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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL.

BURY.—LODGE OF RELIEF (No. 42).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Bury, when there was a good attendance. Among those present were Bros. Edmund Eccles, W.M.; Alfred Buckley, S.W.; Joseph Skerrett, J.W.; Thomas Carter, S.D.; Thos. Barker, J.D.; Samuel Mosley, I.G.; Edmund Simpkin, Treas.; J. Thorman, Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Fred Anderton, P. Prov. G.S.B (E.L.); Harry Grundy, and J. W. Kenyon. Visitors—Bros. John Grime, P.M. 128; Henry Taylor, J.W. 286 (Bacup); Thomas Nuttall, 1012; Robert Hall, 1392; and T. Owen, (Manchester) Union of Colorado, 7, U.S. The lodge having been duly opened, an advance was made to the Second Degree for the purpose of passing Bros. J. Redfern (son of late Bro. J. S. Redfern, P.M. 42, and P. Prov. G.P., E.L.), and William Hewitson (reporter *Bury Times*) to the status of Fellow Craft. The interrogative preliminaries were satisfactorily accomplished, and the two Entered Apprentices were duly approved of and invested, and raised to Second Degree honours by Bro. Harry Grundy, I.P.M. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Andrew Hagerty (governor at Bury Union Work-house) was passed to the sublime degree of Master Mason, by visiting Bro. John Grime, by whom the ceremony was performed with the masterliness of one thoroughly an fait in Masonic rites and ritual. The ceremonial talents of Bro. Grime were displayed to such advantage that they cannot fail to stir up to active emulation such brethren of the lodge as may have been resting on their oars in the matter of instructional aptitude. On the lodge being closed to the First Degree again, the Worshipful Master suggested the propriety of a subscription list being opened for the purpose of procuring contributions from the brethren of that and other lodges in the town, for the erection of a memorial stone over Bro. J. S. Redfern's grave at All Saints' Church-yard. Bro. Redfern, he said, had been connected with that lodge over forty years; he had been the W.M. for five years; for many a long year he had acted as their Installing Master, and never so much as a single present had been given him for his labours. Seeing that they had not had the pleasure of doing anything in that respect during his lifetime, he (the W.M.) thought it would be only a seemly and graceful act on their part to place a memorial stone over his mortal remains, thus, at any rate, testifying that they held his memory green. Bro. Fred Anderton said he was glad indeed that the W.M. had made this suggestion to the lodge. He, for one, deeply deplored the death of Bro. Redfern, by whom he was initiated and raised in Masonic mysteries, and whom for many years he had had the great pleasure of meeting, not only as a Mason, but as a man. He was sure every brother present deeply felt the very melancholy position in which they were placed that night, in seeing the pedestals of the lodge draped in black to commemorate Bro. Redfern's untimely end. But although he had been taken from that lodge, they were not without a fervent hope that he had been transferred to that Grand Lodge above where the Great Master of the Universe had unbroken reign. Those of them who were present a month ago—when he initiated Bro. Hewitson and his own son, and when, at the after-lodge repast, he expressed so warmly the delight it had given him to have lived to see his son enter the Masonic ranks—little recked that they should now be discussing the subject of a memorial stone for his grave. He (Bro. Anderton) begged to move that a subscription list be opened as suggested by the W.M., and that a letter of condolence be prepared and forwarded on behalf of the lodge to Bro. Redfern's sorrowing widow and children. Bro. J. W. Kenyon seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed. On the motion of Bro. Samuel Mosley (whose remarks on the great central principle of the brotherhood did credit to his heart as well as his head), it was unanimously resolved that a sum of £10 be given to the young widow of Bro. H—, and that Bros. Anderton and Kenyon investigate the case of the widow of Bro. B—, (P.M.), with a view of ascertaining the most suitable plan of dealing with the necessities

of herself and children. Mr. Joseph Burrow, tailor and outfitter, was proposed by Bro. Anderton for initiation next month. The lodge was closed down at 9.30, and the brethren afterwards partook of supper together, the W.M. occupying the chair. Loyal and Craft toasts were afterwards given. "The Health of the Newly-raised Brother" was proposed by Bro. Simpkin, while that of the F.C. was toasted by Bro. Kenyon, at whose call the brethren also honoured in solemn silence a toast to the memory of the late Bro. Redfern.

BURY.—PRINCE EDWIN LODGE (No. 128).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the house of Bro. E. Whitham, the Bridge Inn, on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst. There were present among others, Bros. Warwick Wood, W.M.; W. S. Barlow, S.W.; Jos. Senior, J.W.; Samuel Wood (for Bro. E. Robinson, S.D.); Thomas Ramsbottom, junr, J.D.; John Loftus, Chaplain; Joseph Wolstenholme, I.G.; Wright Greenhalgh, Tyler; Thomas Ramsbottom, sen., Sec.; Thomas Wood, Treas.; Past Masters Bros. Jonathan Davenport, John Grime, William Halstead, Charles Wood, John Clegg, Samuel Wood, John Holt, Thomas Wood, and others. Visitors: Bros. Samuel Mosley, I.G. 42; J. Hopkinson, 1392; Thomas Sedgwick, 42; Harry Woodcock, 1012; John Olive, 1392, and others. Mr. John Pilling and Mr. Thomas Tattersall, having obtained an affirmative ballot, were duly introduced to the initiating mysteries of Masonry by the W.M., than whom the district has no abler ceremonial expositor of Craft obligations. Mr. Samuel Wrigley, contractor, was proposed for initiation at next meeting. The lodge was in First Degree throughout, and closed down at about half-past nine o'clock.

IPSWICH.—BRITISH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 17th inst., the Feast of Roses was celebrated in accordance with ancient usage, and with the customary success which attends the hospitable efforts of this old lodge. We are unable to discover the origin of the Feast of Roses—the oldest members of the lodge (which was founded in 1762) remember it as an old custom when they joined or were initiated, but know no more about it than your correspondent. It may have had some remote connection with the Rose Croix Degree, which was probably worked in the Prudence Preceptory of Knight Templars, H.R.D.M., K.D.S.H., founded by members of the British Union and Perfect Friendship Lodges, we believe, in 1810. In the old Templar Preceptories, the Rose Croix or Rose Crucis Degree was worked prior to the establishment of the Supreme Council 33° A., and a rite in this country in 1845 or 1846. At that time or soon after, perhaps in 1856, the control over these degrees was handed over to the Supreme Council; but all preceptories in existence prior to 1791, when Grand Conclave, or as it is now called Great Priory, was first constituted, have still the power of conferring these degrees, and, as in the case of the Baldwin Bristol (time immemorial), they still exercise it. Rose Croix Masons of course know all about the symbolism of the rose; to others we need only say that the flower is essentially a Masonic one, and the common but ancient phrase "under the rose," used when anything is told or done which is secret, shows the appositeness of the figure as connected with things Masonic. However, we are travelling far from what we intended—to report the British Union summer festival. There were present on this occasion Bros. A. D. George, W.M.; Rev. E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; W. Boby, P.S.G.W.; S. Wright, acting S.W.; S. Schulen, P.P.G.D.C., acting J.W.; W. Spalding, P.M. Sec.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg., M.C.; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D.; C. Long, P.G.D.C, acting I.P.M.; H. Miller, S.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, J.D.; J. E. Taylor, F.L.S., F.G.S. &c. &c., J. Casley, Booth, Fostick, G. Elliston, and a large number of members of the lodge. Visiting brethren: W. Cobb, W.M., and T. J. Ralling, Secretary of the Angel Lodge, Colchester; Bros. J. H. Bevan, W.M., Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, Bury, 1008; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C., W.M., and Bro. Rankin, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, 959; J. H. Staddon, P.P.S.G.D., S.W. (acting for the W.M. of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, who was unfortunately absent on account of domestic affection), and Dr. Mills, P. Prov. S.G.W., of the same lodge; Rev. J. J. Farnham, P.D.S.G.W. Bombay, of the Phoenix Lodge, Stowmarket; J. Jobson, S.W., of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225; G. G. Sampson, late a member of No. 114, &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge confirmed, Bros. Fraser and Shortridge were severally passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the lodge being opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Lodge being then resumed in the First Degree, Mr. Harry Ribbons, who had previously been ballotted for, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, Bro. Sanderson very ably performing the ceremony, and Bro. Schulen delivering the beautiful charge in an impressive manner. Bro. Dr. Wm. Elliston was unanimously accepted as a joining member. The Secretary read a letter he had received from Bro. the Rev. J. J. Farnham, as follows:—"Westhorpe Rectory, Stowmarket, 11th June, 1875. Dear Sir and Brother,—You will perceive by the enclosed that I am undertaking the work of restoring the beautiful church of this parish. In this work I shall require all the sympathy I can elicit, and all the help I can procure from every quarter. Knowing how ready our brother Masons are in every good work, and how nobly they have helped in the work of church restoration at Bristol and Gloucester, and in other places, it has occurred to me to invite their co-operation in my present work. What I would like would be that the whole body of the Masons of Suffolk should combine to do some definite part of the work, so that in all time it might be pointed out as their work. It is not for me to dictate as to what part of the work, but I would suggest one or more of the following:—1. A pulpit, prayer desk, and lectern. 2. The chancel furniture. 3. The

fitting up of the baptistry, which is to be enclosed by a very handsome carved screen of fourteenth century work, to be removed from the east to the west end of the south aisle. 4. An organ. Personally I should prefer the pulpit, &c. Aided by our architect, I have designed a carved oak pulpit, the probable cost of which will be about £60, and it would be a great gratification to me if this could be presented by my brethren in the Craft. These old churches were, doubtless, built by our brethren in Masonry in olden times, and it is a fitting mark of respect to them that we, their successors in the present day, should help to rescue their work from ruin and decay. May I, therefore, invite the Suffolk Masons to consider the subject in their several lodges, chapters, &c., and to forward such contributions as they may see fit to give, with their opinion as to what part of the work it should be devoted to. The brethren at Stowmarket, at Bury, at Aldborough, and some of the Masonic bodies at Ipswich, have already expressed their readiness and anxiety to help, and Lord Waveney, the Provincial Grand Master, though he is not prepared to give his official sanction to the scheme, quite sympathises with it. Bro. S. H. Wright, P.M., and Secretary of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 516, Stowmarket, has consented to act as Secretary and Treasurer to the Masonic Auxiliary of the Westhorpe Church Restoration Fund. All Masonic subscriptions and communications should therefore be sent to him. I believe your lodge meets on Thursday next, the 17th inst., and I purpose then visiting you if you will receive me, about which I have no doubt. Then, if the brethren approve my proposals, I will furnish any brother whom they may approve with a collecting-book, and so leave the matter in their hands. With fraternal regards, I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully, J. J. FARNHAM, 201; P.M. 757, 1062; S.W. 516; P.Z. 757; P.M. Mark Lodge 90; Past Commander Mount Zion Encampment; Past District S.G.W. and Past Deputy Prov. G. Commander Bombay. To the W.M. British Union Lodge, No. 114." Bro. Farnham supplemented the letter by a few remarks on the subject contained therein, and spoke of the promises of support he had received from the brethren of the lodges he had visited. Lord Waveney, the P.G.M., had expressed his approval of the scheme, though he could not give it his official sanction. He had with him a printed circular about Westhorpe Church; and any brother might have one. The business before the meeting having been disposed of, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren repaired to the dining hall, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Geo. Spalding, which would have done credit to many a famous hostelry we could name; though we must admit the waiting was not what it should be. Upwards of thirty sat down, and the W.M. presided, and ample justice was done to the viands. The table was covered with roses; each brother was expected to wear one. Four large frames of these beautiful flowers, with Masonic devices upon them, were fastened upon the walls; the designs were perhaps not very clear, but the roses were lovely. Behind the cross table at the head of the room was a large stand of hothouse plants, and placed by them were the banners of the British Union, Perfect Friendship, and St. Luke's Lodges, the handsome sky-blue banner of the Prince of Wales' Lodge (of which by the way H.R.H. is an honorary member) standing behind the chair of the S.W. Even the great stone mantel-piece, with its Masonic emblems carved upon it, was covered with the rarest and most beautiful roses; and, as may be supposed, the coup d'œil, with the brethren in full Masonic Craft costume, the brilliant lights, the exquisite flowers, the coloured glass, the glittering jewels, was very effective, and a sight not likely to be forgotten by those who saw it for the first time. The brethren were chiefly indebted to Bros. Rev. J. J. Farnham, of Westhorpe Rectory, Rev. J. B. Tweed, Rector of Capel St. Mary, and Bros. Cornell and Boby for the flowers, and for the tasteful decoration of the banquetting room to the two latter zealous brethren, whose efforts were certainly very much appreciated and we trust thus rewarded. It was hoped that Bro. Monckton, and P. de Lande Long, President and Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. Dr. Barton, P.P.G.M., Western India, who are all members of the lodge, would have been present on the occasion, and much regret was expressed at their absence, which we believe was unavoidable. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given, the brethren responding with due loyalty to "The Queen and Craft," and Bro. Miller singing the "National Anthem" with due effect,—the brethren assisting in the chorus with a heartiness which would have staggered some of our Roman Catholics who think we are all Atheists and Republicans. In the course of the evening our musical brother also gave the famous "Jaunting Car;" Bro. J. E. Taylor sang "John Anderson, my Jo;" Bro. Emra Holmes gave Thackeray's funny ballad "The Three Sailors of Bristol City;" and Bro. Sanderson recited the clever piece yclept "The Pipe" in a very telling and clever manner. Had we not already exceeded the space at our disposal we should have liked to have taken some note of the speeches given on the occasion. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M.," expressed a wish, which was echoed by the brethren, that he would come more amongst them. "The Health of the venerable D.P.G.M." was very cordially given and responded to, and Pro. Lockwood, in acknowledging the toast, spoke with much feeling as to his own shortcomings and the infirmities of age, which must preclude him in the future from taking that active part in the ceremonies, for the reform of which he had so long striven. He afterwards proposed the W.M., Bro. George, who pleasantly and modestly replied. To the toast of the evening—"The Visitors"—there were many to reply, Brother Sampson (the father of the British Union, as the W.M. styled him) responding for the Masons of the Past, Brother Sanderson, the Masons of the Present, and Brother Bevan, the Masons of the Future. Brother Ribbons, in

responding to the toast of "The Initiate," remarked that he had read and heard much about Masonry, but the ceremony of that evening had far exceeded his expectations. As he understood Masonry, it preached universal charity, without regard to distinctions of race, clime, politics, or religion, and as such he must admire it. Brother Bobby also made one of those genial, pleasant little speeches for which he is famous. And the Secretary's toast, and the Entered Apprentices' song having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close; and the brethren separated, after spending a most agreeable social hour.

