to the first degree. He then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. J. Woodley, S.W.; J. R. Brett, J.W.; A. Spears, P.M. Treas.; J. Bagshaw, P.M. Sec.; J. P. Watts, S.D.; J. F. Nunn, J.D.; C. Perkins, I.G.; G. Wiggins, S.; and H. Foster, Tyler. Amongst the visitors we were glad to see such a number of the brethren of the De Shurland Lodge, No. 1089, namely—Bros. I. M. Riggs, W.M., and Prov. G. Reg. of Marks of Kent; A. Bourne, J.W.; T. Duttal, S.D.; C. Clarkson, I.G.; J. M. West, P.M.; and J. Saffery; also Bros. J. Wood, W.M. 1273; J. Lewis, S. Constitution; and J. Cox, St. Aubin, 954, and several other brethren. Before closing the lodge, Bro. A. Oyston, I.P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and members of the local Board of Health, for their kindness in granting them the use of the room, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in accordance with ancient custom and with solemn prayer. The brethren, about fifty in number, then adjourned to the Mason's Hall, where a most sumptuous banquet had been prepared under the direction of Mrs. Green, widow of late B. J. Green, P.M., which gave great satisfaction to all.

LEICESTER.—St. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 279).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at Freemason's Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 7th of April, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith, W.M., P.G.S.B. There were present, Bros. A. Palmer, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; J. M. McAllister, S.W., P.G.S.D.; G. W. Statham, J.W., P.G. Steward; W. Weaver, Treasurer, P.P.G.S.D.; Clement Edwin Stretton, Secretary, P.G.A.P.; William Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M.; Clement Stretton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; George Toller, Jun. 279, P.M. 523, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Waite, P.M. P.G.J.W.; S. S. Partridge, 279, W.M. 523, P.G. Sec.; W. B. Smith, P.M. 523, P.G. Treas.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M. 523, P.P.G.S.D.; F. J. Baines, I.P.M. 523, P.P.G.P.; The Rev. T. W. Gordon, W.E. Buck; J. Farndale, J. Jessop, J. F. L. Rolleston, E. Mason, Sec. 1391, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. G. F. Richardson as a joining member, proposed by Bro. Stretton, P.M., seconded by Bro. Waite, P.M., and he was unanimously elected. Bros. W. E. Buck and the Rev. T. Gordon were passed to the second degree, the ceremony being very impressively performed by the W.M. The usual routine business having been concluded, the brethren partook of refreshment, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CHIPPENHAM.—LANSDOWN LODGE OF UNITY (No. 626).—On Tuesday, April 13th, the regular monthly meeting was held at 4 p.m., at the Town Hall. The W.M. being absent, by request the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, who had been specially invited from Bath for the occasion. He was supported by Bros. Gale, acting as I.P.M.; Milsom, P.M.; Watts, S.W.; Hearne, acting as J.W.; Lane, Treas.; Eyres, Sec.; Scott, S.D.; Tomkins, acting as J.D.; Bailey, I.G.; Munday, Tyler. There were also present, Bros. Howell, Briscoe, Careless, Drewe, Collins, and Pilenden. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the circular of summons, and the minutes of the previous meeting, were read by the Secretary. The latter were confirmed. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. A. A. Headly was examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and the candidate being re-introduced, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the acting W.M., who also gave him the traditional history of the degree, illustrated the working tools, delivered the charge, and also a lecture on the third degree, which was listened to with great attention by the members. The lodge was closed down to the first degree, and the Master's Chair was taken by Bro. Milsom, P.M. Several matters of business, of great interest to the members of the lodge, were postponed on account of the absence of the W.M. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for his assistance, proposed and seconded by the Wardens, was carried by acclamation, and appropriately responded to. The proceedings concluded, and the lodge was closed soon after 6 p.m.

DURY ST. EDMUNDS.—ROYAL ST. EDMUND'S LODGE (No. 1008).—On Friday 2nd inst, the eleventh anniversary and installation of the W.M. of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, 1008, took place at the Angel Hotel. The brethren, to the number of about 50, assembled in the lodge room at half-past three, and a candidate was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the impressive ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England. The ceremony of Installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Capt. J. N. York, P.G.S.W., Cambs., acting as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Hedley Bevan, was conducted to the pedestal by two P.M.'s, and after taking the obligation, was duly proclaimed in the several degrees. The new W.M. elected and invested his officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. F. Fearnside; J.W., Bro. W. Patrick; S.D., Bro. H. Miller; J.D., Bro. T. F. Lucia; I.G., Bro. E. M. Fyson; D. of C., Bro. J. D. Perrott, P.M.; Chaplain Bro. the Rev. R. Evans; Steward, Bro. E. J. Griffiths; Organist, Bro. W. J. Nunn; Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.M., P.G. Secretary. On the motion of Bro. W. E. Bailey, P.M., seconded by Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., Bro. Major T. J. Huddleston was elected Treasurer. Bro. Gooch was then re-elected Tyler. The admonitory address to the new W.M., the officers, and the brethren, was admirably given by Bro. W. H. Lucia. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. Martyn, a vote of thanks was carried unanimously to Bro. York for the excellent manner in which he had performed his duties as Installing Master. After lodge was closed the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet, well worthy of the high reputation of Bro. W. G. Guy as a caterer. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. Hedley Bevan, and among those present were Bro. J. N. York, P.M.; Bro. Major, T. J. Huddleston, P.G.S.W.; Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., Bro. J. D. Perrott, P.G.S.W., South Wales; Bro. the Rev.—Farnham, P.P.D.G.M. Bombay; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Bro. Wheeler, W.M., 1224; Bro. J. F. Hills, P.M. 1224; Bro. J. T. Smith, W.M. 514; Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Sec., &c., &c. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and the evening was greatly enlivened by a number of glees and songs given by the brethren, Bro. F. Fearnside presiding at the pianoforte. During the evening the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from P.G.M., Lord Waveney, expressing his regret that absence from England would prevent his being present. At midnight, one of the most successful anniversaries ever held in connection with this prosperous lodge, was brought to a close.

ECCLESHILL.—ECCLESHILL LODGE (No. 1034).—The brethren of this young, but enterprising lodge, assembled on Friday, the 19th March, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the tenth anniversary of consecration. A large number of members and visiting brethren were present, amongst whom were the R.W. Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.W., Deputy Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Bros. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Hill, P. Prov.

G.W., Chairman of Charity Committee; C. H. Taylor P. Prov. G.D.; Wm. Beanland, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Christopher Pratt, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; John Clark; W.M. Hope, 302; Thos. Riley, W.M. Harmony, 600; S. W. Monckman, W.M. 1018. The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. William Pratt) at 2.30 p.m., when Mr. Thos. Waterhouse and Mr. James Southworth, of Bradford, were balloted for and unanimously elected, and afterwards initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Wm. Beanland, P.M. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. James Hargreaves and Abraham Elsworth were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Jno. Procter, I.P.M. The W.M. afterwards announced that the installation of the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year would be proceeded with, and called upon Bro. Christopher Pratt, P.M., to perform the ceremony. Bro. Wm. Beanland, P.M., then presented Bro. Geo. Pearson, W.M. elect, and he was duly and properly installed Worshipful Master in a very impressive and able manner by the Installing Master. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Wm. Pratt, I.P.M.; Rev. Jno. Cartman, Chaplain; B. W. Feasington, S.W.; Geo. Bail, J.W.; Jno. Procter, P.M., Treas.; James Arnold, Sec.; Josh. Hardwick, S.D.; F. W. Nicholson, J.D.; Wm. Thos. Croft, Org.; F. Smart, M.C.; E. G. Rhodes, I.G.; Josh. Lightfoot, Tyler; John Cuss and Josh. Wilson, Stewards. The business being concluded, the R.W. Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.W., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, rose to address the brethren, who received him with acclamation. He first congratulated the W.M. upon the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him, by placing him in the chair, and he hoped that the Great Architect would bless him with health to discharge the important and responsible duties of that honourable position. He congratulated the Installing Master on the impressive and solemn manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation; and then referred to the time, ten years ago, when amongst the first of his official duties as Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, he had the pleasure to consecrate the Eccleshill Lodge, and he had always retained a lively recollection of the kind and hearty reception he received from the first W.M. and the brethren on that occasion, and the pleasure he felt in meeting them in such a beautiful and appropriate lodge-room. Looking back upon those ten years of official life, he felt he had much reason to be grateful for the kindness he had invariably received from the brethren of the province, but at the same time he could not fail of being reminded that those ten years were ten years taken from the lives of himself and the brethren, and that many active Provincial Officers, some of whom assisted in the ceremony of the consecration of that lodge were now no more. In visiting the Eccleshill Lodge for the second time, and speaking to the brethren, who completely filled every part of that beautiful lodge room, it seemed to him that it would probably be the last occasion he should have the opportunity of joining them within those walls, or meeting them in his present official capacity, he concluded by wishing the lodge every prosperity, and with a full heart he bid his brethren an affectionate farewell. After the usual collection for poor and distressed Masons, the lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, before the conclusion of which the Dep. Prov. G.M. rose to take his leave, and, quoting from the old couplet:

"Inclination bids me stay,
"But duty calls me hence away."

he again thanked the brethren, and withdrew amidst the most enthusiastic cheering. After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bro. Chris. Pratt, P.M., proposed the toast of "The R.W. Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M., of West Yorks., and the rest of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," and Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary, responded. In the absence of the Chaplain, the toast of "The Immortal Memory of St. John the Evangelist" was proposed from the chair, and honoured by the brethren in the usual manner. Bro. John Procter, P.M., Treas., proposed "The Health of the retiring W.M." in very eulogistic terms, he said it was unnecessary to enter into a detailed account of the many eminent qualities which characterized this worthy brother, as the brethren were already thoroughly acquainted with them, but he might be allowed to remark to the visitors who were present that Bro. Wm. Pratt, I.P.M., was a brother of whom the lodge might be justly proud. He had discharged the onerous duties of his exalted position with much credit and satisfaction, and had paid due regard to the correct working of the lodge, and by his uniform kindness and urbanity had secured the lasting esteem of his brethren. Bro. Wm. Pratt, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had honoured the toast, and for the kindness and courtesy he had always received at their hands. He expressed his obligation to the officers for the assiduity and punctual attendance they had given to their respective duties during the year. He said it would no doubt, on that occasion, be interesting to the brethren if he reverted to the history of their lodge since its commencement. The Eccleshill Lodge was founded by the nine members and four honorary Past Masters whose names were engraven on the marble tablet in the lodge room, and who at the time were all members, (principally past officers), of the Lodge of Hope, 302. It was consecrated on the 10th of March, 1865, by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, (who had again honoured them with his much esteemed presence on this their 10th anniversary.) Since its consecration, 69 members had been initiated within its precincts, and 6 brethren had become joining members, the number of members on its roll at the present time being 63, which included the three hon. P.M.'s who are left of the four associates with the founders. And the best proof that proper care had been exercised in the admission of candidates was the right noble manner in which "the sacred claims of charity" had always been received by them. It would be the province of their much esteemed charity representative (Bro. S. G.