**IPSWICH.—ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 225).**—We paid a visit to this old lodge (now approaching its centenary) on the 2nd inst., by the kind invitation of the Acting Master, Bro. J. Turner, and have much pleasure in testifying to the prosperity and excellent working of the lodge. We fancy St. Luke's has a history, if only any Masonic brother could devote the time to write it. Perhaps, some day we may essay it, but for the present we can only say that it is amongst the most successful in point of numbers in the multitude of initiations, and in possessing several really earnest workers in the Royal Art, who seem to be at least heart and soul in Masonry. The lodge is at present under the ruling of Bro. W. J. Jobson, S.W., for which the deeply lamented and sudden death of Bro. S. J. King, who, as our readers will remember, died in lodge on the 17th inst., being installed in the chair of King on the 19th inst., when the S.W. rules the lodge, and occupies his chair, and sit in the E., not in, but behind the W.M.'s chair, which should remain empty. He would do all the routine business, but should call on some P. J. to perform the ceremonies, unless he himself passed the chair, in which case he could, of course, initiate, pass, and raise himself. On this occasion the W.M.'s chair was occupied by Bro. J. Turner, who performed all the ceremonies in a manner which did him great credit. He was ably supported by most of his officers, Bro. W. T. Westgate, P.P.G.D.C., as M.C., being, of course, noticeably prominent and giving the working tools in each degree with the accompanying explanation in a way all his own. The following were present:—Bros. Whitehead, P.M., as I.P.M.; A. Barber, Secretary; C. Hillyard, J.D.; Taylor, S.D.; C. Byford, Fiddaman, &c., &c. Visiting Bros. Revd. J. J. Farnham, P.P.S.G.W., Bombay, and Emra Holmes, P.P.G.D.C. The lodge having been opened in ancient form, the minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Mizen and Bell were examined, and obligated, and passed as F.C.'s, the lodge having been opened in that degree. Lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and Mr. W. G. Cunnold, builder, was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, and the lodge was subsequently opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Parsons was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. As the meeting was not held till eight o'clock, it may easily be surmised that when the lodge was closed finally there was but scant time allowed for refreshment. We, ourselves, left long before that, but we would venture to suggest to our friends of the Mariners' Lodge as it is called, from the large numbers of masters of vessels who are initiated in it, that so long as they meet in the excellent lodge-room attached to the Coach and Horses Hotel, and so long as the Bruce Laws remain in force, the lodges should commence work earlier, or less work should be done. The St. Luke's Lodge is Life Governor of the three institutions, and well deserves the success which attends the efforts of its successive rulers.

**MARYPORT.—LODGE PERSEVERANCE (No. 371).**—The brethren of this lodge held the festival of St. John the Baptist, for the installation of Bro. the Rev. W. Beeby, W.M. elect, on Tuesday last. There was a large muster of members belonging to the Maryport Lodge, and deputations were also present from Lodges Sun, Square, and Compasses 119, Whitehaven; St. John's, 327; Wigton; Sun and Sector, 972, Workington; Skiddaw, 1002, Cockermouth, &c. The following is a complete list of those present:—James Gardner, I.P.M.; W. Armstrong, P.M. Treas. and P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. R. Banks, Sec.; John Crerar, S.D.; W. Walker, I.G.; W. Martin, T.; J. Nicholson, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; Andrew Walter, P.M.; William Beeby, A.P.G.C.; Joseph Abbott, R. G. Harris, P. Martin, T. Smith, P.P.G.O.; W. Thompson, T. Cowen, J. H. Banks, G. M. Tickle, J. Hutchinson, T. Fulton, T. Carey, D. Bell, —Jenes, T. Wedgewood, T. Milburn, G. Goodall, B. Kendal, J. M. Gill, W. Skelton, J. W. Robinson, T. Mandle, M. Wilson, R. Faulder, J. Kendal, G. Brown, T. A. Melmore, J. Elliot (371, Maryport); J. Porter, P.M. 327, P.G.S.W.; J. Lemon, P.M. 327, and P.G. Treasurer; T. McMechan, W.M. 327; E. Atter, P.M. 119, P.G.P.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Secretary; Geo. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.B.; William White, P.M. 119, and P.G.S.D.; F. W. Wicks, Chaplain, 119, and P.G.C.; William Alsop, S.W. 119, P.P.G.P.; E. Tyson, J.W. 119; J. Rothery, S.D. 119; P. Wedgewood, 962; J. Robinson, 177; W. Lamony, W.M. 1002; R. Robinson, P.M. 1002, and P.P.G.J.D.; W. H. Leuthwaite, P.M. 1002, and P.G.S.; R. Bailey, 1002; S. Thwaite, 1002; E. M. Rice, 1002; W. Potts, Tyler, 1002; A. Walters, P.M. 371. The Installing Master was Brother G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, Whitehaven, P.P.G.J.W., assisted by Brother W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Secretary. The Board of Installed Masters, in addition to the principals, was unusually strong, and was composed as follows:—E. Atter, W.M. 119, P.G.P.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.B.; W. White, P.M. 119; J. Lemon, P.M. 327, P.G. Treasurer; J. Porter, P.M. 327, P.G.S.W. The beautiful ceremony of installation was never more efficiently performed by Brother Kenworthy during the eight or nine occasions he has performed the duty at Lodge of Perseverance, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him, and also to Brother Gibson, who ably assisted him, before the lodge was closed for their services on the occasion.

Bro. Smith, P.G.O., presided at the organ, and performed during the ceremony, in his usual masterly style, some beautiful selections, including marches from "Eli," by Sir Michael Costa. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Tickle, I.P.M.; J. R. Banks, S.W.; Crerar, J.W.; Joseph Nicholson, Treas.; I. Hutchinson, Sec.; T. Carey, S.D.; J. Harris, J.D.; J. Fulton, I.G.; J. Smith, Organist; T. H. Banks, Tyler. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. G. M. Tickle apologised for the unavoidable absence of his brother (Bro. W. H. Tickle, the Immediate Past Master, who some months ago left Maryport, having accepted a professional appointment in the south), during which time his position as W.M. of the lodge had been filled by Bro. Gardner. Business being concluded, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren repaired to the Golden Lion Hotel, where, through the kindness of the newly-installed Master, a substantial repast awaited them. The chair was occupied by Bro. Beeby, W.M., supported right and left by Bros. Gibson, Kenworthy, Barr, White, Wicks, Porter, Atter, Gardner, Armstrong, &c., the vice-chairs being occupied respectively by the newly-appointed Wardens, Bros. Banks, and Crerar. After ample justice had been done to the good things so creditably provided by the worthy host and hostess of the Lion (Bro. and Mrs. Tucker), the Chairman, in appropriate terms, proposed in succession "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were duly honoured, the reference made by the Chairman to the able manner in which his Royal Highness discharged the duties devolving upon him on the occasion of his installation as Grand Master, and to the impressions which that ceremony had made upon him (the Chairman) as one who witnessed it, being warmly received. The Chairman next proposed "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon," also alluding to the zeal and devotion with which his lordship had discharged his duties on the same memorable occasion referred to in the previous toast, as well as to the fidelity and earnestness which had always marked his connexion with Masonry; the more so, if that were possible, since they were deserted by their late chief, the Marquis of Ripon. The toast was cordially received, as was also that of "The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," proposed by Brother Lemon. Brother Gibson, P.G.S., in a neat speech, proposed "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective." He remarked that, being P.G.S., he had special opportunity of observing the great interest which their Provincial Grand Master took in Freemasonry, and particularly in the progress of the Order in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland. A more earnest and devoted Mason there was not to be found in any province. The cordial manner in which his lordship had always met the brotherhood upon the floor of a Mason's lodge, showing no difference towards the humblest of them, notwithstanding his own high rank, proved him to be a true Mason, and, added to the able manner in which he had discharged his public duties as their Provincial Grand Master, had endeared him to the hearts of all. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Crerar proposed "The Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," which was duly honoured, and appropriately responded to by Bros. Porter, Lemon, and Wicks. Bro. Kenworthy proposed "The Worshipful Master and present Officers of 371," which was warmly received, and duly responded to by the Chairman, Bro. Banks, S.W.; Bro. Crerar, J.W., &c. Bro. Atter, in an effective speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was duly honoured. Bro. Armstrong proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was cordially drunk, and responded to by Bros. Atter, Gibson, Kenworthy, Tyson, and Alsop (119, Whitehaven), and Bro. Lamony (1002, Cockermouth.) Bro. Gibson proposed "The Health of Bro. Nicholson," the oldest Mason in Maryport, and one who, years ago, when the Order was struggling against trials and difficulties of no ordinary kind, had manfully stood to his post, to which circumstance the Maryport Lodge owed much of its present prosperity. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Nicholson, who was received with marked expressions of goodwill, in responding, stated, as an instance of the spread of Freemasonry in Cumberland, that thirty years ago the Lodge of Perseverance could not muster sufficient brethren to form a lodge, and as a consequence was dormant for some considerable time, while a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held about the same time, was only attended by seven members; whereas now there were eighteen lodges in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland, numbering altogether 1,000 members. The Chairman, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. H. Tickle, and the Past Masters of 371," which was warmly received, and duly acknowledged by the Past Masters present. The toast "All poor and distressed Masons," &c., having been drunk, the proceedings terminated, the brethren having enjoyed a very pleasant re-union. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of several songs, Bro. Smith, P.P.G.O., ably accompanying on the pianoforte.

**LIVERPOOL.—EVERTON LODGE (No. 823).**—At the monthly meeting of this numerously supported lodge, held on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Thomas Shaw, S.W., was unanimously elected the W.M. for the ensuing year by the votes of seventy-nine brethren who were present.

**WALTHAM CROSS.—GRESHAM LODGE (869).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the "Four Swans" Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Saturday, the 12th inst. There was a full attendance of the Past Masters and

brethren, presided over by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Copestick, Prov. G. Steward, Herts. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. John C. Wylie, John R. Dickie, and Walter E. Gompertz, jun., were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being very impressively performed by the W.M. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. W. E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts, acting as installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. Allan C. Wylie, was presented by the I.P.M. After the ancient charges were given and assented to, a board of installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Wylie was placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and saluted. The installing Master then gave the charges in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. E. Grocott, S.W.; W. H. Etherington, J.W.; Rev. Charles E. Mayo, M.A., Chaplain; F. D. R. Copestick, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Pottle, S.D.; T. C. Chapman, J.D.; Thos. Stephens, I.G.; T. Perry, D.C.; J. C. Wylie, Organist; G. C. Marchant and C. B. Cheese, Stewards; and Gilchrist, Tyler. The W.M. then in a feeling and impressive manner presented the I.P.M. with a handsome jewel, manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, which was suitably acknowledged. The Secretary completed some routine business, and the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren retiring to a *recherche* banquet, ably presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and some capital songs enlivened a very enjoyable evening; the Tyler's toast being called at nine o'clock, when the brethren returned to town. Amongst the visitors we observed Bros. G. Bigley, Treas. Royal Standard, 1298; G. Allison, Royal Standard, 1298; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; A. Knox, P.M. Capper, 1076; Chas. Arkell, J.W., Lion and Lamb, 192; John Thos. Dalby, W.M. Peckham, 1475; Morrison, Faith, 141; Pond, 557; Windsor, Kent, 15; G. Cordwell, G. Reg. Middlesex; McDougall, P.M. Fidelity, 3; Carter, W.M. St. Michael's, 211, &c.