Hutchison, P.M.) to tell them of the support which he and his predecessors in the office had received. During the year of Bro. P. M. Procter, who preceded him in the chair, and to whose untiring efforts the lodge was indebted, the large, convenient, and well-ventilated refreshment room in which they were now met was built, and the brethren had been able during the past year to enjoy its superior comfort and convenience. He concluded by calling upon the brethren to drink with him the health of the highly respected brother, (Bro. George Pearson), who, possessing in an eminent degree the able and generous qualities befitting the important office, the brethren had unanimously selected to rule over them for the year, and he confidently trusted that the same harmony, love and charity, which had hitherto characterized the members of the Eccleshill Lodge, and contributed so much to its success, would still be continued under his auspices as Worshipful Master. The toast was received with the warmest approval, and Bro. George Pearson, W.M., in responding, begged to tender his sincere thanks to the I.P.M., for the very kind sentiments he had expressed towards him in proposing the toast, and to the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, for the hearty and Masonic manner in which they had received it. Having conferred upon him their highest honour, and knowing he had their best wishes, it would be his earnest desire, along with his brother officers, to endeavour to discharge the duties appertaining to the lodge in as faithful and satisfactory a manner in the future, as it had been all their good fortune to enjoy in the past. He hoped those Masonic principles which had animated the brethren towards the charities in the past, would stimulate them in the future. Bro. Thos. Shackleton, P.M., proposed in suitable terms "The Masonic Charities," coupling with the toast their newly re-elected Charity Representative, Bro. J. G. Hutchinson, P.M., and their distinguished brother, Thos. Hill, the Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorks. Brother J. G. Hutchinson, P.M., in reply to the toast, thanked the brethren for re-electing him to the honourable office of their Charity Representative, an office which he regarded as a very important one, and having duties requiring careful attention; he also thanked the brethren for their liberal support of the Charities. The amount subscribed by members of the lodge since its foundation in 1865 exceeded £570, and at the present time the lodge was possessed of twenty-three votes in perpetuity, and members of the lodge had fifty-three votes, making a total number of seventy-five votes for the Masonic charities. During the year nine officers of the lodge had been endowed for the Boys' School, representing a payment of £94 10s., and the brethren had also, during the same period, contributed £63, as a donation to the widow of a deceased member. These facts shewed the spirit which animated the brethren of this lodge, in exercising the true characteristic of Masonry, viz., charity, which he had confidence would be continued, and intimated that in the coming year he would make an appeal to the brethren for the endowment of the remaining offices for the Girl's School. Bro. Thos. Hill, P.M., also responded to the toast. He congratulated the brethren of the Eccleshill Lodge upon the distinction they had gained in the province for their liberality in support of the Masonic Charities, and he was proud of being identified with the lodge as an honorary member from its foundation. The "Visiting Brethren," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Jno. Clark, W.M. 302; Thos. Riley, W.M. 600; J. W. Monckman, W.M. 1018, and A. Anty, 387. Other toasts, including the Past Masters, Past Officers and Present Officers of the lodge, were proposed and responded to, and the meeting enlivened by glees and solos sung by musical brethren present. This very happy celebration was brought to a successful conclusion by the customary last toast of the evening.

DERBY.—HARTINGTON LODGE (No. 1085).—On Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. There were present—Bros. Henry T. Bobart, P. Prov. G.S.B., W.M.; F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; S. Pipes, S.W.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Pipes, as S.D.; T. Gadsey, J.D.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler, P. Mainprize, J. P. Eaton, J. H. Biggs, W. B. Hextall, C. D. Hart, F. Rippon, Edgar Taylor, J. E. Russell, J. O. Manton, Henry Mills, A. A. Newnham, Jon. Whales; visitors—F. Gadsby, 360; A. Fraser, 731. The lodge was opened in the first degree. The circular convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last lodge were confirmed. Mr. Richard Daniel, and Mr. Jas. Parkins, jun., being in attendance, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. The lodge unanimously voted funds for a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas., as a small recognition of the appreciation of the lodge of his great services. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned till the first Wednesday in the ensuing month.

HAMPTON COURT.—THE ERA LODGE (No. 1423) held its regular meeting on Saturday, April 10th, 1875, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. The lodge was opened by Bro. James William Baldwin, W.M. There were present Bros. E. H. Thielley, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; F. Walters, P.E.P., Middlesex; Sec. E. W. Devereux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; B. Wright, M.C.; W. A. Simmons, W.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M.; M. Underwood, J. H. Pearson, J. Mason, H. Haija, J. A. Moore, W. Chartres, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Hammond, P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, W.M. 1512; H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, S.D. 73; E. J. Drew, 1269; J. Brogden, 1326, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. William Eagle. The W.M. proved his proficiency as a good worker in the Craft by doing all the ceremonies in an admirable manner. He raised Bros. W. Chartres and J. Brogden, 1326; passed Bro. J. A. Moore, and initiated Mr. Arthur Rumbelow.

Bro. F. Walters took the Chair and in his usual faultless style, initiated his old friend Mr. William Eagle into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Baldwin, resumed the chair. It was unanimously resolved that a set of chairs for W.M., S.W. and J.W., as also platforms, be purchased for use of the lodge by the next meeting. A case of distress was relieved. The lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—On Tuesday, 6th inst., the above lodge held its monthly meeting, at Past Master West's hostelry, the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, this being the first meeting since the installation of the W.M. Bro. Brayshaw. The meeting was well attended. After the lodge had been duly opened, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, Bro. Watson was then passed to the second degree, and Mr. Williams, a candidate for Masonry was, after an unanimous ballot, initiated, the work being done by the W.M. with rare and impressive force. Bro. P.M. Sisley, the first W.M. of the lodge, was then presented with a superbly illuminated address, splendidly mounted and framed in gold, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge, as well as for the able manner in which he installed his successor at the recent ceremony. The address is signed by Bros. B. Brayshaw, W.M.; J. Ives, S.W.; W. Steel, J.W.; C. Ashdown, P.M. and Treas.; and E. West, Sec., pro tem. After Bro. P.M. Sisley had feelingly returned thanks for their very handsome testimonial, the lodge was closed, and the fourth degree entered into in a manner becoming its well known hospitality. After supper, the usual loyal Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some excellent harmony enlivened the proceedings, till at an early hour the "Tyler's toast" closed a most excellent evening's work.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 33 Bis.)—The most important meeting of this lodge since their festival at the close of the year, was that of the 6th inst., when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow made their annual visit. The R.W.M., Bro. William Bell, presided, and there were also present, in their respective places, the following office bearers, namely, Bros. Thomas Fletcher, I.P.M.; John D. Young, S.W.; D. Horne, J.W.; P. Brownlie, S.D.; John Reid, J.D.; R. B. Dalzell, Treasurer; and John Dick, Secretary. Amongst the numerous attendance of visiting brethren present were Bros. J. B. McNair, R.W.M. 332; Wm. Harper, 408; John Wallace, 413, &c.; and, in all, no fewer than 105 signed the Tyler's book. The lodge having been opened, Bros. Wm. Scott and Andrew Gray, both of the ancient lodge St. John, Lesmahagow (No. 20), were affiliated as members of St. John (33), by Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M. 413. Thereafter, the deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge was introduced and received with all the honours. It consisted of Bros. John Baird, acting P.G.M.; J. B. Walker, Treasurer; A. McTaggart, Secretary; James Gillies, S.D.; James Ritchie, A.; John Fraser, Assistant Marshal; A. Allison, Jeweller; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; W. Phillips, S.B.; A. Arrick Smith, I.G.; and George Sinclair, Treasurer and convenor of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. The deputation having taken their seats, the R.W.M. (Brother Bell) said he had the greatest pleasure in welcoming them there; and, in recognition of their authority, of resigning his chair and presenting his mallet to Bro. Baird, acting P.G.M. To this the latter replied that, as an act of loyalty on the part of the Master of Lodge St. John to the Prov. Grand Lodge, he received the mallet, but knowing that it could not be in better hands than that of the R.W.M., he begged to return it, and asked him to retain his chair during the remainder of the proceedings. He (Bro. Baird) then called upon the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) to state the result of the visitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge in regard to the condition in which they had found the affairs of the lodge. Bro. McTaggart said that the task devolving upon him that night was an important one, from the fact that their visit was to the oldest lodge within the province. He might say that the deputation had examined the lodge books somewhat minutely, with the result that they found that these had been very well and carefully kept during the past year, affording a just and faithful record of the lodge transactions. The position of the lodge was, possibly, higher now than ever at any past period of its history. They had, perhaps, made more Masons than ever before; and, distinctly, they had given more to the Prov. G. Lodge Benevolent Fund than ever they had done before in any one year. The sederunt-book and the minute-book had been exceedingly well kept; the roll book had, on the whole, been well kept, as had also the cash-book. The balance on the right side on the latter, they observed, was the handsome sum of £114 3s. 2d. In one way and another, the lodge distributed £30 in honest charity, and that did not include the sum of £18 15s., which they had handed over to Bro. Sinclair, Treasurer of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. During last working year they had made into the lodge the large number of 75 candidates. Bro. Baird said that after the exhaustive very statement made by the Secretary, it behoved him to say very few words indeed. He was more than delighted at hearing what he had heard of the working and prosperity of the lodge during the past year. The report showed something to be proud of. He congratulated the R.W.M. on his position, and on the prosperity that had attended his predecessor; and hoped that the report to be submitted, next year would be if possible better. The R.W.M. having briefly replied, Bro. Sinclair gave a short statement of the working of the Benevolent Fund for the past twelve months, from which it appeared th

the sum of £97 13s had been distributed in grants to 49 applicants, and that the capital of the Fund at the present time was £570 2s 11d. It was very gratifying, he remarked, to see the latter had been increasing year by year, and he had reason for hoping that before long it would be more materially increased. On the motion of the Chairman a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the deputation, who then withdrew. After an approved candidate, Henry Winslow, had received the E.A. degree, the lodge adjourned to refreshment, at which they were by a id by joined by a portion of the Prov. Grand Lodge deputation. The toasts of "The P.G.L.," given by the Chairman, and replied to by Bro. Baird, and that of the "Visiting Brethren," given by the S.W., having been duly honoured, Bro. McTaggart asked permission to propose the health of the Chairman, the R.W.M. of the lodge. It was something, he said, for the visitors to meet with the lodge in such happy circumstances, with so many brethren congregated within their walls; but it was something more for the lodge to have at its head a man and a Mason who, in true heart and spirit, was worthy of the position in which they had placed him. The deputation wished him God speed in his future; and all success to the old lodge over which he presided. If he succeeded in advancing its prosperity even one step beyond what had been done by his predecessors, he would have gained a laurel—although, for the matter of that, the lodge had already given him the highest honour in their power in making him their Master. The toast was pledged with much enthusiasm, and replied to by R.W.M. He thanked them very kindly, he said, for the honour they had done him in proposing his health, and for the high eulogium passed upon him by the P.G. Secretary, which he felt, however, he did not deserve. In taking office in that lodge he had been at all times willing to do anything he could do; and whatever he did, he had done it at least with a good will. Therefore, when Bro. Fletcher was kind enough to ask him to take office, he said he would do so; and he was sure he was not an office-bearer of the lodge but could testify to the fact that never was a more harmonious year than that of Bro. Fletcher's reign. For his own part, as he now stood, he (the chairman) could say that never was a Master better supported than he was by his office-bearers; his Wardens, Bros. Young and Horn, having never been absent for one night. In conclusion, the chairman declared that it was his intention to do all that he could for the good of his mother lodge. The lodge was soon afterwards called to labour, and closed in due and ancient form.