**BURY.—PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 1012).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Derby Hotel, on the evening of Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Henry Heys, P.M., of Ramsbottom, in the chair. The brethren met under peculiarly solemn circumstances, a yachting accident off Fleetwood on the 20th ult. having deprived them at one stroke both of their W.M. and S.D., Bros. R. W. O'Neil and Richard Battersby. The depressing influence of this sad calamity on the brethren in lodge assembled will be easily understood. On the motion of Bro. Heys, seconded by Bro. William Handley, P.M., it was resolved that letters of condolence be written by Bro. H. Maiden, Secretary, P. Prov. G.S.B., on behalf of the lodge, to the bereaved families of late Bros. O'Neil and Battersby. It was not considered fitting to engage in any other business, and the lodge was at once closed. No tidings have yet come to hand respecting Bro. Battersby's body, and its recovery is now almost out of question, the probability being that it has been swept away into the Irish Channel.

**WEST MALLING.—MALLING ABBEY LODGE (No. 1063).**—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 16th inst., at the Bear Inn, West Malling. Bro. John Savage, P.G.S.D., who has installed Masters in the Malling Lodge on two previous occasions, performed the ceremony on this occasion. The lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock by Bro. John Hodgson, W.M., who shortly afterwards handed his emblem of power to Bro. Savage to conduct the necessary formalities. Bro. Savage having installed Bro. George Frederick Busbridge, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the W.M. chair before a Board of Installed Masters, fifteen in number, lodge was called off, and the best wishes of the Installed Masters and the heartiest congratulations were offered to the new W.M. On the resumption of labour the brethren were admitted, and the customary formula having been observed, the offices of the lodge were bestowed upon Bro. Frederick Spencer, who received the appointment of S.W.; Bro. Douglas Akers, J.W.; Bro. the Rev. J. H. Timins, Vicar of Malling, Chaplain; Bro. the Hon. Ralph Nevill, Treas.; Bro. W. Page, Prov. G.J.W., P.M. Sec.; Bro. E. B. Smith, S.D.; Bro. E. M. Owens, J.D.; Bro. F. C. May, I.G.; Bro. A. Joslen, Org.; Bro. Friend, D.C.; Bro. Fox, W.S.; and Bro. Pointer, Tyler. In investing Bro. Page with the Secretary's collar and jewel, the brethren cheering the act, the W.M. said—"That expression of feeling on the part of the lodge is only a shadow of what I feel myself in investing you with the collar of Secretary. I cannot forget that you were the first W.M. of the lodge, and that ever since then you have been one of its main supports. Consequently I feel great pleasure in appointing you as my Secretary." Bro. Savage, after the appointment and investiture of the officers, delivered the charges, and concluded the ceremony. The W.M., addressing the brethren, said that before he closed the lodge there was an important piece of labour to get through, but it was labour and refreshment combined. The labour he alluded to was recollecting and recognising the services of a past officer, who was no less a person than their immediate Past Master, Bro. Hodgson. It had been determined by a few of the brethren of the Malling Abbey Lodge that they should recognise his services by asking him to accept from them a slight token of their appreciation. As Master of the lodge, he had much pleasure in being the medium through which it was presented. It consisted of a P.M.'s jewel, and in fastening it on Bro. Hodgson's breast he felt great gratification. Bro. Hodgson had passed this, his year of office, very creditably, and deserved this little testimonial. It would not be right that his services should be unrewarded, and the brethren felt this so strongly that they begged his acceptance of a P.M. jewel. He (the W.M.) had one request to make of Bro. Hodgson, that whenever he saw the jewel, and whenever he wore it, he would remember that it conveyed the respect, esteem, and regard of his Malling Abbey brethren.

These expressions, although inadequately conveyed, were sincere. (Cheers.) Bro. Hodgson thanked the W.M. and brethren, and said he had been almost taken by surprise in being asked to accept this mark of approval, but he accepted it with real pleasure. He had had a very interesting year of office. The lodge had had a good deal of work. He hoped that that work would be continued by Bro. Busbridge, and that they would have successful years in the future, as they had had in the past. No effort on his part should be wanting to promote that success. Bro. Hodgson then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. John Savage for coming down from London to instal the W.M. The performance of that ceremony had given the brethren great delight; it was always performed so admirably as almost to induce the brethren to become Installing Masters themselves. (Hear, hear, from Bro. Savage.) Bro. Walter Monckton seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously. Bro. Savage acknowledged the compliment paid him, but he did not need any vote of thanks. He knew the kind feeling the brethren entertained towards him, and he could say with perfect truth that he was happy to come again among the brethren of Kent. It was only occasionally now that he accepted these invitations. For some years past he had been obliged to curtail his visits in order not to be away from home. But he always felt peculiar pleasure in coming into Kent. He did not know any place he was so much attached to, partly he supposed from early associations derived from visiting Maidstone some years ago. Prior to that however he had imbibed considerable love for the province of Kent; he would not say why or when, because it would be taking up too much time, though they would be only pleasing reminiscences extending over very little short of thirty years. It was therefore with very great pleasure that two years ago he accepted an invitation to come and instal Bro. Wright, and the next year Bro. Hodgson. He had equal pleasure in installing Bro. Busbridge. It was no trouble, and did not need thanks. It had been only a labour of love. The kind countenances of the brethren were sufficient thanks, for they indicated that the brethren were pleased with what he had done. As the two former years his visit had been a very pleasant one, so this was another added to the number, another of the red-letter days which occurred in the year—only occasionally—but when they did occur were gratifying to him, and he was pleased to find, were gratifying to the brethren before him. Hearty good wishes from all the lodges represented at the meeting having been expressed, the W.M. said he felt them deeply, but which he could not see that he deserved. He would however endeavour to do so. He appreciated them none the less; and if on other occasions—and he trusted there might be many—he had the pleasure of meeting the brethren he prayed there might be the same good feeling; if altered at all, let it be enhanced and increased, which he thought was true Masonic feeling. Bro. Hodgson said he regretted that before he left the chair he had not had an opportunity of performing a very pleasing duty. It was one almost of a personal character; yet he felt it would be more gratifying to the brother towards whom it was to be performed if he did it in open lodge. During the past year, he, as W.M., had had several initiations, and without the assistance of Bro. Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Secretary, who was now present, he would never have been able to perform those ceremonies which belonged to the office of Master. Therefore he thought he ought not to allow those services to pass unrecognised. He regretted that Bro. Spencer was unable to be present at the opening of the lodge, because he (Bro. Hodgson) had intended to take that opportunity of recognising the services which had been of the greatest possible use to him during his year of office. He could assure the brethren that in Bro. Spencer he had found the greatest friend possible, because he had never gone to Bro. Spencer to ask him to perform any ceremony or do any duty for him without having met with a ready compliance with his request. He would present Bro. Spencer with a Past Master's jewel, which he had with him, and he begged that Bro. Spencer would accept it as a gift made to him publicly, in acknowledgment of the many services he had performed for the W.M. Bro. Hodgson then invested Bro. Alfred Spencer with a massive 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel of great value, and Bro. Spencer, in thanking Bro. Hodgson, said that there was an adage to the effect that joys that came unexpectedly were the more pleasant, and he was sure the pleasure he now experienced in receiving from the I.P.M. the jewel he had just placed on his breast surpassed any expression he was able to give to his feelings. But for the kind expressions which Bro. Hodgson had made use of in presenting the jewel he sincerely thanked him. He had always felt a deep interest in the Malling Abbey Lodge, it being his mother lodge, and he should always do what was in his power to advance its welfare. This concluded the business of the lodge, and while the banquet was being prepared the W.M. entertained all the brethren at his beautiful seat at West Malling. The following is a complete list of the brethren: G. F. Busbridge, W.M., John Hodgson, P.M., Walter Monckton, P.M., P.G.S.D., Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Secretary, Wm. Page, P.M., Prov. G. J.W., Rev. Thomas Robinson, Vicar of Chart Sutton, Prov. G. S.W., Rev. J. H. Timins, Vicar of Malling, P.G. J.W., John Savage, P.G.D., Geo. Langridge, P.M., Tonbridge Wells, Frank Green, W.M., 1445; T. M. Rigg, Sheerness, P.M. 1089, Prov. G. Reg., R. G. Pike, Maidstone, 503, H. Massey (Freemason), R. Clout, John Swinfin, 503, P. Spencer, T. W. Festing, W. Jt. Aubyn, 281, F. J. C. May, B. Worton, R. Pointer, C. Carnell, A. Joslen, C. Fox, J. Lancaster Lucas, No. 101, S.P., Hon. Col. Eden, 460, Edwin B. Smith, E. M. Owens, M. A. Paddon, W. Hawtin, 1287, H. Garrod, P.M., 177, 749, G. L. Matthams, 276, W. B. Pawley, 1414, H. H. Sutton, 1414, S. B. Potter, 1414, Stamford Young, 1414, W. Whitehead, 1414, and W. Hilder, jun., 1414.

The brethren, in the course of an hour afterwards, returned to the Bear Inn, where an admirable banquet and excellent wines were ready for their enjoyment. When these had been done ample justice to, the toasts were given. The W.M., following the example of all W.M.'s. since the 28th of April, referred to the Installation of the Prince of Wales as a ceremony never to be forgotten, and carried out in a way which reflected the greatest credit on the brethren who undertook its management. "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," was connected with Bro. Savage, P.G.S.D., who responded, and of course corroborated the W.M.'s opinion of the Prince of Wales's Installation. After alluding to some of the details of that ceremony, he looked upon the Prince's position as the head of the Craft as of great importance. Though Masonry did not depend upon Royalty or nobility for its support, there were advantages connected with their joining it. Under the unfortunate circumstances—not unfortunate for Freemasons, but unfortunate for the late Grand Master—of the Marquis of Ripon's dropping the banner of the Order at the bidding of a power which exercised great sway over the conscience of its followers, it was cheering to the heart of Freemasons to see the future King of England grasp that banner and hold it aloft. He would not drop it at the bidding of any potentate. (Cheers.) In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," the W.M. remarked that, with all that nobleman's love for his province, he had still a little corner in his heart reserved for the Malling Abbey Lodge in particular. The toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," gave the W.M. the opportunity of drawing the attention of the brethren to the large number of provincial representatives present at that meeting to advance the cause of Freemasonry. The Rev. Thomas Robinson, Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. A. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., replied. Bro. Hodgson, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who, acknowledging the compliment, called upon his principal and assistant officers to lend him all the assistance they could in making his year a successful one. Having made certain promises that day, he was desirous of fulfilling them. In commencing his year of office, he felt he had much to encounter, and that all the assistance he could get from his brethren would be required. Still, there was a chord of sympathy which would inseparably connect them, and they would do that collectively what they might fail to do individually. Therefore he would ask all the brethren of the Malling Abbey Lodge to act as one in aiding their W.M. He felt that the officers he had that day appointed would strive to perform in the best manner the duties required of them. If they did, the lodge would work as a perfect machine. Bro. Tims proposed "The Health of Bro. Hodgson, I.P.M.," hoping that all the Masters of the lodge might do it as much credit as Bro. Hodgson had. Bro. Hodgson said he had had a very pleasant year of office, and a successful one too; and in retiring to the post of a P.M. he hoped he might continue to be of assistance to the lodge. It was through Bro. Page, Prov. G.J.W. and Secretary of the lodge, that he first took office as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Page told him, on pressing him to take that position, that there was not much for him to do, but that if he took it the chair was before him. He went on until he became Master, and when that event arrived he found all the brethren ready with their assistance. Bro. Page had helped him by giving him every conceivable advice. Bro. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec., had assisted him in performing the duties of his office; so that he had had a tolerably light year. Now that his year of office had expired he felt that he should have liked it to last a little longer. (Hear, hear.) They had had a good many initiations; five candidates proposed; three or four joining members; and an initiate was handed over by him (Bro. Hodgson) to his successor. He wished Bro. Busbridge a successful year. The W.M., in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," said that had it not been for Bro. Page the Malling Abbey Lodge would not have gained the renown or the position in Masonry which now belonged to it. A brother of different calibre, who would have commenced the lodge in a different spirit, with a different heart, or less zeal, could not have brought the lodge to such a state of excellence. He hoped he might have many years' connection with the lodge, for any lodge with which Bro. Page was associated was sure of success. They had only to get his co-operation to insure their wellbeing. His knowledge of Freemasonry made him a sure and safe reference in cases of doubt and difficulty, and for himself he (the W.M.) had much to thank him for. Fortunately, Bro. Page had promised him his assistance. Bro. Page was the first W.M. of the lodge, and had occupied that office on more than one occasion, and the brethren of the lodge were pleased to find that his services in Freemasonry had been recognised in the province by his appointment to the high and distinguished office of Grand Junior Warden, having been appointed to other grand offices before. Bro. Page, in the course of his observations in reply, referred to his pressing forward different brethren for office, and said that whenever he had done so he felt he was advancing brethren who would promote the success of the Malling Abbey Lodge. He stated also that he was much pleased to serve the present W.M. as Secretary, but he was afraid that after this year the lodge must select another brother as Secretary. (Loud cries of "No, no.") "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Savage," for which Bro. Savage responded, and the remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

NEWTON ABBOT.—DEVON LODGE (No. 1138).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. R. King, W.M., supported by Bros. H. G. Beachey, I.P.M.; F. D. Bewes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; T. D. Michelmore, P.M.; J. Saunders, J.W.; R. L. Lloyd, Treas.; J. Olver, Sec.; W. Harris, S.D.; E. Huxtable, J.D.; R. Crook, I.G.; F. J. Pratt, and C. Stevens, Stewards; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree in ancient form, the minutes

of previous meeting read over and confirmed. Bro. Fitz Martin, a candidate for passing to the Second Degree, was examined, and being found proficient, retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Fitz Martin passed to the degree of Fellow Craftsman by Bro. P. D. Michelmore, P.M. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the Rev. George Townsend Warner, who was duly proposed and seconded at the last meeting as a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, was balloted for, and unanimously elected. Another gentleman was duly proposed as a candidate for initiation into the Order, and some minor business concluded the meeting, which was closed in due and ancient form.