DUMBARTON.—ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING (No. 18). The monthly communication of this Lodge was held in their Lodge Room on the evening of Friday, the 9th of April. After the usual formalities in opening the Lodge, five candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the Senior Warden, Bro. B. Thomson. A long time was occupied ament. Notices of motions in the Grand Lodge, and the unsatisfactory manner in which the Grand Secretary transacted the duties of his office was reviewed in connection with No. 18. Answers to important communications cannot be got from him, although the R.W.M. was asked if in the event of the Lodge being invited to attend the opening of the new pier at Dumbarton, if it could do so. To which he replied that no invitation had yet been received although it was to be done; but considering that as there was nothing praiseworthy to be done he could not as Masons advise them to attend to take a secondary part, nor to lend themselves to every public occasion, an expression which was loudly applauded. Several other minor matters were then transacted, and the Lodge closed in due form.

LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE (No. 73).—The ordinary bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, at 170 Buchanan-st., on the 6th inst. The Chair was occupied by Bro. George McDonald, R.W.M., and there were also present Bros. George Weston, P.M.; Jno. Bannerman, D.M.; W. McCreeger, S.W.; Jas. S. Ampleford, Sec.; Walton, Treas.; Wm. T. Kay, S.D.; Geo. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; and others. There was a numerous attendance, the business toward being the annual visitation by the P.G.L. of Glasgow. The lodge being then opened, the deputation of the body entered, and were received with due honour. It consisted of the same brethren whose names are given above in our report of Lodge St. John's meeting. Having taken their seats upon the dais, and the R.W.M. having in customary form acknowledged the superiority of P.G.L., and requested by Bro. Baird to retain his seat and mallet, the P.G. Sec., (Bro. McTaggart), said it afforded him considerable pleasure at being able to report that after due examination, the deputation had found the books of the lodge in very good condition, and that the lodge was working, as heretofore, in strict harmony with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He knew no Master in the province who had given so much and distinct attention to Grand Lodge law as Bro. McDonald, on whom, therefore, he thought the report they had been able to make reflected credit. In addition to the good condition of the books, he found also that their funds were flourishing. They had to their credit in the bank the sum of £44 15s. 2d. which, with £10 in the Treasurer's hands, made in all £54 15s. 2d. Their charity, independently of the levy to the Benevolent Fund, had been £19, which, with £4 15s. paid into the said fund that night, made their contributions to charity in all during the year £23 15s. They had made in all during the year 24 members, 3 of whom received the three degrees in one night; but, as he understood from the books, these were cases of real emergency. After a few further remarks, and some wholesome advice, Bro. McTaggart concluded by expressing his hope that the little defects he had pointed out would be taken in the true Masonic spirit in which they had been given. Their lodge stood very well in the province, as it always has done; and, for the sixth time in his ex-

perience as P.G. Secretary, he begged to congratulate them. Bro. Baird, in a few remarks also congratulated the lodge upon their prosperity. They would see that the visit of P. G. L. once a year to them was no mere formal matter, but a thorough investigation of their state; the object of which was to give confidence that everything was being done in proper order. He regretted the absence on that occasion of the R.W.P.G.M., but the deputation would take good care to inform him on the satisfactory condition of lodge 73. The R.W.M. having thanked the members of P.G.L. for their visit, and Bro. Sinclair having stated the present position of the P.G. Benevolent Fund, the deputation retired in order as they had come.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The annual festival of this lodge was held within their own hall, at 12, Trongate, on 31st ult. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Morgan, and Bros. Jasper Martin, D.M., and James Horn, J.W., officiated as Croupiers. The chairman was supported on the dais by Bros. Joseph Wilson, I.P.M.; Wm. Anderson, P.M.; Wm. Bell, R.W.M. 32; Alex. Bain, P.M. 103; W. H. Bickerton (Freemason); and W. B. Paterson, 27; whilst the body of the hall was completely filled, by brethren and visitors, with their wives, sweethearts, &c. After an excellent supper, purveyed by Bro. Middleton, of Trongate Dining Rooms, the chairman delivered a short opening address. He thanked them, in the first place for coming forward in such goodly numbers to assist at the 76th anniversary of Lodge Star. It was seldom, he believed, that the lodge-room had been graced by such a galaxy of talent and beauty as he saw before him. With regard to the ladies, he assured them that he made them heartily welcome to that hall; and he hoped that from what they had seen, and what they would see, they would forgive the brethren for on other occasions being compelled to leave them out. As to the condition of Lodge Star, he could only say that it was flourishing; and, he expected, would still shine out as bright, if not brighter, than any other in the Province of Glasgow. The chairman then made a few humorous remarks as to the antiquity of the Craft, and referring to the principles it inculcated, said that "morality was the watchword and charity the pass-word of Freemasonry," and this being the case, it was bound to go on and flourish in the future as it had done in the past. In conclusion, the Chairman remarked that that was the first time he had occupied that position, but he hoped it would not be the last. The toast list was then entered upon, the Chairman giving first, in succession, "The Queen and the Craft," and the "Three Grand Lodges," which were duly honoured. Bro. Martin, croupier, then proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of Bro. Bain, P.G.B.B., who ably replied to the same. The chairman then gave "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," coupled with Bro. W. B. Paterson, by whom it was acknowledged. The toast of "Lodge Star, 219" was then given by Brother Bain, pledged with enthusiasm, and replied to by the R.W.M., Bro. Morgan. The remaining toasts were the "Health of Bro. J. Wilson, P.M.," "Sister Lodges," coupled with the name of Bro. William Bell, R.W.M. 32, who replied; and "The Ladies," by Bro. Horn, croupier. At various intervals, the proceedings were agreeably relieved by the vocal efforts of Bros. Jas. Houston, Perston, and others. The occasion concluded with an assembly, which was kept up with unflinching spirit, until an early hour.

LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-st., on 1st inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler presided, the other office-bearers present being Bros. A. McTaggart, D.M.; Dr. McInnes, S.W.; Wm. Neven, Sec.; and A. R. Wilson, Chaplain. There was an unusually large attendance of members and visiting brethren present, for the reasons that the P.G.L. of Glasgow were to pay this lodge their annual visitation, and that the brethren were thereafter to be favoured with a lecture by Bro. the Rev. Jamieson, of St. Matthew's Established Church. The lodge having been opened, three candidates, duly proposed and seconded, received the E.A. degree at the hands of Bro. McTaggart. Thereafter, the deputation from the P.G.L. was introduced, consisting of Bros. John Baird, acting P.G.M.; J. B. Walker, Treasurer; A. McTaggart, Sec.; Geo. Sinclair, Treas., and Conv. of P.G. Benevolent Fund; J. Gillies, S.D.; Jno. Fraser, Assistant Marshal; A. Allison, Jeweller; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; John Miller, Director of Music; W. Phillips, S.B.; and A. A. Smith, I.G. The deputation having taken their places on the dais, the R.W.M. (Bro. Butler) acknowledged the authority of the P.G.L. in the usual form, by handing his mallet to Bro. Baird, the latter immediately returning it, with the remark that it could not be in better hands. The P.G. Sec. then read the report of the deputation. He would not, he said, trespass much upon their time. As they were all aware, he held one of the highest offices in Lodge 27, and, therefore, he did not think it would become him to go into detail about his own lodge. Briefly he might state that they were making satisfactory progress, and he believed both Bros. Sinclair and Walker were well content with what they had received during the past year. On the whole the deputation were remarkably well satisfied with the conduct of the lodge, and of its office-bearers, and with the support they had invariably given to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow. Bro. Baird said he regretted exceedingly the absence of the R.W.P.G.M.; but he (the speaker) knew that he would be glad to hear the report the deputation had been able to make that night. The R.W.M. having briefly thanked the deputation for their visit, this portion of the proceedings terminated, and the chairman announced that Bro. Jamieson would give them his lecture, which the Rev. Bro. proceeded to do. It was entitled "The Clergy and Laity" and was mainly a powerful protest against the superstitious notions which prevail regarding the difference between the two classes, and by which a clergyman is prevented from joining with the people in regard to many innocent amusements and

recreations. In regard to this matter, he held that what was innocent and proper and right for the laity, could not be much wrong for the clergy. On the conclusion of the lecture, which evoked great applause, and on the motion of the chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was recorded to the Rev. Bro., who briefly acknowledged the compliment. The lodge was thereafter duly closed.

PAISLEY.—LODGE RENFREW COUNTY KILWINNING (No. 370) held their regular fortnightly meeting on Thursday, 1st inst., in their hall, High street, Paisley, Bro. James Anderson, R.W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among whom we noticed, Bro. J. M. Olliver, Lodge Commercial, 360, Bro. Geo. Fisher, St. Mirren Lodge, 129, and Bro. Nicholson. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Anderson, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no business before the lodge in particular, Bro. J. M. Olliver delivered an able and interesting address upon Freemasonry, which was very instructive and pleasing to all present. After a few remarks from Bro. Nicholson, Bro. Geo. Fisher addressed the brethren on the duty of becoming efficient members of the Order, with a few practical remarks and illustrations upon the principles and true spirit upon which Freemasonry is based. With Bro. Olliver's and Bro. Fisher's interesting lectures, and some excellent songs from the brethren, a very pleasant evening was spent, each one being highly pleased with the evening's entertainment. After a vote of thanks had been tendered to Bro. Olliver for his kindness in coming to address them, the lodge was closed in due form.

GOVAN.—LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 437).—The regular fortnightly meeting of this lodge, was held in their hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on Tuesday, 6th inst., Bro. J. Mc. Farlane, R.W.M., presiding, supported by R. Muir, S.W.; Bro. W. Robb, acting J.W.; J. Miller, D.M.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. An application was read from Mr. Robert Blyth, for admission into the ancient customs and privileges of Freemasonry; there being no objection, the candidate received the E.A. degree, Bro. J. Miller, D.M., officiating. The lodge was then raised, and Bros. C. Petres and P. Guild received the F.C. degree, Bro. Wm. Ferguson officiating. The lodge being again raised Bros. John Robertson, C. Petres and P. Guild, received the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. J. Mc. Farlane, R.W.M., officiating. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 454).—The fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on 7th inst. Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., presided; and office-bearers of the lodge were present, as follows:—Bros. D. Buchanan, P.M.; Wm. H. Caldwell, W.M.; Jno. W. Stafford, S.W.; H. B. Ferguson, J.W.; A. Carmichael, Treas.; Wm. R. Dunn, Sec.; Jno. Harley, S.D.; Jas. Doyle, J.D.; Colin More, Director of Ceremonies; Jno. Dorman, S.S. The lodge having been opened, the Treasurer gave notice that at the first general meeting in next month he would resign his books, owing to the fact that he was about to leave the country; and accordingly Bro. Colynham was appointed to assist in having the books audited against said meeting. Thereafter a deputation from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, who had, in adjoining department, examined the books and accounts of the lodge for the past year admitted, and took their seats upon the dais. The members of deputation were Bros. J. B. Walker, P.G. Treas.; A. McTaggart, Sec.; J. Gillies, S.D.; John Fraser, Assistant Marshal; Wm. Bell, Convener of Committee; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, Director of Ceremonies; A. A. Smith, I.G.; and Geo. Sinclair, Treas., and Convener of Prov. G. Lodge Benevolent Fund. The R.W.M. having in customary form acknowledged the supremacy of Prov. Grand Lodge, and resumed his function as president of the meeting, Bro. McTaggart said that the report he had to submit to them was not much different from what he had given elsewhere, nor would his remarks in any material point differ much. He hoped, however, that if not novel, they might prove satisfactory to the brethren. The deputation had to certify that they had examined the books of the Lodge, and found them in excellent condition, also that, as formerly, the Lodge was working in strict accordance with Grand Lodge of Scotland laws. He was pleased to find that their funds were in a more prosperous condition than they were last year. In the way of charity they had done very well, having distributed the handsome sum of £23, not including £7 contributed to the Benevolent Fund, being in all £30 for the past year. After some further remarks, Bro. McTaggart said that in view of the high character of that Lodge, he did not see why their fees should not be higher. In fact they might almost be doubled. He did not see why that Lodge should not have the highest fees exigible in the province of Glasgow. Their fees were too cheap. Some persons said that if you raise your fees you will lose candidates. He (Bro. McTaggart) had not found it so. The craft hedged round and guarded their lodges in every possible way; otherwise, they said that candidates must be this and must be that, that their names must be well spoken of outside and inside the Lodge, and why should they not have them pay in a respectable way! Why not hedge round their Lodges with a money test as well; nor have it said that men could come from other countries and get made here cheaper and then go away back again! Another most advisable test was an annual subscription; and if Scotch masons were to elevate themselves in the eyes of the masonic world, they must have it. In conclusion, Bro. McTaggart said he had to congratulate the R.W.M. on the position he held in the Lodge, and also on the position the Lodge held the province of Glasgow. The R.W.M. shortly replied, thanking the deputation for this kind visit, and assuring them that the remarks of the P. G.

Sec. would receive the best attention of the Lodge and of the office-bearers. The deputation then withdrew.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROYAL FREEMASONS.

I do not suppose that the writer in *The Graphic* had any authority for the statement that Henry VI. was a Freemason beyond the tradition, such as it is, mixed up with the so-called Locke MS. There is, as far as I am aware, no evidence beyond the statement in our Masonic writers that William III. was initiated at Hampton Court. No record of it exists, as far as I am aware, and I have searched for it everywhere. There is no mention of it, I believe, before Anderson, in 1723, who, in the 1723 edition of the "Constitutions," states that "by most men he is reckoned as a Freemason," and in the 1738 edition, that "the King was privately made a Freemason." Preston says in his "new edition, with additions" in 1781, that King William was "privately initiated in 1795," and in his 13th edition mentions a lodge at Hampton Court, at which King William used to attend. Beyond this, there is, as far as I know, nothing to corroborate the statement. The Duke of Edinburgh is not a Freemason. The Archives of the Masons' Company are very difficult of access, and I do not expect much more result from researches at present.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE LIBRARY.

Is there any brother at Winchester who could obtain permission to make a search for me in the library of Winchester College. If any brother would put himself in communication with me on the subject I should be greatly obliged.

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INSTALLATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The tickets for admission to this ceremony were issued on Wednesday evening with the accompanying circular Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., April, 1875.

Sir and Brother,

I send enclosed herewith — Tickets for qualified Members of Grand Lodge in accordance with your return, and one Ticket for a Master Mason, the number of applications being so unexpectedly large as to prevent the allotment of more than one Master Mason's admission to each Lodge.

You will be pleased to fill on this ticket the name of one of the Master Masons returned on your list and forward to me such name with as little delay as possible, as the ticket will not be available unless the name is previously returned.

It is of course no part of my duty to suggest the manner in which the Ticket for a Master Mason should be disposed of, but inasmuch as the question has already been in many instances asked, I am directed (for the purpose of saving needless correspondence) to say that in the opinion of the Committee having charge of the arrangements, an equitable plan for adoption, in cases where it is desired to avoid the process of balloting, would appear to be to allot the Ticket to the oldest subscribing Member on the list of Master Masons returned.

Any brother who may be unable to produce his Grand Lodge certificate is recommended to come with a known brother of the same Lodge or Province who can if necessary vouch for him.

I take this opportunity of drawing your especial attention to the regulations of the Craft which forbid unauthorised Masonic processions or display in the public streets, and of stating that the M.W.G.M. has expressly forbidden the appearance of any brother in Masonic clothing outside the Royal Albert Hall on the occasion of the Installation.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,
JOHN HERVEY.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

(From our occasional Correspondent.)

There is dearth of news of any Masonic events of any importance this month in the *Britain of the South*, nevertheless "Progress" is the watchword of the good old Craft here, as in other portions of the globe, and, notwithstanding the large amount of abuse, we in common with our brethren in the "old country" receive weekly from the Roman Catholic press, especially through the medium of the "Dunedin Tablet," denunciations loud and deep are poured upon us, but these have about the same effect as "water upon a duck's back," and I am inclined to think that the greatest annoyance is given the editor by being let alone; certainly he has one of the fraternity in the person of the editor of the *Guardian*, who does him the honour of arguing the point, and so the flame is kept sufficiently lively to suit his purpose, otherwise I am persuaded the subject would die of inanition, and I think I may venture to assert, even the "quietus" promised in the December number of the *Contemporary*, is not likely to disturb our mental equilibrium to any alarming extent.

There is one event, however, that I may note as somewhat of a curiosity, viz., the summoning of the Port Chalmers, Marine Lodge, E. C., to attend the funeral of the wife of their respected W.M. This to me seems an outé proceeding. I think it is only justly due to the W.M. of a lodge, that his brethren should be near him in the hour of his affliction and show their love and respect by every means in their power, but I think they overstep the bounds of Masonic prudence by attending the funeral of even a Mason's wife, carrying sprigs of evergreen and

depositing the same in a manner similar to that observed at the burial of a brother. It seems to me a departure from the landmarks, and a flagrant breach of the Constitutions, and though delicacy forbids one to say more than can be helped on a matter of this kind, yet frequent anomalous proceedings of the Craft at funerals (especially in the province of Octago) make it necessary that the attention of the proper authorities should be drawn thereto by means of the Masonic press.

Masonic Tidings.

The Duke of Conaught has consented to attend a concert of the Norwich Musical Union on the 21st inst. His Royal Highness is also about to review the Norwich Rifle Volunteers.

A letter awaits John Hogg, Esq., at the office of this paper.—198 Fleet St.

THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN COMPANY.—At a recent meeting Bro. Bennah, the chairman, ably met the objections which had been brought against the management by some of the proprietors, and after a considerable discussion the result was a complete restoration of confidence in the directors.

DUBLIN MASONIC BALL.—The short paragraph in last week's issue, is incorrect, the admissions to the Ball being unlimited.

Subscribing brethren on payment of £2. 2s becomes entitled to two tickets, and may introduce any number of friends on payment of £1. 1s. for each.

Bro. J. W. Tew, P.P.S.G.W., of West Yorkshire, has been appointed D. Prov. G. Master by Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, who has lately filled the office of D. Prov. G.M., with the greatest efficiency and éclat, retires with the love and deep regard of all his brethren.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 60, on Thursday the 8th inst.

A quarterly convocation of the Metropolitan College, of the Rosicrucian Society, will take place at the Royal Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 30th inst., at 5.30.

The Refreshment department of the Royal Albert Hall, is, we understand, under the management of Bro. Geo. Ewens.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction is now held at the Rose Tavern, Fulham-road near the Consumption Hospital.

The Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund have arranged their exploring operations for 1876. The chief interest centres in the sites of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre.

PORTRAIT OF BRO. LEMON.—A portrait of Bro. Lemon is about to be published, and we are sure that all Bro. Lemon's friends in the north—and they are "legion"—will be glad. While being so well and widely known and as well as widely respected, Bro. Lemon stands high in the province as the Provincial Grand Treasurer of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Freemasons, and is therefore to be represented in his provincial clothing (his permission having been obtained for that purpose.) The portrait is to be engraved in superior style by Messrs. Maclure, Macdonald & Co., and we believe nothing will be wanting to produce a portrait of Bro. Lemon which shall do himself, the subscribers, and the publishers credit.

BEEHIVE LODGE, CARLISLE (No. 1535).—The new lodge at Carlisle, to be called the Beehive Lodge, is to be consecrated on Friday, April 23rd, on the same day as the preliminary provincial meeting for Cumberland and Westmoreland is to be held at Carlisle. New rooms are being prepared for the lodge, and no expense is being spared to fit them up in a suitable Masonic manner. The lodge requirements are to be procured through Bro. McMechan, and are to be supplied by Bro. Kenning, of London, so that in this respect there will be nothing wanting. The first W.M. of the lodge is to be Bro. Cook, of Carlisle.—*Wigton Advertiser*.

At the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire, the Earl of Shrewsbury, P.G.M., referring to the approaching installation of the Prince of Wales as G.M. of England invited the Staffordshire brethren to meet his lordship at his town residence in Dover-Street, and after luncheon with him to accompany him to the Albert Hall. It was stated that about 300 Masons from this district would be present.

The Freemasons of Llandudno have presented Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., with a massive silver inkstand, "as a token of their deep sense of his services to the St. Tudno Lodge, and their high appreciation of his conduct as W.M. for four years, and of their fraternal regard and esteem."

On Saturday evening, at the close of his farewell performance in Liverpool, Bro. Barry Sullivan was presented with a magnificent service of gold plate by his friends and admirers in the "Good Old Town." The presentation took place on the stage of the Royal Amphitheatre, where Bro. Sullivan has had one of the most brilliant engagements ever known in Liverpool.

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Communications from Bro. Poynter and W.B. Reports of Lodge 379, Bath; Lodge of Sorrow, Omagh, Ireland.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

HARGREAVES—HOYLE.—On the 8th inst., at the Parish Church, Haslingden, by the Rev. Godfrey Ashurn, M.A., Manchester; assisted by the Rev. Weldon Champneys, M.A., Vicar of Haslingden, and the Rev. G.W. Reynolds, Rector of St. Marks, Manchester, Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, (Past Grand Deacon, "Mark," of Well Meadow House, Haslingden, to Mary, only child of the late John Hoyle Esq., of Haslingden.

DEATH.

BRIDGES.—On the 10th inst. at Long Thorns, Bridgwater, the V.W. Bro. Henry Bridges, P.G.S.B. England, and D.P.G.M. Somerset, aged 69.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1875.

NOTICE:

The *Freemason* of May 1st, containing a full report of the Installation, will be considerably enlarged. Orders should be given at once, to any news-agent.

NOTICE.

We beg to caution our readers once again against paying attention to any statements respecting the Installation, its arrangements, or its regulations, which do not emanate from Great Queen Street. We carefully keep the Craft acquainted with everything that is authoritatively decided and announced. Everything is proceeding in the most satisfactory way, reflecting the highest credit on those who have many arduous duties to perform.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION,

We are authorised with reference to the correspondence on this subject in our last impression, to say:

1. No suggestions are overlooked, all are carefully considered, and those likely to be useful and practicable acted upon.

2. The one ticket per lodge for M.M.'s will amount, not to one in twenty-five, but to one in ten of those who have applied to be present. To alter the system at the last moment would be simply impracticable, looking at the restrictions and precautions under which the ceremony must be necessarily conducted. It is not proposed to extend special favours to London provincial lodges, in respect of Master Masons' admission.