WARRINGTON.—GILBERT GREENALL LODGE (No. 1250).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last. The following P.M.'s were present, viz: Bros. Dr. Bowes, Pollitt, Mossop, Richardson, Brierley, Hawkins, Finney, Woods, and Edelsten. The W.M. (Bro. Brierley) took the chair at 2.15 o'clock, and the first business was to raise Bro. Alfred Clare to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., which was done in a very efficient manner by the W.M. The next business on the programme was to install Bro. Richardson into the chair of K.S., to which office he had been duly elected at the last regular meeting of the lodge. This duty was assigned to our excellent Bro. Pollitt, P.M., who performed the whole of the ceremony in a masterly manner; and at its close the lodge did not forget to recognise his ability by tendering to him a cordial vote of thanks. After this event—the most important on the programme—the lodge proceeded with its other business. Bro. Treasurer read the annual balance sheet from which it appeared there was a balance of about £48 to the good. Bro. D.W. Finney, P.M., who has acted as Hon. Secretary of the lodge from its commencement, being about to retire from the office, a most cordial and unanimous vote of thanks for his services was passed on the motion of Bro. Arthur Potter, seconded by the W. Master. Bro. Finney returned thanks, and intimated that although he was retiring from the office of Secretary, yet he should continue to take the warmest interest in all the affairs of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Patten Arms Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, after which they separated in perfect harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 1264).—The annual installation meeting of this highly-prosperous and most popular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, on Monday evening, the 7th inst., when and where there was the largest gathering of the brotherhood seen in connection with a private lodge for a long time. There appeared about 120 names on the Tyler's book, and these represented a large number of W.M.'s., P.M.'s., officers, &c., of other lodges. The proceedings commenced about four o'clock, when Bro. J. S. Dixon, W.M., opened the lodge in due and solemn form, supported by the following officers:—Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. D.C.; A. Davies, P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; T. Leighton, S.W.; W. Roberts, J.W.; J. Healing, P.M., Treasurer; J. Griffiths, Sec.; A. Cotter, S.D.; W. Royle, J.D.; J. C. Fish, S.; A. C. Wylie, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Mann, B. Jenkins, P. West, W. H. Dawson, W. Jones, J. Molynieux, W. Lawson, J. P. Gamble, J. Hughes, A. Chalmers, C. S. Daniels, E. T. Jones, G. W. Irwin, J. Busher, W. C. Webb, C. Fothergill, J. W. Burgess, J. Alexander, J. Mitchell, J. Kelly, T. G. Wilkin, R. Brandreth, T. Walker, J. Williams, W. Donohoe, E. Ellison, R. Fanell, J. G. Parker, G. Turner, J. Berry, T. Grant, J. Grindell, W. C. Dunlevy, J. Wright, J. Cattrell, R. Wild, R. S. Cogle, K. Hood, C. H. Jones, W. Fish, T. Johnson, A. Campbell, O. Parry, J. Beattie, A. Fletcher, D. A. Mackenzie, J. A. Jones, J. Parry, W. Hill, T. Walton, W. Barr, J. Ashworth, W. Peter, T. P. Draper, G. Temple, and T. Ryley. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Holland, P.M. 823, G. G. Stopford Taylor, W.M. 786; T. Sheppard, P.M. 594; W. Doyle, P.P.J.G.D., P.M. 667; J. E. Jackson, S.W. 667; J. Davison, P.M. 724; J. Hayes, W.M. 249; T. Evans, 1356; F. Cooper, 249; T. Dunbar, 36 (S.C.); T. J. Mossman, 1325; J. W. Johnson, 1356; C. Costegan, I.G. 1356; W. G. Veale, Org. 1356; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; S. J. Waring, 1302; J. Cave, 220; T. Clark, P.M., 673; J. Neill, 1356; J. Wood, Treasurer, 1094; W. Thom, 1086; A. Holforth, 203; J. Archdeacon, 667; G. W. Webster, 667; T. M. Creak, 667; T. Daniels, 594; T. Ockleshaw, W.M., 667; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; P. W. Oglesby, 823; W. Jones, P.M. 220 W. M. 1299; S. Whiting, 1086; J. Hosie, 408 (S.C.) T. Gray, 1276; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; R. Brown, 1325; and H. W. Nicholas, 249. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and properly confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. Peter Berri-man-Gee, P.M., as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. This is the second time Bro. Gee has filled the distinguished position of W.M. of the Neptune Lodge, and his re-election to that office is not only an evidence of the complete trust reposed in him by his brethren, but is also a well earned recognition of the valuable Masonic work he has done in his own and other lodges. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers:—Bros. J. S. Dixon, I.P.M.; W. Roberts, S.W.; A. Cotter, J.W.; J. Healing, P.M. Treasurer (re-elected); A. C. Wylie, Sec.; W. Royle, S.D.; J. Korn, J.D.; J. C. Fish, I.G.; W. C. Webb, J. P. Gamble, and J. Catterall, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. After two candidates had been initiated into the Order by the W.M. in a very able manner, relief was granted to a deserving widow. It was agreed to have the usual pic-nic, and it was left with the W.M. to arrange and report at the next meeting. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Gee, W.M., presented a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. S. Dixon, I.P.M., as a token of the very sincere regard felt by the brethren for him "as a man and a Mason." The

brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, and during the evening the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Dixon, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a very cordial manner, and the latter in reply thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred upon him in again electing him to the chair. He felt and realised the responsibilities of his office, but he could assure them that no effort would be spared to perform its duties to their satisfaction. Other speeches followed, and the pleasures of the social board were greatly enhanced by the efforts of Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; C. H. Jones, and others.

**GREENWICH.—STAR LODGE (No. 1275).**—At the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, June, 4th, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. In consequence of the death of the W.M., Bro. G. Pymm, Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer, presided over the lodge as W.M., and there were present—Bros. J. J. Limebeer, S.W.; H. J. Green, J.W.; R. W. Williams, S.D.; W. B. Woodman, D.C.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; W. Aught, P.G.P.; P.M.; and forty others. The lodge list of visitors included Bros. George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 192, &c.; Smith, 1326; and others. The work was raising Bros. E. H. Band and J. T. C. Brooks, and passing Bros. Lindsey and W. Carter, 1309, to the Second. The elections were unanimous in favour of Bros. J. J. Limebeer, S.W., for W.M.; and J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., being re-elected Treasurer; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. The usual excellent banquet was served.

**LIVERPOOL.—STANLEY LODGE (No. 1325).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, where there was a large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. Crosby Leighton, W.M., opened the proceedings in due form, supported by Bros. T. Leighton, P.M.; H. Ashmore, S.W.; F. Knight, J.W.; James W. Burgess, S.D.; G. Smith, J. D.; J. W. Clurnside, I.G.; P. Larsen, Tyler; T. H. Bradshaw, S. Hill, S. Gordon, A. Samuells, W. Budge, G. D. Gilbert, E. Sykes, J. M. Cooper, C. Heden, J. Jones, C. Schmidt, and R. Buckingham. The visitors present were Bros. H. P. Price, S.W. 249; J. Williams, 249; W. J. Atkinson, 1505; J. Houlding, Sec., 823; P. B. Forshaw, W.M. 1403; W. Hiles, 1299; J. K. Callow, P.M. 673; T. Lloyd, 1356; J. Holland, P.M. 823; E. Griffiths, 1483; J. W. Turley, P.G.S.D.W.L., P.M. 1035; J. Hayes, W.M. 249; J. Hughes, 1264; W. P. Corlett, 249; Rev. Philip Hains, W.M. 204; H. Nelson, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; J. Goodman, S.W. 1403; T. Shaw, S.W. 823; D. R. Davies, 1264; D. Callow, 823; W. Archer, W.M. 1086; W. T. Worthington, 1356; R. H. Webster, 823; J. Chambers, 249; W. Coltrill, W.M. 823; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M. 216; W. G. Veale, Org. 249; J. Vaughan, J.W. 86; H. Vaughan, J.D. 86; J. Healing, P.M., Treas. 264; W. Clements, 675; and W. Bolton, W.M. 823. After the confirmation of the minutes, the chair was taken by Bro. T. Ashmore, P.M. 823, who installed Bro. H. Ashmore as the W.M. of the Stanley Lodge for the year, who invested the following as his officers:—Bros. Crosby Leighton, I.P.M. and D.C.; F. Knight, S.W.; James W. Burgess, J.W.; T. Leighton, P.M. Treas.; C. Heden, Sec.; G. D. Davis, S.D.; T. H. Bradshaw, J.D.; Gilbert, I.G.; Anderson, S.; and P. Larsen, Tyler. Messrs. John Blackburn, Robert Upton, William Macnally, and John Twiss were subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order in a remarkably effective manner. Business being finished, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Crosby Leighton, I.P.M., by the W.M., in the name of the members of the lodge, as a token of sincere regard and esteem—a presentation which was all the more valuable as this was the first jewel ever presented by the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed during the evening, and several pleasant hours were spent, with song, sentiment, and pleasant fraternal intercourse.

**LIVERPOOL.—THE HAMER LODGE (No. 1393).**—At the close of the last meeting of this lodge, a very cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring W.M., Bro. R. H. Evans, for the very able and courteous manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year. Bro. Jones, I.P.M., in proposing the vote, spoke in high terms of eulogy of the very valuable services which had been rendered to the lodge by Bro. Evans, and the sentiment was very heartily endorsed by all present. Bro. Jackson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year; Bro. Chas. Tyrer, was again elected Treasurer; and Bros. Leeson, and Thos. Brown were elected auditors for the ensuing year. The installation of Bro. Jackson will take place on the 24th inst., on which occasion Bro. Jones, P.M., has given notice that he will propose a resolution to the effect that the sum of £10 be voted out of the funds of the lodge, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Evans with a testimonial, as a mark of the high esteem in which Bro. Evans is held by the whole of the brethren, and of his services as W.M. Not only was the announcement of this notice received with much approval by the lodge, but we understand that Bro. McCarthy, J.W., at the request of numerous brethren, kindly took charge of a separate private subscription list, with the view to a considerable extension of the testimonial. A large amount was at once subscribed, and we have no doubt the presentation will be of a very gratifying character to Bro. Evans, who throughout his year of office has certainly done all that it was possible of a W.M. to do to maintain the very high character which the Hamer Lodge has attained.

**MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).**—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, the 5th; the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Smith, at ten minutes past four. The minutes of last regular meeting having been read and confirmed,

the ballot was then taken for Mr. H. Jas. Oldham, and proved favourable. Mr. Thos. Brayshaw, who was approved at previous meeting, was regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. In the absence of the S.W., Bro. Tyers, P.M., occupied the S.W.'s chair. The charge was delivered by Bro. Kent, J.W., in his usual efficient manner. The motion by Bro. J. W. Turner, I.P.M., for raising the subscription and initiation fee, will be taken into consideration at next regular meeting, and if passed will be a great benefit to the lodge financially. Business was concluded at half-past seven, when the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Potts, after which the usual toasts were drunk, and the brethren separated soon after nine o'clock. Bro. Dottie gave several recitations during the evening, which were highly appreciated by the brethren.

**HAMPTON COURT.—ERA LODGE (No. 1423).**—The regular meeting of this well established and prosperous lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, W.M.; E. H. Thielay, S.W.; J. T. Moss, P.G. Reg. Midx.; P.P.G.S.D. Midx., P.M., as J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.D. Midx., P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Midx., P.M. Sec.; S. Wolff, S.D.; E. W. Devereux, J.D.; B. Wright, as I.G.; W. A. Simmons, W.S., and many others, besides a goodly number of visitors. The only work done was initiating Mr. Harvey into the privileges and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The three new platforms and three chairs, supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, Little Britain, were greatly admired and universally approved of. They were used for the first time at this meeting, having only been lately ordered and just supplied. The chairs are beautiful specimens of the upholsterers' art, and shew what can be done to turn out such splendid articles of useful furniture. They are both ornamental and useful. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Bro. Wm. Hammond, P.G. Steward, Midx., P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, W.M. 1512, was unanimously elected an honorary member of this lodge. The lodge was closed. The next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, August 14th, at half past three o'clock p.m. The usual banquet followed. A few hours having been spent in social intercourse, the members returned to town.