3. Provincial Grand Officers, who attend as members of Grand Lodge, must wear, (over their Provincial Grand clothing, if that be worn) the light blue collars of the offices in virtue of which they are members of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

4. After the conclusion of the ceremony and the departure of the brethren, there will be no sufficient attraction in the hall to warrant the admission of the public to view it.

PRINCE LEOPOLD.

Our Royal Bro. Prince Leopold has just given a fresh indication of his zeal for Freemasonry by joining a London Lodge. On Thursday, the 8th inst., the Prince was duly elected a joining member of that old and highly distinguished lodge, the Westminster and Key Stone, No. 10, which holds its meetings at Freemasons' Hall. On Thursday, the 4th of March, His Royal Highness was regularly proposed in open lodge by Bro. the Rev. T. Cochran, Chaplain, and P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Oxon, and seconded by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and our Royal brother was then duly balloted for at the following regular meeting of No. 10, on the 8th inst., the ballot box going round the lodge in the usual manner. We need hardly add that the ballot proved unanimous in the Prince's favour. We feel sure that the whole Craft will appreciate the conduct of His Royal Highness in submitting to the ordeal of the ballot, and in fact going through the same forms that any ordinary joining member would have to go through. We understand that the Prince's health being almost completely re-established, it is now His Royal Highness's intention to be "raised" to the sublime degree of a M.M. at an emergency meeting of his mother lodge, the Apollo University, at Oxford, this day (Saturday, the 17th inst.)

THE PROGRESS OF MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY, NO. VII.

It is important to note what documents, the subject perhaps of much controversy, have been identified, as the study of Masonic Archæology has progressed. There is a document for instance, called the "Register of Wm. Molart," which for a long time puzzled Masonic students. It is quoted by most Masonic writers, principally on the faith of Wm. Preston, as a proof that in Henry VI. time Freemasonry was in existence in this country, and that Archbishop Chicheley was its patron, and that under his patronage a lodge was held at Canterbury during the early part of the fifteenth century. Mr. Halliwell first threw doubts on its existence, and no such register could be found. At last it occurred to a very learned antiquary, not a Freemason, Mr. W. Wallbran, of Ripon, the editor of the *Charter-laries of Fountains Abbey*, that Wm. Molart was a misnomer for Wm. Molash, a quondam Prior of the same epoch, whose register was said to exist in Christ Church College library, Oxford. And there sure enough it was found by the sub-librarian of the Bodlian, the Rev. A. Hackman, also a non-mason. Thus the document was verified at last, showing that Wm. Preston's informant had probably seen the MS., but was too careless or too ignorant to transcribe its title correctly, much less its contents. On a page of the MS. is a record of the annual grant of "Murrey Cloth" by the priory to certain persons named, and at

the head of the page, stands Archbishop Chicheley Armiger. Lower down is "Le Loge Latorum." On the same page of the register are the "Magister," the two "Guardiani," and seven "apprenticii." All their names are given—which it is unnecessary to mention here. Thus, then the document is a true document, and though it does not prove what it was, for in Preston, it does show that there was a lodge of operative Freemasons in the early part of the fifteenth century, attached to Christ Church, Canterbury, in an organized form, much akin to our own to-day. In some of the historians we hear of a constitution of Edward the Third's reign; that is only a mistaken use of either a portion of the MS. poem, or of the MS. commonly called Matthew Cooke's—which have had various ages given to them, practically ad libitum, by Masonic writers, to illustrate views of their own. So too, as regards a MS. of the reign of Edward IV., sometimes mentioned; it is an extract from the Additional MS. just mentioned. The truth is, that the Masonic poem and the additional MS. were both well known to Anderson, at least, we believe so, for various reasons, and they have been made to do much service in the cause of Masonic enquiry. Of their reality and authenticity there is now no doubt. The Masonic Poem is certainly very early fifteenth century, if it be not late fourteenth century, and we do not despair of yet finding its original, as the name of its "Latin original" is found in a will, bequeathing the book to a college library in the sixteenth century. The additional MS. edited by Bro. M. Cooke, is probably, as Mr. Bond, of the British Museum, thinks, of the early part of the fifteenth century, and these MSS. prove to our mind clearly, the truth of the old Masonic tradition, that the operative guilds of Freemasons, were directed and controlled by the Monastic orders and were under ecclesiastical patronage! That they had a secret form of admission, and preserved certain modes of secret recognition is also, we think, now pretty clear, and hence the guild theory" as it is called, has received, day by day, as documents are sifted, and MSS. are collated, and compared, additional proofs of its inherent soundness, and historic truth.

THE ATTACK OF THE "SATURDAY REVIEW."

The *Saturday Review* has been witty, "more suo," at the expense of our good old Order. Well, we are of opinion that, as Mr. Sam Weller would say, we shall "survive the operation." We have little fear, as we take but little concern of such attacks. Indeed, we think on the whole we "rayther" like them. They do us a certain amount of good; they serve as a literary "stimulant" to Masonic zeal and ability, and they only tend to show us and to convince mankind how very ignorant a very witty "litterateur" can sometimes be. All that the *Saturday Review* has, by way of a joke against Freemasonry, and it falls, we confess, somewhat "stale, flat, and unprofitable" on us to-day, is that we "built the Tower of Babel," and that we "like a good dinner." These are two serious charges, and require an "exhaustive" treatment. If we did build the Tower of Babel we had a good deal to do probably with "bricks;" and that is why Freemasons are so often called "bricks," figuratively, for "good fellows." That they like a good dinner is undeniable, and we do not think the less of them on that account. Who does not? We will venture to say that the *Saturday Review* critic does as much as any one, and whether he eats it, surrounded by fellow literateurs, equally bland and sympathetic, or with dear, dear Lavinia at Laurel Cottage, "Oxton," we feel sure he enjoys it. Why should not Freemasons like a good dinner? We never could see, given the choice between a bad dinner and a good dinner, why Bro. Spriggins was to prefer the bad, and reject the good, even on any grounds whatever of philosophic asceticism. The truth is, that Freemasons, as men generally, do like good dinners, and when you have said that, you have said all, for they have a right to do so, and they are in the right in doing so. The *Saturday Review* takes an exception to Freemasonry, that

it teaches nothing, "but the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." Well, these are great truths in themselves, and in these days are most important, because, strange to say, a good deal put on one side, in our childish disputes and heated controversies. But Freemasonry does a good deal more than this. It proclaims unceasingly the sacred cause of "toleration," it denounces the "debasement practice of persecution," by whomsoever practised, it upholds the inalienable rights of the human conscience and free thought. Freemasonry favours ever full discussion, and an unrestricted "liberty of prophesying" for the divergent creeds and denominations of the human race. And surely this is a good deal. We get often into such narrow grooves of thinking and acting that we are inclined to denounce everybody and disagree with everybody else. Now Freemasonry possesses this great characteristic, that it is entirely tolerant. It may be in error in such a position, but it is its position, and it is one on which alike its safety and its greatness equally depend. It may be blamed by some because it seems to antagonize Christian dogma, thought it does not; it may be anathematized by others because it appears to exalt itself against ecclesiastical jurisdiction, though equally it does not, for in fact, it has to do with neither. It is simply a friendly and fraternal institution, offering a broad platform for men of opposing views outside the lodge, for members of various denominations, for those who differ, and differ widely in things political and religious in the world; a platform, we say, whereon they meet for works of active benevolence for the practice of the moral virtues and the recognition of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. To some earnest minds such a position will appear to fall short of Christian teaching; to others it will seem to be opposed to denominational interests. But such is the teaching of Freemasonry, and if the "proof of the pudding," be, as they say "in the eating," the universality of Freemasonry is the keystone of the great Masonic Arch of brotherly union and concord and has attracted to its organization countless good men and true, and not the less sincere believers and devout Christians. Despite the ridicule of our contemporary, Freemasonry is very flourishing, and Freemasons are very much in earnest. They "believe" alike in the old Craft and its tolerant principles, and they mean to adhere to it, "through evil report and through good report." Over a hundred years ago, an ingenious Frenchman thought he had deposed and ecrasé Freemasonry, and here it is, more powerful than ever. We have every reason to believe and to hope, that it will manage to survive the last "deliverance of the *Saturday Review*."

SPURIOUS CERTIFICATES.

We beg to call attention to a very serious matter. A very worthy and respected correspondent has sent us a spurious certificate, in blank, which, it appears, is given by some surreptitious French lodge in England, and seeks to deceive our English brethren, by leading them to believe it is a certificate from the Grand Orient of France. Probably it was some such certificate as this, which misled the brethren of the High Cross Lodge. We give a copy, verbatim et literatim, of all that is printed.

A. L. G. D. G. A. D. L 'U,
Au nom de la Maçonnerie universelle,
A tous les Maçons réguliers répandus
sur la surface de la Terre,
S. F. U.

Nous Vénéralble, Off, et M.M. de la Loge, St. Jean, sous le titre distinctif.

[In MS.] Jules Francois. Reynaud.

Who are Bros. Jules Francois and Reynaud? Are they brothers? We invite the attention of our excellent Bro. Caubet to this certificate, which we apprehend is entirely spurious.

The issue of certificates in blank is greatly to be deprecated, and we sincerely thank our worthy correspondent for calling attention to such an impropriety, and such an attempt to impose on our English brethren and others, as we cannot suppose that any regular body of Freemasons would sanction or commit such an irregular proceeding. The certificate is printed apparently at Marseilles, the name of the printer being illegible.

BROTHER CONSTABLE DRAWING.

We are requested by our worthy Bro. Constable to state, and we do so with much pleasure, that it has been decided to postpone the drawing until the 5th May, to take place, as previously arranged, at Bro. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, Cannon St., E.C. Bro. Constable has already in hand sufficient money for 13 Life Governorships, and many of the supporters of the movement have intimated that their sales amount to a considerable sum. So far he sees his way clear to 18 Life Governorships, represented by upwards of 3,700 tickets. Bro. Constable states that his Stewardship at present amounts to £350, and this sum is lying on deposit at the Consolidated Bank. We congratulate our worthy brother on his praiseworthy efforts and the satisfactory response so far made to them by the Craft, and we trust that the result will be satisfactory alike to his own warm heart, will greatly benefit the charities, and will lead to the advancement of Masonic benevolence.

ENGLISH & FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

Our article on this subject lately, seems to have discomposed somewhat one or two friendly and fraternal critics. Our good Bro. J. G. Findel, for instance, in the *Bauhütte* of April 3, though only in a four line paragraph, expresses his disagreement with our article, and imputes to it "many errors," while praising Bro. Bergmann's letter in the "Freemason" with reference to German Freemasonry. We did not understand Bro. Bergmann as at all complaining of our statements, or imputing error to them—on the contrary—we understood his letter to be confirmatory of our views in the main. We do not profess to understand of what Bro. Findel complains. All we stated as regards German Freemasonry was, that Freemasonry in Germany was at present under different systems and G. lodges, but that the tendency of German Freemasonry latterly was to be content with Craft Masonry. We apprehend that in both our statements we are entirely borne out by the facts of the case. On looking back to Bro. C. Von Daden's "Kalendar fur Freimaurer" for 1875, published by Bro. J. G. Findel, we find there are eight Grand Lodges in Germany, of which one has sixteen Scottish Rite lodges, one has 25 Andrew's lodges, one 7 inner Orients, belonging to them, besides Johannite lodges. This is the different system from ours to which we alluded, and which confessedly exists. Beyond this our remarks did not apply to German Freemasons or German Freemasonry. It was only a short time previously that we strongly protested against Cardinal Manning's attack on our Teutonic brethren, we therefore do not, as we said before, profess to understand what are the "many errors," which Bro. J. G. Findel finds in the article alluded to. Bro. C. Von Gagern, in the Vienna "Freimaurer Zeitung" of April 2, makes a vehement attack on the same article of ours, which he heads "Masonic Pharisaism." As we did not allude to the Austrian Freemasons, Bro. Von Gagern's fiery assault is altogether a "logomachy," rather a waste of words. We rejoice to hear from our worthy if angry brother, that in Austria the Freemasons are loyal subjects and good citizens, never meddle with politics or the problems of an advanced "socialism." Such a distinct fact, must reassure, one should think, any lingering scruples of the eminent minister Von Lasser. Our brother Von Gagern gives us a new history of the formation of the English Grand Lodge in that he says it was, as everybody knows, a "Deistical protest against confession." We don't know it. Indeed we are convinced that our good old Masonic forefathers, in 1717, cared very little about confession and the Pope, and that our historical revival had as little to do with such veils or feelings as possibly could be in this world of ours. The revival of 1717 was but a natural conclusion to the previous struggles of the operative guilds, a simple continuation of a previous purely operative Grand Assembly, though during the latter part of the 17th Century, speculative Masons like Ashmole were more freely admitted perhaps into the local lodges. We do not conceive that English Freemasonry

anywhere avows that it is "Deistical." All that it does say, is, that no Atheist can be admitted, but it is not a case of sequester, that it therefore avows Deistical teaching, though it may for its own wise purposes of universal toleration, make its admission as wide as possibly could be, with safety to itself and its members. Bro. Von Gagern goes a great deal further in his objections to our article and we see why he terms it Masonic Pharisaism, a somewhat unfraternal and unbecoming expression. He tells us, that the "highly praised proceedings of the English Lodges, as far as the religious portion is concerned, are unmasonic." That is to say, as he goes on to tell us, "the Bible is an unmasonic symbol." We should have been pleased had Bro. Von Gagern stopped here, for even thus far there is sufficient difference between us in all conscience. But when he continues, "since the beginning of the last century, since the foundation of our Masonic Confederation, the sciences have made immense strides, especially the "natural-sciences," and the last have arrived at such a standpoint, that they by no means admit of an enquiry into the existence of a "personal God;" we feel how hurtful would be the continuation of any controversy between us. For Bro. Von Gagern goes on to say "the fabric of the world exists, but of an Almighty Master Builder of all the Worlds, though faith knows well "natural enquiry knows nothing of him." Here then we stop, as we are pained ourselves, and our brethren in England will be pained we are sure, with such avowals. The progress of science in England has, we are warranted in saying, with some exceptions, no doubt, led to the conclusion that all we see around us here, so wonderful, so beautiful, so glorious, and so great, is the result of supreme contrivance, of infinite design, of eternal goodness, of Divine Creation; and that there is alike for natural enquiry, and for faithful trust, the one omnipotent and beneficent Architect of the Universe. We can quite understand Bro. Von Gagern's dislike of "Pharisaism," and we might use angry expressions "per contra," but we refrain, remembering the good old adage, "hard words butter no parsnips." We confess that if Bro. Von Gagern's views be the views of any large numbers of the Austrian Freemasons we hold the prospects of Austrian Freemasonry to be gloomy in the extreme, as such an absolute negation of all positive truth may well alarm the rulers of a country, and make Minister Von Lasser hesitate. We consider Bro. Von Gagern's exposition of such opinions to be very unwise and very ill-timed and we are glad to think that we, in this old-fashioned England of ours, especially in our own true teaching of Freemasonry, are all as yet far removed, and long may we continue, from such destructive teaching, and such hurtful theories of philosophical unbelief.

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.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As all of us Masons cannot attend the ceremony on the 28th inst. of the Installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, I suggest that every lodge should have a special meeting and banquet on the day of Installation.

Yours cordially,

A PAST MASTER AND P.P.G. OFFICER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Bro.

Much as I appreciate the suggestion of Bro. N.R. and others, in your paper of the 3rd inst., "that photographers should be engaged to take views of the installation," allow me to state to him that there are several reasons why his idea cannot be carried out; 1st, because the ceremony is to take place by gaslight; 2nd, photographers on that occasion must be Masons; 3rd, There is no lens yet constructed that would embrace the angle of the hall; 4th, that the experienced authorities having been consulted, very properly (I think) declined to give permission to take photographs. There is then only one method of rescuing so grand a sight from forgetfulness, and that is, the idea to which I have been giving my attention for the last three weeks, namely, to publish by means of photography a picture, which can be produced in different

sizes, of the ceremony at a given time, from photographs taken from life, containing portraits of all the Grand Officers, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren attending. This is now being completed by me, and I may state that I have already been favoured with sittings by between 2 and 300 brethren of distinction, and continue to receive many appointments from others desirous of furthering the object.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro., fraternally yours,
E. M. HAIGH, P.M., P.G. Steward.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Many suggestions having appeared in your columns for aiding our Masonic Charities at the forthcoming installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of our Order, permit me, as a Provincial W.M., who hopes to have the honour of being present at the august procedure, to suggest to Bro. Binckes a scheme which would, I think, bring "grist to the mill," and at the same time accommodate many, who, like myself, will have to remain in London all night, and yet not be privileged to attend the grand banquet. Could not our brother arrange with some of our brethren who are lessees of London theatres to give a benefit night for the Royal Institution for Boys? If so, he then might send to each lodge a number of tickets to be disposed of; say at 5s., 7s. 6d., and 10s. each. I have no doubt a full house would thus be secured, and two most essential objects gained, viz.: amusement and philanthropy.

If you think the above hint worthy of consideration, you will greatly oblige by its insertion in your cosmopolitan journal.

Yours, most respectfully and fraternally, R.H.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. HUGHAN'S letter, pointing out how small a proportion of the candidates for the two Masonic Schools are children of subscribers, is well worth the gravest consideration. I am afraid that in, but too many instances, candidates are admitted into Masonry, whose position and prospects are not such as admit the likelihood of their being able to afford subscriptions to the Masonic Charities, and I submit that when our Book of Constitutions was drawn up, the pecuniary limit then fixed, was intended to exclude such candidates. I do not know when the fee to Grand Lodge and the minimum below which no one was permitted to be initiated were fixed, but I think it dates back to the "Articles of Union;" anyhow no alteration has been made for many years, and looking to the change in the value of money, and how all classes have trodden closer on those above them, I am quite convinced that the time has come to raise the minimum fee, and I should be much pleased to see £5 5s. take the place of £3 3s. There is a growing feeling in the Craft, and especially in some provinces, that Freemasonry is too cheap, and that something must be done to keep up our prestige.

Yours fraternally, P. G. D.

"THE SCOTTISH FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE" AND THE "DEFENCE OF FREEMASONRY."

To the Publisher of the Freemason.

Dear Brother Kenning,—

I have read a review of my little work in your recently established Scottish contemporary, which appears to call for a few remarks from me.

I am, as you know, the last person to deprecate honest criticism, and when the writer of the review states that "his style (that is, mine) is not so clear nor his method so logical as could be wished," I at once bow to such complimentary expressions, though I am somewhat amused to note, that the reviewer himself must fairly be admired for the happy confusion of both thought and language, alike in his position and his arguments. The reviewer may be quite right in finding fault with the division of the objections into those of "theory" and those of "practice," but he is quite wrong in saying that the first objection under the first head, and the second objection under the second head may be regarded as anticipated in the third objection under the first head." There is great confusion of apprehension here, as no subjects can be more dissimilar or distinct. Indeed it is a criticism without force or meaning.

The reviewer is quite justified in pointing out that there does arise "a repetition of the treatment of the subject," but then that is the inevitable consequence of the objections I had to deal with. Had I lumped them altogether, I should have been told that I had not paid due attention to them, and therefore I preferred to take them "seriatim" and in detail, even at the risk of obvious "weakening of the force of the argument, taken as a whole." This repetition occurs in respect of the one objection that Freemasonry is an eclectic system (not an "elective" system as in the S.P.M.) in itself, "disregarding all other religious bodies," and Mr. Kerr's complaint that "it forms a Masonic bond of union among men, opposed to the true teaching of the Gospel." These objections had been made, and they had to be met and dealt with, and as one was theoretical and the other practical, I treated them accordingly. They might, perhaps, be more conveniently conjoined, and disposed of under the same head. Beyond this I note no remarks requiring much comment, except that for obvious causes, and to prevent any misapprehension of my views by the Scottish brethren, I feel bound to supplement this short answer with a few explanations.

I should have thought that the reviewer would see that the belief in God the Father necessarily led to an acceptance of the great truth of immortality. I did not deal with it, as it appeared to me a self-evident proposition, and I cannot understand any one accepting the Divine creation and moral government of the world, together with the inspired Revelation, who does not also accept the future life of

man. On natural grounds we can arrive at it, as I believe, much more in the teachings and declarations of positive truth. I did not consider it therefore needful or advisable to dilate on such a subject, so clearly developed in all our Masonic symbolism and rites. The point of the prayers is a very difficult one. To myself, personally, of course, outside the lodge, I fully accept the common teaching of Christianity, but inside the lodge, on our own principles, how am I to act? We profess to receive Hebrews and other non-Christians. How are we to treat them? Are we to ignore their principles, or to disregard their beliefs? In fact is the lodge-room to be the arena of a Masonic proselytism? We must boldly face the difficulty of the whole question, and there is no use blinking it.

In England our prayers are universal or theistic for the most part now; in Scotland and in Ireland they are also sometimes Christian, though not universally. Many good men and true, and most orthodox in their generation, have found no difficulty, as I find none, in the "universal prayer" in the lodge room, on our avowed principles; and though I admit many may object to such a position, I believe it to be the true teaching of universal Freemasonry. But I speak with a good deal of hesitation and deference on the subject, as it is confessedly a very difficult one, and to many a "crucial test," an irremovable objection against Freemasonry.

I confess that I do not understand the reviewer's position or views on the subject, but that may arise from my own great dullness and want of a combination of vigour and delicacy of argumentative (sic) nervousness and wise discrimination, as the reviewer so eloquently writes. What he means by his own words, I don't pretend to understand, much less to explain.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,
A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me through your columns, on behalf of numerous brethren, to return our thanks to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to Major-General Brownrigg, and to the brethren of Colchester, Aldershot, and the Brownrigg Lodge of Unity, Chatham, as well as to those of the provinces of Essex, Kent and Surrey, for securing by their votes the election into the Masonic Girls' School, to-day, of Fanny Craig, the orphan daughter of the late Serjt. Craig, of the 10th Regiment. While thanking them all very sincerely both for their votes and for their influence, I may perhaps call to the attention of the Craft generally, that the great interest which the Prince of Wales feels in our Order takes a practical form, and that the votes which he has in our charitable institutions by virtue of his liberal donations, are given to candidates at our half yearly elections.

I remain, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

SAMUEL COLE,
Quarter Master, Royal Engineers.