### Royal Arch.

**IPSWICH.—ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER.**—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday the 2nd inst., when there were present Comps. P. Cornell, M.E.Z.; N. Tracy, H.; Rev. J. J. Farnham, Dr. Mills, P.Z.; J. Pitcher, P.Z. Visiting Bro. Emma Holmes, M.E.Z. elect, St. Luke's Chapter, &c. There being no candidates for exaltation the business of the evening was soon disposed of. Comp. Tracy gave the oration from the Second Chair, after which the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to an elegant supper in the banquetting room, provided by the worthy chef, Comp. G. Spalding, who catered in his usual excellent style. On the removal of the cloth the M.E.Z. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts from the chair, remarking with satisfaction on the manifest interest the Prince of Wales had already shewn in Royal Arch Masonry. In proposing the toast of the "Visitors," Comp. Cornell said it gave him peculiar pleasure to couple with it the name of Comp. Emma Holmes, who he was glad to hear that night was to be installed in the chair as M.E.Z. of the St. Luke's Chapter at the next regular convocation, at which meeting he should make it his duty to attend to do honour to the occasion. Comp. Holmes, in responding, said that he trusted all the brethren would do him the honour of being present at the St. Luke's Chapter, which met on the 23rd inst. Comp. the Rev. J. J. Farnham, P.P.S.G.W., Bombay, and Comp. Dr. Mill, P.Z., had kindly promised to assist in the ceremonies, and he anticipated a successful meeting. A very agreeable hour or two having been passed, the brethren separated, evidently loth to leave the festive board. The Rev. J. J. Farnham introduced the subject of the restoration of the Parish Church of West-horpe, Suffolk, of which he is "locum tenens" (a good work in which he is anxious the Masons of Suffolk should assist him), and was assured of the sympathy and support of the companions present. The Masons of Suffolk have not done much in the way of church restoration, and an opportunity is now afforded them of helping a work which will redound to their honour.

**JERSEY.—LA CESAREE CHAPTER (No. 590).**—The anniversary convocation of this chapter took place on Thursday evening, June 10th, at the Masonic Temple, to install the Principals elect and invest the officers. There was a full chapter both of members and visitors. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. Oatley, Z.; Geo. J. Renouf, H.; and P. W. Binet, J. The other officers present were:—A. Schmitt, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., E.; J. Durell, P.Z., Treas.; Ed. Martel, J. 491, N.; Jos. O'Flaherty, P.S.; Wm. H. Chapman, D.C.; A. Viel, P.Z., &c., and the following visiting companions.—Wm. Adams, P.Z. 244; P. W. Benham, P.Z. 491; R. Barrow, Z. 491; Dr. T. J. Aubin, P.S. 491. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. A conclave of Installed First Principals was formed, under the direction of Comps. Wm. Adams, and A. Schmitt, who then installed Comps. Geo. J. Renouf, as M.E.Z.; P. W. Binet, as H.; and Jos. O'Flaherty, as J. On the re-admission of the companions, the following were invested by the S.E. as officers for the ensuing year:—Ed. Martel, P.S.; W. H. Chapman, N.; J. Durell, Treas.; H. Du Jardin, Jan. The S.E. presented the annual report of the proceedings of the audit committee, showing a satisfactory position of the chapter, without any liabilities to contend with. The S.E. with feeling and deep satisfaction expatiated on the Masonic worth of Comp. J. Oatley, I.P.Z., and offered a proposition, viz.—That a vote of cordial, and well deserved thanks be recorded in the minutes

to Comp. J. Oatley, in recognition of his exceedingly valuable, faithful and ardent services he has rendered to the chapter during a long period of years, and that the same be inscribed on vellum for his acceptance. The motion was seconded by Comp. A. Viel, and unanimously carried. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to Comp. Adams for his kind services in the ceremony of installation. Two candidates for exaltation were proposed, and the chapter closed in due form. The companions then adjourned to supper, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. However, one toast proposed in sympathetic terms by the founder of the chapter, deserves to be specially particularised, viz.—"The Honorary Members of the Chapter Comps. Wm. J. Hughan, (Turo), and Dr. H. Hopkins, (Bath)." The Janitor's toast followed. The companions separated before 10 o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant and happy evening.

### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27)** held its regular meeting in the Masonic Hall, No. 213, Buchanan street, on the 17th; the attendance of the members was very good, and visiting brethren were numerous. The business of the evening was limited to initiation, raising, and affiliation. The Secretary was unable to be present on account of private business, and the minutes of the previous meeting were left over till next month. The R.W.M., Bro. D. Butler, took the chair, and proceeded to open the lodge, Bros. Dr. McInnes, S.W., G. McCombe, J.W. Among the brethren present we observed Bros. Bain, P.M. of No. 103; King, P.M. (St. Mungo); James Duthie, Z., Chap. 67; Wilson (Chaplain), W. B. Paterson, Albin, D. of Music, &c. Applications were laid before the lodge for the admittance into Freemasonry of Messrs. Dugald Morrison, proposed by Bro. J. Taylor, seconded by Bro. A. Nevey, and Daniel Patrick, proposed by Bro. Taylor, seconded by Bro. G. McCombe. These gentlemen being approved of were initiated into the First Degree, Bro. Bain, P.M., No. 103, officiating. The lodge was then passed to the Second and raised to the Third Degree, when proposals for affiliation into St. Mungo Lodge, of Bros. James McGibbon, St. James' Old Monkland, No. 177; Hardie, O.G., St. Mark's, No. 102; Anderson, of Royal Arch Lodge, Rutherglen, No. 116. The proposals finding favour with the members of the lodge present, they were received members of the St. Mungo, in the usual manner, Bro. Bain again officiating. Bros. Robert Scott, Wm. Syme, and John Stevenson Muir, all members of St. Mungo Lodge, were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Bain performing the ceremony, which he did in his usual earnest and clear style. This closed the business of the evening, when the R.W.M. thanked Bro. Bain for the kindness he had shown in coming among them to assist in their work. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE TRUSTEE (No. 87).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 19th inst., at four o'clock, for the purpose of receiving into Masonry Mr. Peter Johnston, who was very anxious to become a member of this lodge before he took his departure from Scotland, for a time. All having been found satisfactory as to his character by the brethren, the lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. J. W. Burns, and his Wardens. Mr. Johnston was proposed by Bro. Wm. Wilson, J.W., and seconded by Bro. McLauchlane, I.G. The three degrees were given, but the work was nicely divided between Bro. the R.W.M., Bro. Miller, P.M., and Bro. Wilson, J.W. The meeting was good for an emergency, and the degrees well given by the above worthy and respected brothers, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. MARK (No. 102).**—A meeting of this lodge was held prompt at eight o'clock, within their hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 14th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. J. F. Mitchell, filled the chair, and was ably supported by his Wardens and the other officers. There was a good attendance for the season of the year. The Secretary, Bro. J. Smith, read the minutes of the previous regular meeting, and several emergencies, all of which were approved of and confirmed. Applications for affiliation were laid before the lodge from Bros. John Leckie, of Lodge St. John's, Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, No. 22; and Neil N. Currie, of Lodge Shakespeare, No. 1018, E.C., Bradford. They were unanimously approved of and admitted members of the lodge, Bro. Mitchell, R.W.M., gracefully performing the ceremony. A very pleasant subject was then brought before the lodge by the R.W.M., viz.: The desirability of paying off the bond of £300, upon their property, where the lodge is situated. At present they are paying five per cent. interest on this £300. A number of the original trustees, in whose name the property had been entered, having died, this, in the opinion of the law officer of the lodge, presented a favourable opportunity of adding some of the younger members of the lodge to the list of trustees, and to carry out the proposal of Bro. Paterson, that the £300 debt should be taken up by the members of the lodge in £1 shares, bearing interest at five per cent., or such other sum as could be arranged for, which would result in the members of the lodge themselves being the only creditors. They would thus have the same security as the original bondholders, besides being part proprietors of the property. The state of lodge funds at present would not permit of them paying off the debt, but this plan would bring the whole debt among themselves, until the funds of the lodge would enable them to pay the whole debt. The scheme was very favourably received by the members, and the R.W.M. requested them to think carefully over the matter till the next meeting, when the full details would be laid before them. This brought the business of the meeting to an end, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 9th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. The attendance was remarkably good. The following office-bearers took their respective places, and the lodge was opened:—Bros. Joseph Singleton, R.W.M.; Robt. Gardner, S.W.; Peter Hepburn, J.W.; Geo. McLaren, D.M.; Wm. Figgins, Chaplain; John Matheson, P.M.; Wm. King, Treas.; S. Scott, Sec.; and others. The Secretary was called to read the minutes of the last meeting; which being found correct and satisfactory, were confirmed. An application was presented from Wm. Stewart Gilkinson, praying for initiation into Freemasonry. He was proposed by Bro. D. McFarlane, and seconded by Bro. J. Singleton, R.W.M. The result of the ballot proved the brethren to be unanimously in favour of his admittance. He was prepared, and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. J. Matheson officiating in his usual clear and impressive way, when the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. John Brown was passed, the R.W.M. officiating. A sum of money being granted to a brother in distress, brought the working business to a close, when the lodge was called to harmony for a time, the R.W.M. presiding. After a little pleasant enjoyment, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE STAR (No. 219).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at 12, Trongate, on the 14th inst. There was a very large attendance indeed of members and visiting brethren. Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M., took the chair, supported by his Wardens, Bros. J. Garth and Jas. Horn, and opened the lodge. Among the brethren present were the following: Bros. J. Martin, D.M.; Jas. Crawford, jun., Sec.; and Jas. Smart, Treas.; Bain, P.M. of No. 103; Geo. McLeod, P.M. of No. 128; D. Butler, R.W.M., No. 27; Dr. McInnes S.W., No. 27; J. Singleton, R.W.M., No. 1178; &c., &c. The R.W.M., requested Bro. John Rae to take a seat on the dais—Bro. Rae, is one of the oldest members of the lodge, and his presence there always meets a warm reception. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when the following gentlemen having been found worthy, received the first degree in Masonry, from Bro. Morgan, R.W.M., in his usual able style, viz., Archd. Munro, John Lyall, Thos. Higgins, and Andrew White. Bro. Robt. Scott, of Lodge 27, was passed to the F.C. Degree on behalf of Bro. D. Butler, R.W.M., of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, when the lodge was raised to the M.M. degree, Bros. Morgan, McFarlane, and Paterson, receiving the Sublime Degree from Bro. Bain, P.M., of Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, who went minutely into the details of the ceremony with great care and impressiveness. There being no further business, the lodge was duly closed.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. GEORGE (No. 333).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, situated at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 9th inst. The attendance of members was large, and the meeting was augmented by a number of visiting brethren. Among others we observed the following:—Bros. Alexander Thomson, R.W.M.; James Forsyth, S.W.; Robert Anderson, J.W.; James Findlay, S.M.; John Winton, P.M.; Robert Adam, P.M.; Thomas Stewart, P.M.; J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. Lodge Union (No. 332), &c., &c. The lodge being opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, the minutes of three special meetings, held since the regular meeting, were read. From these it appeared that there was a good attendance of members at all, and the object of the meeting was to work up the business standing before the lodge (which from the minutes appeared to be well done.) In the summer months the number of regular meetings are very few. Applications for initiation from the following gentlemen were read, viz., Messrs. Wm. McLeish, proposed and seconded by Bros. Archibald Taylor and Alexander Thomson; John Ternan, proposed and seconded by Bros. J. Leitch and J. Findlay; Robert Mitchell, proposed and seconded by Bros. Alexander Thomson and Robert Fairbairn. The ballot being found clear, showed that the characters of the gentlemen aspiring to the honour were worthy of it. They were then prepared and received the E. A. Degree from Bro. James Findlay, S.M., in a manner which satisfied the members of the lodge that their choice of Bro. Findlay as S.M. was a fortunate one. The R.W.M. said he had been requested by Bro. J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. of Lodge Union (No. 332), to do him the favour of allowing two members of Union Lodge, about to go abroad, to get passed and raised on their behalf. For his own part he was only too glad to do so with the concurrence of the brethren, which was at once given. Bro. Macnair, on behalf of the Union Lodge, returned thanks in most graceful terms, when the two brothers were passed to the F.C. Degree by Bro. Macnair, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Findlay giving this beautiful degree in excellent style. This was all the business, and the lodge was closed in ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE GLASGOW (No. 441).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the hall, 22, Struthers-street, on the 8th inst., R.W.M. Bro. Tulloch in the chair; S.W., Bro. Wood, J.W.; Bro. McInney. Lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, when the minutes of former meeting were read and approved. The R.W.M. then read a note from Bro. Mason resigning the Secretaryship of the lodge. Bro. Neagle proposed that it lie over until the end of the meeting, seconded by Bro. Goldie, supported by Bro. Stone, which was carried. The R.W.M. then brought forward the pic-nic, when it was agreed that it should take place in the beginning of September, the same as former years. The R.W.M. then thanked the brethren who had turned out to represent the Lodge 441 at the laying of the memorial stone of the new halls. The lodge was then raised to the F.C. Degree, when Bro. Alexr. Vallance, jun., had that degree conferred upon him, after which the lodge was reduced to the E.A. Degree, when Bro. Mason declined taking the Secretaryship. Bro. Goldie was then

proposed by Bro. Sloan, seconded by Bro. Martin, and was unanimously elected. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on the 15th inst., at 22, Struthers-street, Bro. Tulloch, R.W.M., in the chair; Bros. Wood, S.W.; Neagle, acting J.W. The lodge was opened and raised to the M.M. Degree, when Bro. Alexr. Vallance, jun., who is about to proceed to Australia, had this degree conferred upon him. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ARTHUR (No. 413).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 8th inst. Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., presided; Bros. Colin McKenzie; S.W.; D. Leeds, J.W.; J. Louttitt, D.M.; P. Agnew, Treas.; J. W. Stevenson, Sec.; and other office-bearers. Notwithstanding the season of the year being that when most people sojourn to the coast in search of fresh air, this influential lodge maintained its character for the good attendance of its members. The minutes of last meeting being read and confirmed, the R.W.M. said he had an application from Mr. Charles Purves for admittance into the Order. He was proposed by Bro. Wm. Sibbald, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Gardiner, both of whom had full confidence in his character being worthy of the honour he aspired to. The ballot being found clear, he was carefully prepared and enlightened into Masonry, so far as the First Degree would permit, Bro. Wallace, R.W.M., officiating in his usual efficient manner. A letter was then brought before the meeting from the Secretary of Lodge Partick St. Mary's, No. 117, inviting a deputation of brethren to be present with them at the laying of the foundation stone of their new hall, in Partick, on the 26th inst. The R.W.M. suggested that the best way to meet the invitation would be for those brethren intending to be present to meet in the Borough Hall, Partick, and there form the deputation, which was agreed to. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. VINCENT (No. 553).—A meeting of this lodge was held in Claremont Hall, 162, Kent-road, on the 10th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. R. McDougal, was unavoidably prevented from being present. The D.M., Bro. Stark, therefore presided, supported by Bro. Stevens, S.W., and Bro. Paxton, J.W., and other office bearers; there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. It was expected that the P.G.L. would have made an official visit; somehow or other, this did not take place. To account for this, we may say that the St. Vincent Lodge, which is a young one, but most energetic and painstaking in all its transactions, labours under considerable difficulties at present—the hall they meet in being a temporary place of accommodation only, until their own hall is ready, places them in an uncertain position for fixing their nights of meeting. The business of the lodge was the confirming of the Second and Third Degrees on brethren qualified to receive the same, Bro. Stark doing this in a way that showed his high qualifications for the work. Bro. Stark then thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance, and closed the lodge in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at 106, Rose-street, South Side, on the 7th inst. The meeting was well attended by the members, and a goodly number of visiting brethren were present. Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., took the chair; Bros. T. B. McNaught, S.W.; J. W. McNaught, J.W.; Dr. Russell, D.M.; Geo. Muir, P.M. of 103; and others. The lodge being formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Arrangements were then made for the annual pic-nic, to take place on the 10th inst., Dundonald being the spot selected. Applications for admittance into Freemasonry were read from Messrs. A. Anderson, J. Potle, and J. H. Thomson, and, being approved of, they received the First Degree; Bro. Dr. Russell, D.M., officiating. Bro. Dr. Russell proposed that Bros. W. Howie, 275; John Stewart, 360; and Wm. Manson be made honorary members of this lodge, which was agreed to, the brethren stepping to the altar and taking the usual obligation. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when six brethren received the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. Phillips, R.W.M., working with great care, and the brethren paying great attention. This terminated the business before the lodge, which was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—An exceedingly well-attended meeting of this lodge took place on the 21st inst. in their hall, situated at 106, Rose-street, S.S.; Bros. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M.; J. B. McNaught, S.W.; John Forgie, J.W.; John M. McNaught, S.M.; Thos. Russell, D.M.; Geo. B. Yuill, Secretary; Thos. Phillips, B.B. and C., took their respective places, and the lodge was opened in due form. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, they being correct and satisfactory, were confirmed. The R.W.M. then made a few remarks upon the annual "pic-nic" which took place on the 10th, in the course of which he said, a more complete success he never had the fortune to meet with. The day was one of the finest and most congenial we have had this season, and the pic-nic party was "ditto," it was a day of thorough enjoyment, and terminated without a single "hitch," even the Committee, after amply providing for the party, found themselves left with a balance in their favour. Many have expressed their sad disappointment at not being able to be present, in consequence of which another has been arranged to take place on the 4th of August next to the same place, viz., Dundonald. May the same results be in store for them. The R.W.M. then said, he had an invitation from the Lodge St. Andrew (No. 465) to join them with a deputation from this lodge on the 24th June, in celebrating the festival of St. John. This invitation was accepted. Another letter was read from the Lodge of St. John's, Alloa (No. 69), inviting a

deputation to be present at the consecration of their new Masonic hall, which takes place on Friday, the 25th inst. at twelve o'clock noon, under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, after which a grand demonstration will take place in the afternoon, in honour of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, to celebrate his lordship's accession to the Earldom of Mar, so long held by his illustrious ancestors, the Erskins. His lordship, it may be mentioned, at present holds the high office of Dep. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The procession will consist of members of St. John's, Alloa Lodge, and sister lodges, and the various trade societies in Alloa and district, starting about three o'clock; after which the brethren will dine together at the new Masonic hall at five o'clock. It was agreed to send a deputation from (556) Clydesdale Lodge. It was at this stage intimated that an American brother was down stairs in great poverty and distress. After the R.W.M. had an interview with him, a sufficient sum was given him for his immediate relief, until arrangements are made to take up his case. Mr. Wm. Smith, who could not attend the last meeting to receive the first degree of Freemasonry, was then initiated, Brother J. B. McNaught officiating in an able way. Mr. Smith was proposed by Brother James Weir, and seconded by Brother John Brown, both members of Lodge Clydesdale. There being no further business in this degree, the lodge was passed to the F.C., when 6 E.A. received this degree, Brother Phillips, R.W.M., officiating with great fulness and force. This finished the business of the meeting, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

The annual picnic of this lodge came off on Thursday, 10th inst., the locale chosen this year being Dundonald. At 9.10 A.M., the members, with their wives, sweethearts, and one or two friends from sister lodges, to the number of 40 in all, started from Dunlop-street Station, arriving in Kilmarnock just one hour thereafter. There were in readiness there two "brakes," as they are locally called, a vehicle which may be described as an elongated wagonette, and in these, together with a spring van, the company, which had been increased by three picked up in Kilmarnock, and the necessary provisions, were conveyed to the picturesque little village of Dundonald, a distance of some five or six miles. Here the first portion of the proceedings was a visit to the old castle, on the lawn at the back of which luncheon was spread and partaken of, the younger portion of the excursionists engaging also in some suitable sports, as races, leaping, &c. Thereafter, the party proceeded in a body to the Roman Camp, about two miles off, from which, as is well known, a varied and extensive view is commanded of the Ayrshire coast, with the Frith of Clyde, Arran, &c., beyond. Hence, after some more sports, the company returned to Dundonald, where, in Mrs. Allison's inn there, a substantial dinner was in readiness for them. At this the chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, supported by Bros. Dr. Russell, D.M., and J. McNaught, S.M.; the duties of Croupier being discharged by Bro. J. B. McNaught, supported by Bros. John Howie, J.W., and John Wilson, of the Portland Lodge, Kilmarnock, and a respected and useful member of Lodge 556. Nearly all the office-bearers of the lodge were present, while among visiting brethren were Bros. James Love, S.M., No. 87 (Thistle); and A. Higgins, S.S.; T. Coulter, J.S.; and John Weir, of No. 275 (Shamrock and Thistle). After the substantial had been disposed of, a short programme of toast, song, &c., followed—the chairman, inter alia, drawing upon his local knowledge to acquaint those not so well informed with regard to some points of the history and antiquities of the beautiful district in which they had been spending the day. By way of variety, the route back to Kilmarnock was taken by way of Symington; and when "auld Killie" had been once more reached, a halt was called at Bro. Richard's, Portland Arms, Cross, where some of the ladies partook of a welcome cup of tea. The return train left Kilmarnock at 9.49, and at 11 p.m. landed the excursionists, all safe and well, again at Dunlop-street. Barring one shower (short, but a pelter), while at the Roman camp, the weather throughout the day was entirely propitious, and the pic-nic of 1875 was, by common consent, voted to have been a complete success.

AN INTERNATIONAL LIFE-SAVING EXHIBITION is to be held next year at Brussels. It will include all matters relating to the saving of life and the lessening of suffering either from war, fire, or shipwreck, accidents by machinery, railways, &c., while one branch will be devoted to the preservation of health, such as the construction of dwellings, factories, &c. There will be a congress in connection with the exhibition for representatives of different nations to discuss the subjects of the programme. This congress has been permanently organised, and is to hold triennial meetings in the various European capitals. A meeting for the organisation of a London committee is shortly to be held at the Mansion House, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. Intending exhibitors should communicate with the Hon. Sec., Major Burgess, at the Mansion House.

For the Hospital Saturday collections, which are to be made on the 31st of July, 2,400 boxes have already been placed in taverns, coffee-houses, &c., and fully 5,000 street cards and books have been issued.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—When the weather is hot, it will be found that persons who suffer from swelled feet and ankles, varicose veins, ulcers and sores of all kinds, and in fact from any skin disease, feel these complaints more troublesome and aggravating than at any other time of the year. They will soon find relief in the use of these remedies, for if the wounds or ulcers are dressed with this Ointment it at once soothes the irritability of the skin, causes the discharges to lose their acrimonious character, and lessens any inflammation that may be present. It cannot be too widely known that these twin remedies are the most powerful of anti febrile and anti inflammatory agents we possess.—ADVT.

## Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Heckethorn, declined with thanks.

The following stand over:—Masonic Medals and Tokens; Bro. Kelly; Banquet to a brother at Swansea; Presentation to Bro. W. Wright, 1345. Reports of Lodges 176, 228, 758, 958, 1326, 1348, 1396; Chapters 279, 446, 1000; Mark Lodges 9, 104; Red Cross Conclaves 97, 44, 120.

An interesting account of the Minute Book of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead, will appear in the next week's Freemason.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1875.

## THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL FOR 1874.

We have been favoured by Bro. Binckes with a glimpse at the proof balance sheet for 1874, and we are anxious to call the attention of our readers to it, in anticipation of the annual festival. For the balance sheet for 1874 demonstrates so clearly the need of great Craft sympathy, and support in 1875, that its figures are more eloquent than words. Two points we wish to call attention to before we pass on to the figures themselves. The Boys' School, be it remembered, has no funded capital, and depends entirely on the freewill offerings of the Craft for its annual income and, so to say, "keeping up." In order to accomplish a great end, namely, to render the school buildings commensurate with the needs and worthy of the prestige of our Order, the House Committee sunk all its available capital and much more in the building, relying on the liberality of the Craft to help them to "weather the storm" in years to come. That they judged wisely in building for futurity, no reasonable person can doubt, and even at this moment such are the increasing wants of the brotherhood, that had they the means, they could readily receive some thirty or forty more boys. We have in our Boys' School a structure of which we may all be proud, and adapted in this improving age of all educational arrangements, for increased facilities in imparting a sound and useful and practical education. There seems to us to be no institution with greater claims on our good will and large-hearted liberality, for our helping on labours which are labours of love, and giving encouragement to a high duty, and forwarding a happy result. One other point we must notice, namely, the growing importance of the school to our fraternity. We must have it; and each year only serves to warn us, how great a boon and a blessing it is to many, who otherwise might not receive a befitting education. To us the Boys' School appeals with heartfelt memories of "auld lang syne." These healthy and cheerful boys are the sons of those with whom we associated so happily in the festive and pleasant hours of the past, and they appeal to us, and many more orphan sons of Freemasons appeal to us, by every profession of Masonic teaching and fellowship, to give our mite in our time and generation towards the best of all objects, the sound and practical education of the young and often helpless children of our brethren. It appears that the receipts of the Boys' School for 1874 amounted to £10,284. 11s. 10d., of this amount £732 14s. was voted by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £98 14s. were received in musical fees; £922 12s. 7d. were paid in donations and subscriptions, and £78 19s. 11d. was the balance at the bankers', January 1st, 1874. The expenditure is as follows:—£500 transferred to Sustentation Fund; £1970 16s. 6d. paid to New Building Account; £736 18s. 5d.; Special Expenditure; £6840 9s. 8d., Ordinary Expenditure; £232 1s. 8d., Emergent Expenditure; leaving a balance due to the bankers of £151 11s. 4d. It is therefore quite clear from this financial statement that not only is every effort required to help forward and maintain in proper order and efficiency, this most valuable Institution of English Freemasonry, but we must not shut our eyes to the fact, that we cannot expect, with constant pressure for increase in the

number of boys, that a less income must be supplied by our kindly Order of at the least £9000 per annum. This seems a large sum, but it is not too large for English Freemasons, who amid cruel imputations and shameful discourtesies, are always ready to prove to the world not only that "that loyalty and charity" are their watchwords, but that they uniformly seek to put into practice the distinguishing feature of Freemasonry, open-hearted beneficence, to all who make a proper claim on their good will, and their kindly aid. May the anniversary for 1875 be a great success for the Committee and Bro. Binckes, and may this, our last great festival for 1875, demonstrate to the world that we are not, as Freemasons, "weary in well-doing," but that ours is indeed, whatever ignorant writers may say of us, a real love of our good old Order, belief in its tolerant and philanthropic principles, and a full realization both of our privileges and our responsibilities as Freemasons. We shall give the actual figures themselves in detail next week.