Aldershot, April 10th.

THE "FATHER OF FREEMASONRY"

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the *Illustrated London News* of Saturday last appeared a portrait of the oldest Freemason in England.

Having at the present moment living amongst us in "vigorous age," an older Freemason, although not an older man, I venture to trouble you with a very brief sketch of a worthy and esteemed brother, asking you to do me the favour to insert the same in your next paper.

Bro. Francis David Michael, of Russell-st., Swansea, is in his 91st year.

He was initiated into Freemasonry in April, 1814, at Haverfordwest, and is therefore 6 years the senior of the brother named in the *Illustrated London News*. Removing to Swansea, Bro. Michael took his second and third degrees in the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 333, became the W.M. in 1818, was one of the founders of the Virtue and Hope R. A. Chapter, filling in it almost every chair, including that of First Principal. He is at the present time an honorary member of almost every lodge in South Wales, is a Past Grand Warden of the Province, and for very many years held the post of Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Michael has in the course of his Masonic career initiated upwards of 300 persons into Masonry.

His impressive rendering of the various ceremonies for many years left him without a rival, and among his brother Masons he is highly esteemed and beloved, his name being a "household word," invariably spoken with kindness.

I am, dear sir and brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,
EDWARD J. MORRIS, D.P.G.M.

Swansea, April 12th, 1875.

NEW MASONIC LODGE DRAMATIC.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your valuable journal of March 27th contains a report of Lodge St. George, 333, in which some allusion is made to our petition for Lodge Dramatic. The same article having been published in the *North British Daily Mail*, (Glasgow), I answered it, stating facts, and shewing our brethren the actual position in which we stand. The copy of my answer I send you now, and beg that you will make it as public as possible, for the other tends to injure us where this will disabuse the mind of all the Craft and shew that it is our desire to work sure and constitutionally.

I am yours fraternally,

WILLIAM DOBSON.

Sir,—I observe in your columns of Saturday a report of a meeting of Lodge St. George, 333. I would beg to call the attention of brother Masons to the fact that in speaking of the petition for proposed new Lodge Dramatic he (Bro. Alex. Thomson R. W. M.) mentions us as being migratory. That some theatrical people are so I do not deny; but as it tends to disparage our cause in the eyes of our Masonic brethren, I would beg to call the attention of the Craft to the following facts:—

1. We made it an especial study to select brethren who were householders, and had been citizens for years—knowing that to be qualified as office-bearers it was essential they should be so.

2. I am myself a householder for 13 years, and have been 15 years engaged in the theatre Royal.

3. Brother Barbour has been in theatre 12 years past, and householder for 14 years past.

4. Brother Jackman has been in theatre for 9 years, and householder for seven years.

5. Brother Sievwright has been in theatre for 5 years, and a householder for a long time.

6. Brother Vallance has been in Theatre Royal and Gaiety for 10 years, and a householder for 7 years.

7. Brother Smyth has been in theatre for 7 years, and in Glasgow all his life.

8. Brother T. Hayes has been engaged in theatre for 5 years, and a householder.

9. Brother McGregor here in theatre for a long number of years, and a householder.

10. Brother Campbell here in theatre for years, and always in Glasgow.

11. Brother Mills in theatre for 7 years, and always in Glasgow.

12. Brother Groves at present here, and is now a permanent member.

Now, I have given a just account of who form our office-bearers, and I think we can be hardly brought under the category of "here to day and away to morrow." It may sound very well for them to use these terms, but I am sure that a lodge such as we petition for would be a great boon to professionals, and a want that no one can feel so much as we, the petitioners, do. Trusting you will give this a little space in your valuable paper.—I am, &c.,
Theatre Royal, March 13. WILLIAM DOBSON.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. X.Y., a Scotch Mason, arrives in our town in October or November. Never visited the lodge, but is proposed as a joining member at a lodge of emergency in December. On St. John's Day, the business of the lodge, installation and investment of officers, is deferred (contrary to bye-law No. 11) by order of the W.M. (this being his second year in office) who directs the ballot for Bro. X.Y. to be taken, who is elected. Immediately after the W.M. proceeds with the business, and appoints and installs Bro. X.Y. as Senior Warden of the lodge, before his name could appear on any books as a member of the English Constitution, or the minutes of the lodge be confirmed.

Is this correct and legal?

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

[In our opinion, the brother alluded to was not eligible until he was registered in the English Grand Lodge, and had received his English Grand Lodge certificate. The confirmation of the minutes has nothing to do with the ballot. On appeal to the Board of General Purposes, the appointment would, we are inclined to think, be cancelled, as "ultra vires."—ED.]

Reviews.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM AND FREEMASONRY, By WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

A friend has sent me a copy of "The Irish Ecclesiastical Record" for April, published under the sanction of Cardinal Cullen, because it contains an article on "Freemasonry."

I hope that our learned Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., who has lately presented the Craft with a most readable and able "Defence of Freemasonry," will peruse it and favour us with a short answer in the pages of the *Freemason*, if indeed it merits any attention at all.

My object now is mainly to ask the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, if they, the actual members, know aught of the society to which they belong, for if they do (and if we do) then the writer of the article in question cannot be speaking of the same institution, wilfully misrepresents it, or is "perpetuating a joke." It is not my intention to attempt any answer in the present sketch to the statement found in the "Irish Ecclesiastical Record," because I should much prefer our Rev. Bro. Woodford to have that gratification, he having so recently written a "Defence" of the society, in every sense, worthy of the cause. We shall simply furnish a few extracts for the amusement and information of your readers.

The first sentence is as follows:—"It needs no very acute observation to recognise the fact that Freemasonry is struggling with a fierce and a more determined enemy than ever against the liberty, nay, against the very existence of the Catholic Church."

One great object of the *Freemason* is to enlighten the fraternity, and afford information to the Craft, so the above extract will, I think, be information indeed for the majority, if not for all of its readers.

The first charge in our Book of Constitutions, after declaring that "a Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law," and to heed the claims of conscience, states that Freemasons "are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion." The latter clause was never much more wanted, I think, than at the present time, so we ask the forbearance and compassion of Masonic students

whilst reading this, the first declaration in the Irish Record on Freemasonry.

The writer also says that "its chiefs make now but little effort to conceal what was all along felt by the Church to be a certainty, that its deadly warfare is with catholicity; its doctrines and morality; its spiritual head on earth; and those members of it who practice its precepts."

What can any one say to such a falsehood? It is really so absurd that it seems childish to desire a confutation. I have visited lodges a few times, but never heard Roman Catholicism referred to, and I believe our experience agrees with many whose widespread knowledge of the Order dwarfs my limited acquaintance with the Society, and suggests our silence on such a subject.

Occasionally at a banquet a speaker indulges in a little innocent mirth by making known a few of the latest objections of the Roman Catholic Priesthood to the Society, but that is only when the more serious business of the Order has been attended to, and certainly if so doing means being open to the charge of engaging in deadly warfare with the Roman Church, the assertion is true!

Then, again, a wonderful discovery is made and ushered in with the following startling words:—

"Freemasonry, even amongst ourselves, where it does not dare to put itself forth in all its native deformity and abomination, means nothing less than a battle against Catholicism, and a perpetuation, though under another name, of the ascendancy that for so many generations sat, like a dismal and torturing nightmare, on the energy, the industry, the intellectual vigour, and the freedom of the Catholic people of Ireland."

Then to complete the discovery, and prove the simplicity of the writer, there follows this declaration:—

"We should be a marvellously simple, or a marvellously stupid race, if in the presence of the recent history of Freemasonry, we had failed to reach to this appreciation of the objects of the organisation."

Were it not that I am again reminded in our "ancient charges" already alluded to, that "Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love," I should be inclined to agree with the writer that he must be either "simple, or marvellously stupid," or most likely both.

We are gravely told that Freemasonry "keeps the mastery wherever it can, and holds up the temptation of advancement in professional life, of success in trade, of social recognition here at home, and social greeting abroad, as lures to catch Catholics within its toils. But its efforts have been comparatively fruitless, for Catholics are staunch against the proffered bribe."

Such a disgraceful misrepresentation of the Masonic Society cannot mislead the Craft, because they know otherwise, but it may possibly lead some to have doubts of the Order, there being a popular notion of such worldly advantages in connection with the fraternity.

No one can join our lodges without pledging himself to exactly the reverse of the foregoing description, so we leave it to any sane man to form his own opinion on the subject. Should any such beings as the worthy alluded to obtain a footing in our Order, and their practices be discovered, all we can say is, they are sure to meet with the treatment they deserve. Any anxious to be Freemasons with any such appreciations as the Roman Catholic writer holds out, and will pass over our threshold by telling deliberate lies, may rest assured that ultimately their low-minded and selfish propensities will be exposed, and held up to the scorn and contempt of all right thinking, pure-minded Masons.

But we are not only told what we know not of Freemasonry, but are treated to statistics. "At the close of last year there were no less than eight millions of Freemasons in the world!" This will be news for the Editor of the *Freemason* and ourselves, who from trustworthy documents, had come to the conclusion that there were about one million of contributing members, and probably about as many more unaffiliated!

Of these "eight millions" it appears, but few know anything of the real objects of the society, the maximum of the fully informed, not exceeding "five hundred thousand!" Then follows the charitable remark, that if the Craftsmen were asked to do "what the oath of Masonry pledges every man who takes it," in reference to any conceivable business or engagement of life, "they would look upon the man as an idiot, or more likely as a rogue and a scoundrel, fit for the attention and primitive administration of the nearest policeman."

"Idiot" or "scoundrel" are the terms he uses, but they are mild compared with those which he deserves, who has put together such trash, unless indeed he is but the tool of his party, and has, alas, sold his conscience and his mind to an intolerant, persecuting, and unscrupulous sect!

We leave this part, fully agreeing with the writer, that he is a rogue, an idiot and a scoundrel, who accepts this statement of what Freemasonry is.

The author of "Freemasonry" says, "It is idle to speak of the possibility of genuine Catholicity co-existing with Masonry," and yet, soon after, he actually finds fault with the *Monde Maçonnique* for declaring: "One cannot be at the same time a Mason and a Catholic." We do not accept the teachings of the *Monde Maçonnique* as rightly illustrative of Freemasonry, in fact many of its statements are at variance with our principles, both in this country and the United States, and generally throughout Germany; but in this instance the magazine has the support of the *Irish Record*, and in condemning it, the latter condemns also itself.

Towards the end, the motive which prompted the article being written is seen. "The heir apparent of the English throne, the Grand Master," is grouped with other illustrious personages to prove that Protestantism has

yielded, and now the "Catholic Church is the only religious institution that dares to do battle with Masonry." Ride, si sapis!

LONG LIVE THE PRINCE.

This popular song, one among many in the "Freemason's Liber Musicus," will be sung by Bro. George Perren, at the installation Banquet on the 28th inst. The song having met with so great a success, the Composer Dr. Wm. Sparks has been induced to issue it in a separate form, with music, price 3s.

LONG LIVE THE PRINCE.

Oh! Masonry, our hearts inspire,
Warm us with thy true sacred fire,
Our Prince obedient to thy laws
With joy we hail him to the cause,
Oh! may our greatest pleasure be
To greet him Prince of Masonry,
For it, and virtue are the same
Loud then we'll hail his glorious name.