## THE TRUE TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY IN RESPECT OF THE SOCIAL QUESTION.

In treating on this subject, confessedly somewhat difficult per se, we do not wish to appear either too egotistical or too dogmatical. We are most anxious to avoid any appearance of laying down too austere or ascetic a rule of the subject, and we do not presume to deny the right of others to hold a different view from ourselves on this wide and important question. For we should not forget, that we all may fairly take somewhat different grounds on a point which is after all more or less personal. And as we do not all see things in the same light, in respect of many other questions and even persons, we cannot be expected to hold an uniform opinion on this "vexata quæstio." We said last week, that there was a Masonic heresy on the subject, and as that necessarily pre-supposed a true teaching, we presume to submit our explanation of it, in the present issue of our journal. And so in all deference and submission we propose now to do so, premising once more, that we have no wish, and no intention "to lay down the law" to any who do honestly differ from us. We think that Freemasonry teaches us this distinctly, that refreshment is to be subordinate to work, and instruction. We should not be content to make all our arrangements centre on the refreshment hour, nor to consider that the most important of our duties in Masonry is the K. and F. Degree. There are some good brethren of ours, who, as we know only drop in just in time for the Junior Warden's call. They take no part in the work of the lodge; they take no interest in instruction; they do not care for lectures; they do not profess to read Masonic literature, but, as boon companions they are A. I. Our worthy brethren, Brown, Jones and Robinson, look upon Freemasonry merely as a pleasant reunion, as a social club, alike agreeable and hilarious. They have no patience, as they say, with those who render Freemasonry too dry an affair, and for them Freemasonry has, and Freemasonry always will have but one attraction, the banquet and the convivial gathering. Now though we do not object to the festive assembly or friendly reunion, though we freely admit, that to many a hard-worked brother, the social aspect of Freemasonry has a great and abiding charm, yet we should ever bear in mind that all these things are only pleasant accessories to Freemasonry, and are not Freemasonry. The great objection to the purely social view is its expense and in its interference unavoidably with the claims of charity and benevolence. With those who advocate the purely social and "prandial" theory ever of Freemasonry, there is too often a very small amount of Masonic benevolence, and an almost untellable quantity of "sæck." Now do not let us be misunderstood. We accept entirely the Masonic adage, that "refreshment follows work," and we shall be sorry to see the day when, by an overstrained theory of Masonic abnegation, brethren should be stinted or deprived of the allowable and proper relaxation, sanctioned by the rules of our lodges and our Order. Many

a firm friendship has been cemented round the Masonic table, and many pleasant hours of innocent gaiety and improving companionship have been spent by us all in the "interieur" of our lodges, and in a pleasant circle of friendship and good will. So that while we adhere firmly to the true teaching of Freemasonry, "subordinate refreshment and sociability to work and instruction, avoid late hours, and irregular habits; let not Freemasonry be blamed for your want of self control;" we shall not give up the "liberty of refreshment," in obedience to any fanaticism of the hour, but we shall use it, and not abuse it. We shall all regard this subject from our own point of view, and on none is the right of private judgment so unlimited, for no one can presume to lay down a rule which is suitable or applicable to all, and of all things we should seek to keep out of Freemasonry, anything like a pandering to hurtful and illogical fanaticism, any allowance of dictation by a noisy minority to a careless and apathetic majority. If in the words we have uttered, in the arguments we have employed, we have induced any brother to think the matter over, our end will be gained, as we do not write for any purpose, though the *Freimaurer Zeitung* says we do, of Pharisaic profession, or pedantic pomposity, but with a heartfelt desire to assist, and to inform, to help, and if possible to edify our numerous and friendly readers.

## PROVINCIAL FUNDS.

We often hear a good deal about our Masonic Charities and the like, but very little is told us about our Provincial Funds, which, however, constitute no inconsiderable item in our general Masonic system of receipt and expenditure. Why thus it should be, we know not, as there is no "reticence" on the part of the provinces, which publish the amounts for the most part annually. Probably it arises from that apathy about many Masonic matters so characteristic of our good Craft, and which like that of some of our buoyant and verdant youth is inclined to take a Dundreary view "de rebus lathomicis," and to set many little particular ars down, as being things a "fellar can't or can't be expected to understand." But yet if all our provincial returns were perfectly tabulated, the "tottle" of the whole receipt and expenditure would startle not a few of those lackadaisical critics who almost seem to think that Masonic finance, like Masonic Archæology, is a matter of no importance at all. If, however, we are, as we should be, fairly alive to everything that can illustrate our common Order, we shall feel the deepest interest in all such returns, which enable us to sound and mete out the actual depth of our remarkable provincial system which, in its activity and reality, and fulness, is peculiar to English Freemasonry. We take the balance sheet to May, 1874, of the Province of Lincolnshire as an illustration of what we have been saying. The normal annual income from fees and quarterages on the two amounts, the Benevolent and General Purposes, may be estimated in round numbers at £90 per annum, 18 lodges making up the Province of Lincolnshire. The interest on money invested in freehold securities may also be estimated in round numbers at £25 so that the actual reliable income from all sources may be put at £120. The invested property amounts apparently to £550. The province began with a balance, on both accounts, of £97 15s 5d., and ended with a balance on both funds of £123 11s. 6d. The income from all sources upto May, 1874, (one item exceptional) amounted to £262 12s. 6d. The expenditure was as follows, Grants to widows and necessitous brethren, £36 4s. 8d.; grant to Masonic Institutions, £6 4s.; expenses, (which are very small) £17; in round numbers invested £80; the remainder constitutes the balance. The province of Lincolnshire has, with its lodges and brethren, 397 life votes for the Boys' School, and 16 annual votes; 82 life votes for the Girls' School, and 15 annual votes; 71 life votes for Male Annuity Fund, and 38 annual votes; 24 life votes for the Widows; and 23 annual votes. But the return for the year 1875 will greatly increase the number of votes. It will be seen that while the

Province of Lincolnshire, owing to its size, is not so rich as some provinces, its returns are both interesting and valuable, and we shall be glad to receive similar provincial returns, and happy to analyze them for the information of our many readers.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT NEW YORK.

We call the attention of our readers to the interesting account of this remarkable scene taken from the Philadelphia *Keystone*, edited so admirably by our able and courteous confrere Clifford P. MacCalla. It was certainly a wonderful and striking gathering, which our brother so well and so eloquently records. "Twenty-five thousand Masons were in line, says our brother, and participated in the Masonic procession, and solemn ceremonies." The official numbers are 23,360! Surely these figures almost say more than words. The Craft in America have had bitter trials and angry adversaries, and the dreadful persecution of the absurd Morgan affair to go through. But to-day Freemasonry is rapidly spreading through the United States, and in ten years more, if it progresses, as it is now progressing year by year, it will be counted by one or two millions. As it is, it is said, on the authority of the reporter for the *Standard* at New York, that there are 9,101 lodges in the United States, with a membership of 524,649 brethren, but this does not include the Royal Arch and Templar organization. We believe that their real number is near 700,000. The reporter states that in the figures he gives as the census for 1870 in America, namely, 58,576,371 inhabitants; there is one Mason for every 74 inhabitants in the United States, a larger proportion of Masons than is to be found in any other country. Well these are cheering facts, and the record of another page proves that our American brethren are wise in their generation, and are building deeply, and truly, and well, as faithful and trusting Craftsmen. May the new Masonic Hall serve as an impetus to Freemasonry in that great city and district, and may it tend to a large development of as true Masonic charity and practical and useful benevolence.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS. No. VII.

All the little "waifs" cast upon the great shore of Masonic Archæology are valuable to the Masonic student. It had long been a question what was the exact connexion of the Masons' Company of the City of London with our speculative and accepted Order. Sir F. Palgrave laid it down as an historical fact that about the close of the 17th century, the Freemasons and the Masons' Company separated, but of this fact, as he puts it, there is, in truth, no historical trace! It seems most doubtful whether the Masons' Company ever had anything to do with the Society of Freemasons. It seems to have been nothing but a pure trade guild, existing side by side with the Society of Freemasons. If ever it was connected with the actual Freemasons, that link has long been broken. Much stress has been laid on two entries in Elias Ashmole's Diary, but searches kindly made in the books of the Masons' Company prove most indisputably that there is no actual identity between the Masons' Company and the Society of Freemasons. The Masons mentioned at Warrington were not members of the London Masons' Company, as some have thought, and the old Masons whom Elias Ashmole mentions by name, in London, were clearly both Freemasons and members of the Masons' Company at the same time. Hence the meeting at Masons' Hall in 1682, was that of Freemasons proper, and they admitted into their Order, members of the then Masons' Company. Elias Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company, nor was, curiously enough, Sir Christopher Wren, and we are especially told that the Master of the Masons' Company, Mr. Thomas Wise, was present at the special meeting or emergency meeting, as we should term it, at Masons' Hall, March 10th, 1682. All the names of Freemasons mentioned in Ashmole's

Diary are now verified, except Captain Borthwick and Waidford, Esq., as belonging to the Masons' Company, and yet as also members of the Society of Freemasons. As the Masons' Company did not meet in Basinghall Street, March 10th, as it did not dine at the "Half Moon," Cheapside, nor was it in the habit of dining there, it is quite clear that the meeting Ashmole mentions was a meeting of Freemasons proper, and not of the Masons' Company. We then come to this, that in 1682, the Society of Freemasons was in existence alike in London, Lancashire, Staffordshire, on the distinct statement of trustworthy authorities, and at York in 1698, and no doubt much earlier. What becomes of the 1717 theory? To use a slang phrase, it is "nowhere." We anticipate many further discoveries yet, as regards old records and minute books. The oldest minute book in England, so far known, is that of Alnwick, 1702, and the next to it appears to be that of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead. But others, no doubt, exist in forgotten collections of Masonic records, and unopened boxes in our various lodges, and we feel sure that careful search would result in the discovery of documents which, as far as they prove anything, would make clear the existence and continuation of the "Society of Freemasons" before 1700.

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 GUILD THEORY versus THE 1717 THEORY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have several times read over the important letters upon this subject from "A Masonic Student" and Bro. W. J. Hughan, at page 223, and I am only sorry that pressure of business and other literary work quite prevents me at present from dealing with this subject in the way I would like to do. There is much to be said upon it that, so far as I am aware, has never yet been said by any one. I believe that I hold one end of the chain, which if I were only able to draw it in would astonish even Bro. Hughan himself to see what came with it. For me, however, to attempt to deal with this subject properly at present would be something equivalent to committing suicide in reference to other matters, and I have not the slightest intention of doing so at present, consequently I must delay coming to real close quarters with Bro. Hughan just now. I may, however, I trust, ask to be permitted to say a few words in reply to the letters on page 223. "A Masonic Student" there says, "That Freemasonry existed before 1717 we have the most undoubted proofs." Now I admit that fully, and am also ready to admit that "Freemasonry" existed in the thirteenth century, but the "Freemasonry" that existed several hundred years ago was not our Freemasonry. Neither did the "Freemasons" then existing know anything of our system of Freemasonry. As one proof of this I would point to the fact that the French, who led the van in mediæval Freemasonry (and who "carved their records upon cathedrals" in a manner unsurpassed anywhere), knew nothing of what is now known as "Freemasonry" until about A.D. 1725. Now, how is this? Then there is the Pope's Bull of 1738, which says that the Society had only been recently formed. Was the Pope and his advisers then telling lies, or showing their ignorance, or what were they doing?