Chorus

Long live our Prince,
Just, true, and wise,
God bless the Prince
Masonry cries!

We are obedient to our laws,
Zealously to support our cause,
Like him we feel a brother's woe
And feeling comfort we bestow,
Letting no brother draw the sigh
His grief unnoticed pass him by
Oh may he, as a brother true
The paths of Masonry pursue.

Chorus

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The April Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this school, was held on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major John Creaton was called on to preside, and among the brethren who supported him, and who were very numerous, were Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, A. H. Tattershall, John Symonds, S. Rawson, Capt. Henry Smith, (West Yorkshire); Robert B. Webster, Walter Wellsman, H. Massey (Freemason), Edwd. Harris, W. F. Smith, Fred. Tyerman, W. F. C. Moutrie, F. Adlard, F. Davison, Owen James Grace, Jesse Turner, Thomas W. White, Samuel May, George Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, Edwd. Cox, Thomas Fenn, E. S. Snell, Charles Cote, Dr. Ramsay, Quarter Master Samuel Cole, R.E., Aldershot; H. Ebsworth, John Coultis, C. A. Cottebrune, George Snow, H. M. Levy, W. Stephens, Owen J. Carter, (Strood); John Read, W. Smead, and R. W. Little, (Secretary). After the minutes of former meetings had been read, and confirmed, Bro. John Symonds proposed, and Bro. S. Rawson seconded the election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, (Grand Treasurer), as Treasurer of this institution, and Bro. Tomkins was therefore elected unanimously. Bro. H. M. Levy was elected a member of the general committee of the school, and the court after appointing scrutineers of votes, proceeded to the election of thirteen girls, out of a list of thirty-two candidates. At the declaration of the poll the following candidates were declared duly elected, by the number of votes placed opposite to their respective names:—

Table listing names and vote counts for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Includes names like Bingham, Mabel Ellen (1284), Stransom, Laura Sophia (1270), Owens, Elizabeth (1080), Case, Emily (1029), Rogers, Mary Sarah (1018), Scott, Annie Eliza (997), Phillips, Minnie (940), Craig, Fanny (927), Trumble, Elizabeth (885), Tipper, Emma Elizabeth (811), Christie, Ellen Sophia (809), Barsby, Mary Emma (806), Kite, Ada Elizabeth (759).

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman, closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers to this institution was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and among the brethren present were Bros. Major Creaton, Charles Cobb, Capt. Henry Smith (West Yorkshire); S. Rawson, H. Massey, Dr. Ramsay, Charles Greenwood, Hugh D. Sandeman, Thomas Smith, L. Finch, Sidney R. Brooks, Thomas W. White, Robert B. Webster, J. L. Hine, James A. Birch, W. F. C. Moutrie, Jesse Turner, F. Adlard, W. Lane, Joseph F. Starkey, J. Terry, J. M. Chadwick, J. Macdonald, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rosenthal, John Huggins, Alfred A. Pendlebury, A. D. Loewenstark, Wm. Smeed, E. Cox, Thomas Price, L. Stean, J. M. P. Montagu, John Marson, James Kidner, A. GreatRex, R. Harland Whiteman, E. Spooner, F. B. Davage, George M. E. Snow, E. Coste, W. B. Baylis, Alfred Avery, Wm. Stephens Page, of Maidstone; and F. Binckes, Secretary.

Bro. Major Creaton proposed, and Bro. Charles Greenwood seconded, the re-election of Bro. George Plucknett as Treasurer.

Bros. Henry Law and William Blackmur were elected to fill two vacancies which have occurred, one by death, and the other by qualification as life governor, on the General Committee. Lord Skelmersdale and Bro. Bentley Shaw were elected Trustees of the General Fund, and Lord Skelmersdale and Major Creaton, Trustees of the Sustentation Fund. Scrutineers of votes were then appointed,

and the election of eight boys, out of a list of forty-eight candidates for admission to the school was proceeded with. At half-past four o'clock, Bro. S. Rawson, Chairman of the Scrutineers, came into the board-room with the Scrutineers and announced the result of the election, and the following boys were declared successful:—

Table listing names and vote counts for the election of boys. Includes names like Davies, James Sanders (2139), Armitage, Charles Edgar (1841), Swallow, John Tom (1828), Pilling, Thomas Smith (1765), Buttrey, James Armytage (1749), Marks, James Thomas (1637), Jackson, William Henry (1599), Kerr, Arthur David (1554).

Capt. Smith proposed, and Bro. Edwd. Cox seconded a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers, which was carried unanimously, and Bro. S. Rawson responded.

A vote of thanks to the chair was passed, and Bro. Symonds, in acknowledging it, said that they had been able that day to admit but very few boys to the school, which must be a great disappointment. But he hoped it would be a further incentive to the supporters of this institution to give and get still greater subscriptions, that its benefits might be extended, and that there might be less and less distress, consequent on unsuccessful candidates being thrown out.

This closed the proceedings, and the brethren separated

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, Major John Creaton in the Chair. There were also present Bros. Joseph Smith, John Constable, C. A. Cottebrune, Thomas W. White, James Brett, W. Stephens, W. Hilton, John G. Stephens, H. M. Levy, Griffiths Smith, John Bellerby, Thomas Cubitt, J. Newton, K. Stean, C. Lacey, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry, Secretary.

There was but little business before the brethren. The minutes were read, and confirmed, and the announcement was made of the death of Bro. Osment, of Sherborne, Dorset, at the age of 100 years, and that he had received, while he had been a recipient of an annuity from this Institution, the amount of between £500 and £600 from its funds.

The Collector of the Institution, Bro. W. Lane, having volunteered, by letter read to the committee, to make a reduction in the amount of his commission on sums collected by him, the same was agreed to with the thanks of the Committee.

Bro. Griffith Smith asked whether the list of subscribers &c. could not be published every year instead of every two years. At present, the names of subscribers of last year were not to be found in the list, but only those of the year before.

The Chairman, having enquired of the Secretary how this matter stood,

Bro. Terry said that the 500 books that were printed lasted for two years, and no new book was published until the old stock was exhausted.

It was then arranged that a smaller number should be printed, and that a new list should be published every year.

The Committee then adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO A PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The brethren of West Lancashire have again done themselves honour by recognising the valuable and hearty services rendered to the Craft by a distinguished member of the fraternity. Every brother in West Lancashire must have, on more than one occasion, admired the singular enthusiasm, cordiality, and invariable geniality with which Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, M.A., performed the important duties of Prov. Grand Chaplain during his tenure of office; and now that he is numbered amongst the Past P.G. Chaplains, the recognition of his excellent services was a natural result. This took place on Saturday last, when an interesting presentation of a handsome gold hunting watch, accompanied by a suitable address, was made to Bro. Goggin at his residence, Rafford Rectory, near Ormskirk. The subscriptions were given by the brethren in the province, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master England, Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, being the President of the committee. The watch bore the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. J. F. Goggin, J.P., Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, by his Masonic brethren of West Lancashire, with their fraternal regards in recognition of past services." The address was as follows:—

"To the Rev. J. F. Goggin, J.P., Past Prov. G. Chaplain, W.L., Rafford Rectory.

Reverend and Dear Sir and Brother,—The brethren of the province of West Lancashire present you with the accompanying gold watch on your retirement from office as Prov. Grand Chaplain, in testimony of the high esteem in which you are held by those brethren, the kind and considerate manner in which you have discharged your important duties, the many admirable sentiments conveyed to them in the various special prayers and orations prepared by you with so much care and ability, and delivered so impressively, and of their heartiest wishes not only for your happiness and welfare, but that you will continue to take an active part in their Masonic institutions.—We are, reverend and dear sir and brother, yours very faithfully and fraternally,

SKELMERSDALE, President, Dep. G.M., England, Prov. G.M., W.L.
GEORGE TURNER, Secretary and Treas., P.M. 86, 823, &c., P.Z. 86, 216, 823.

Bro. Captain Turner (in the unavoidable absence of Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G. M., president of the fund, on

parliamentary duties), after expressing the great pleasure it afforded him in being the privileged medium through which the presentation was made, begged Bro. Goggin's acceptance of the watch as a slight acknowledgement of the feelings of the brethren of the province towards him, and their high appreciation of his endeavours to promote the Masonic principles of brotherly love, good feeling, and religious truth during his term of office, trusting that he would long be spared to wear it. The address having been read, Bro. Goepel, Prov. G.D. of C., added a few eulogistic remarks on Bro. Goggin's earnestness in the performance of his important duties; when Bro. Goggin, in a feeling manner, thanked the brethren for their kind consideration, which he felt to be far beyond his deserts, his duties having been throughout of a most pleasing character, and, accepting the watch as an earnest proof of the goodwill of the brethren, promised to continue his exertions in the interests of Masonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, WEST YORKSHIRE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted at the meeting to be held at the Drill Hall, Prescott, Halifax, on Wednesday April 21st

The Roll of Lodges will be called.

The Roll of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers will be called.

The Minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Doncaster, on Wednesday, July 21st, 1874, will be read for confirmation.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P., D.L., P.M. 61, will be duly installed by Major Le Gendre N. Starkie, J.P., D.L., R.W., Prov. G.M., East Lancashire.

The R.W.P.G. Master will then invest W. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.M., 910, as Deputy Prov. G. Master, and afterwards appoint and invest the Provincial G. Officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. Edward Sewell will move the resolution respecting the Masonic Charities which, by his request, was postponed on July 8th, 1874.

Bro. William Smith, P.M., 290, 1462, will move the omission of the following paragraph from Bro. Sewell's motion viz.: "Especially the Royal M. Institutions for Boys and Girls."

The Prov. G. Treasurer will be elected.

The R.W.P.G. Master will move that the cordial thanks of the brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge be accorded to the W. Brother Bentley Shaw, J.P., D.L., for his invaluable services to the Craft as D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, for the past eleven years.

Bro. John Ward, P.M. 600, will ask when and by what authority Bye-Law No. 35 was altered, and move that the Bye-Law as passed at the Prov. G. L. held at Leeds on the 6th October, 1864, be for the future put in force.

To transact the usual business of the Province.

Petitions for relief will be submitted for consideration.

The Provincial G. Stewards will then form the brethren in procession, and proceed to the Parish Church for Divine Service.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM GOODYER, P.M. 192.

We have this week the very painful duty to perform, of announcing the somewhat sudden death of our much esteemed Bro. William Goodyer, which sad event took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Our late brother, Wm. Goodyer, was Past Master of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and Past First Principal of the Robert Burns R.A. Chapter. His remains were interred in Brompton Cemetery, on Monday last, in the presence of many sorrowing relations and friends.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 23, 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 17.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
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 19.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 185, Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 907, Royal Alfred, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemason's Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
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-st., 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 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st
" 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 435, Salisbury, Freemason's Hall.
Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Precep.
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, Rishopsgate-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), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
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 21.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge.
Lodge 140, St. George's Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 857, St. Mark's, Half Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom 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), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
THURSDAY, APRIL 22.
General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 66, Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
Chap. 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
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), Buil 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 23.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-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), Halham 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 (1298), 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 or 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 Couvts 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. Muggerridge, P.M., Precep.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 24, 1875.

MONDAY, APRIL 19.

Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
" 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
" 986, Hesketth, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, at 5.
" 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale at 6.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1350, Fermor-Hesketth, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence, School, Kirkdaie.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.