As to what "A Masonic Student" says about Ashmole and Robert Padgett, &c., being Freemasons, it would be premature to reply until exact copies of a number of the minutes of the London Masons' Company and of this "Society of Freemasons" are published. As to non-operatives being admitted into Masonic lodges long before A.D. 1717, I am aware of that just as well as "A Masonic Student" and Bro. Hughan, and I have repeatedly said that they were so admitted, only I do not admit that they were thereby made acquainted with our system of Freemasonry. In fact, how could they? seeing that even Bro. Hughan himself has repeatedly stated that our system of Freemasonry was not in existence until A.D. 1717! In regard to this latter point "A Masonic Student" has been more consistent in his published remarks than Bro. Hughan, or else "the Guild Theory" as held by the latter must be something very different from "the Guild Theory" as held by the former. To settle this, perhaps both of these talented brethren will in next week's *Freemason* favour us with independent explanations on the subject, including the antiquity they give to our three degrees; and what, or how many degrees, if any, existed before 1717.

As to who were the authors of our system of Freemasonry, I again say that, so far as I can judge, it was Desaguliers, Anderson, and their friends, who manufactured it out of Bible legends, Pagan mysteries &c., making use of the four old London lodges for that purpose. The fact of Ashmole and other gentlemen being Freemasons before 1717 simply paved the way for Desaguliers and his system, and so far as I can judge no Freemasonry, "identical with our present speculative Order," existed before A.D. 1717, any more than did Christianity exist before the time of Christ.

I find that I am quite unable to follow this up at present for want of time, but, I would beg of those who oppose me to remember that whereas the opponents of the 1717 theory, have been engaged in bolstering up the antiquity of speculative Freemasonry for the last one hundred and forty years, and have hundreds or thousands of published works to refer to in support of their ideas, yet the supporters of the 1717 theory have as yet very little. Bro. Hughan himself has done great service, and has been hard at work, for many years, and has published various valuable Masonic works, yet after reading them I still hold by the 1717 theory, believing that if only one-hundredth part of the time and money spent on Masonic researches was applied to seek out and publish the equally interesting records of the other Crafts, then the truth of the 1717 theory would be established.

I am, fraternally yours,

W. P. BUCHAN.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I need not copy the tone of Bro. Buchan's letter "exemplar vitis imitabile;" I would rather invite your readers to turn back to the correspondence on this subject, commencing about the middle of the year 1870, and extending through the first few months of 1871. I venture to say that they would want no further discussion of that airy nothing which has been dignified by the title of a "theory." If Bro. Hughan had the leisure to turn back to the past correspondence, I believe he would at once qualify his offer to re-open the subject, and would be amazed that this exploded emptiness should be again dragged out to catch the unwary eyes of new brethren whose experiences have yet to come. On the 12th of November, 1870, Bro. Hughan expressly requests Bro. Buchan to state "the reasons why he believed Freemasonry was originated in 1717, and not revived." Here was a plain opportunity for enabling your readers to judge of the grounds upon which Bro. Buchan's assertion was based; grounds which all the laws of fair discussion and Masonic candour required him, there and then, unequivocally to give. His reply on the 3rd of December following is at once so brief, as well as self-convincing, that I give it in extenso. Bro. Buchan says: "So far as I can at present judge, London in 1717 neither saw the 'revival' nor the 'origin' of our system of Freemasonry; but its institution and inauguration." So Bro. Buchan's evidence of a fact is his own judgment, and this is the manner in which so bold a "theorist" ventures to defend his assertions, before the intelligence of your readers, against the facts produced by careful enquirers. On the 24th of December, 1870, our patient Brother Hughan again appealed to Bro. Buchan to supply evidence in support of his "theory," and pledged himself to examine it very carefully; but it was useless; the assertion is empty, and has no evidence, ex nihils nihil fit. After being reminded of these facts, will Bro. Hughan still adhere to an unqualified offer to re-open the discussion with Bro. Buchan?

The brother from Cincinnati (who wrote in January, 1871) did not originate my producing the MS. of 1500. That brother appeared only towards the closing scenes of the discussion, with a flourish of (his own) trumpets, in the role of everybody's critic (excepting, perhaps, Bro. Buchan's). He played his (very small) part, complained much of his reception, went out (without the music), and returned no more. If Bro. Buchan had stated that I was mistaken in saying he had "challenged" me to produce an early reference to the word "speculative," but that his "challenge" had reference to a statute relating to Masons, he would have been right. I was thus far in error, as I readily acknowledge.

Bro. Buchan "challenged" me, on the 3rd December, 1870, to produce acts of Parliament passed before last century which did not also apply to other Crafts. I met his challenge fairly in the following number; but I regret to say that the evidence thus offered was, as I and other of your correspondents have had reason to complain, not met with that desire to investigate, rather than detract, which may be fairly expected from any brother who enters upon a controversy with a desire to attain the truth, rather than to back up a mere opinion.

My reference to the MS. was published on the 24th of December, 1870, I believe, in opposition to an assertion that the use of the word "speculative" could not be shown in any Masonic document dating before 1717. I said as much on the 21st January, 1871.

I think your readers will not consider it necessary for me to reply to an unworthy insinuation, in Bro. Buchan's P.S., that I should be likely to appropriate any credit he may deserve for the production of interesting information. I have not referred to the date he gives (July, 1871), but I can say that my letter as to the indenture of covenants, in reference to the white aprons and white gloves, appeared on the 10th December, 1870, Bro. Buchan at the time doing me the honour to designate it "a pretended quotation," such being the good taste which he extended to the enquiry.

My adducing this indenture originated in the modest statement by Bro. Buchan (29th October, 1870), that because he knew of no authority for the white apron before 1717 he was kind enough to "consider it was only then introduced." Verily, it is well for some of us that there are a few things in this world besides those which have come under our brother's special notice.

With a repeated word of warning to new brethren to seek the substance of proof, and to reject the shadow of mere opinion, however confidently asserted, permit me to bid the the phantom of 1717 once more adieu.—LUPUS.

THE OLIVER MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being the projector of the scheme to obtain a scholarship at one of our universities for one of our ablest boys at the Masonic Institution, I may be excused, I hope,

for addressing through your columns, my Masonic brethren throughout England and Wales, if not the universe, as I strongly desire the memory and name of the lamented and learned Doctor Oliver, of Lincolnshire, to be connected therewith.

At a committee meeting of the Lincolnshire Grand Lodge, held at Grantham, in the month of May, 1874, I first mooted the question. Some brethren then expressed an opinion that such a scheme as that which I propounded, if carried into execution, might take a poor lad out of his sphere, as if goodness, learning, and talent were necessarily confined to any one class of society. Such, I believe, was not the late Dr. Oliver's opinion.

When about to appeal to our late Grand Master on this interesting subject, I was deterred by his lamented secession from our fraternity.

The question has again been raised at our Lincolnshire Grand Lodge, held at Boston, this year.

The sum of nearly £200 seems to have been raised to the memory of the late Doctor Oliver, who accomplished so much for universal Masonry by his energies and pen; but after forty years' experience, however elastic the voluntary principle may be, I have not found that money easily flows into any exchequer without a specific object, a strenuous endeavour, and a wise organization.

Now, without determining the appropriation, the Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire has now voted £200 to the Oliver memorial, making the sum of £400. In my judgment, the suggestion to confer small annuities out of this limited capital—at 5 per cent., would not exceed £20 annually—would be chimerical in its effects as to any real benefit; and further, such wretched doles, confined to the province of Lincoln, would be unworthy of the name, pen, and zeal of so distinguished a Mason as the late Dr. Oliver.

That eminent member of the theological faculty lived in days when Masonic proceedings were under a clerical ban, when no high preferment was accorded to him for his self-denying and unremitting labours. Nevertheless he was content to work for Masonry under the shade of a cathedral, with a contemptible pittance, as a remuneration for his multifarious labours, simply because he did not bask under Episcopal smiles.

Yet he did his work for Masonry throughout the world; and what more appropriate memento to his undying fame can there be than a scholarship for a talented boy, a poor Mason's son, he may be an orphan, to one of our English universities; to evince to mankind that Masonry has something to do with literature as well as with good cheer; and that our avowed charity leads us, as in days of yore, to provide for the lambs of the fraternity; and where goodness and mental parts, with diligence and perseverance, are found to be the distinguishing traits of a poor, forlorn lad, mental culture shall be secured for him, to bless and improve society.

A lad that can earn one scholarship may earn one or two others. He may try. Surely, many of our Masonic brethren belong to that "Try company," whose motto is "Nil desperandum." Six hundred subscriptions, of one sovereign each, from Masons in England and Wales, would accomplish this benevolent object. Yea, double that sum could be raised, and that quickly, for the scholarship. Up and doing, my brother Masons! And I am confident that if Bro. Binckes, with his analytical skill, his comprehensive views, his descriptive and suggestive powers of organisation, would give momentum to the project, the thing is done. Meanwhile my pen, and my time, as far as I can command it, shall be at the service of the project, with a view to help those who may be able to help themselves and others: a project which, whilst it would perpetuate in literature the memory of the late Dr. Oliver, would tend to expand the mind of a Masonic stripling, and adorn Masonry with one of the brightest gems of Masonic charity.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.,  
P.P.G. Chaplain for Lincolnshire,  
Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough,  
June 16th, 1875.

#### EMBLEM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any of your readers inform me if they know anything of an emblem or badge as follows:—A paste star with ten points on enamel circle centre, with a lion statant, ribbon, and motto over lion, "Vivitur reciproca Fide?"

Yours fraternally,

REX.

#### THE INSTALLATION CHARGE OF THE R.W. PRO G.M. AND "THE 1717 THEORY."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If the brethren generally had not considered that Bro. Buchan's captious exception to our M.W. Pro G. Master's speech were better received and passed over in silence (I call it "captious" because it must certainly have appeared so to the Craft at large, however worthy its promulgator's intentions may have been) you would doubtless, ere this, have been flooded with expostulatory replies.

You, Sir, correctly reported the M.W. Pro G. Master's words, in which he uttered a simple truth, familiar to many outside the Craft as well as in it, for I well remember, as a child, being taught in my "Outlines of English History" that our ancient ecclesiastical buildings were reared by wandering companies of Freemasons.

Is Bro. Buchan prepared to disprove this well-known fact? If not, the denial in his letter was, however well meant, not only uncalled for, but incorrect.

Bro. Buchan, as I take it, has simply made use of this denial as a peg on which to hang the resuscitation of his

"1717 theory." That peg is removed, and I think that every brother will agree with me that, if this controversy is to be revived, it should be upon its own merits, and not upon such a false issue as the one in question.

No one assuredly will deny Bro. Buchan the right of stating his opinion, but it would certainly be preferable not to start a discussion concerning it upon subject matter not only entirely wide of the mark but also so thoroughly exempt from criticism as the Installation Charge in question.

With fraternal greetings, I remain, faithfully yours,  
Wm. TEBBS, P.M. 285,  
P.P.G. Chaplain, Somerset.  
Caterham Valley, June 14th, 1875.

#### HOW MASONS ARE MADE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When the eyes of enthusiastic Masons are gladdened by the appearance of long paragraphs in the newspapers, giving accounts of densely thronged Masonic meetings in various parts of the country, and reporting "Great spread of Freemasonry in—," does it ever occur to them to reflect for a moment whether the large number of persons who are daily flocking to our banners are "fit and proper persons to be made Masons?" Unhappily, every day's experience teaches us that such is not so, but that our once noble Institution is rapidly becoming crowded with a class of men, who 20 or even 10 years ago would never have dreamed of applying for admission to our ranks. That such an unfortunate state of things does exist is abundantly testified by the repeated cautions given by P.G. Masters, at the meetings of P.G. Lodges, about the care that should be taken before allowing any one to become "one of us."

Now, what is the most fruitful source of this admission of unfit subjects to the privileges of our Order? I think there can be no doubt, that it is principally due to the initiation of candidates in lodges held in towns other than those in which the candidates reside.

The Grand Master of England deemed the matter of such importance that, some time ago, he caused a circular letter to be forwarded to every lodge (I believe) calling attention to, and severely reprobating this custom. It is painful however to find that, in spite of this official warning, the evil, instead of diminishing, has been daily growing in magnitude.

As an illustration of the extent to which this practice may be and is carried, I wish emphatically to bring before the brethren generally the contents of a current circular, of what we will call "Lodge A," which has just fallen into my hands. According to this circular, the business to be transacted on the ensuing lodge night consists in balloting for 6 candidates, one as a joining member and the remaining 5 for initiation. Now, will it be credited that, of these 6 there is not, according to the addresses given in the circular, a single one of the candidates who is a resident in "Lodge A" town? Can anything be more scandalous than this? I don't use a term a bit too strong if I characterize such a circular a disgrace, not only to the lodge which issued it, but to the Order at large. Such I am sure will be the opinion of every true and loyal Mason.

But perhaps the reader may think that this extraordinary list of non-resident candidates may have been brought about by the fact of there being no lodges in their own immediate vicinities. Let us see.

We will pass over the joining member, as it is probable that he may intend to locate himself in his new lodge town. Of the 5 candidates for initiation, we find that No. 1 resides in a little village in which there is no lodge, about 9 miles from "A," and to get at which he must, if he go the direct road by railway, pass through a large town in which there is an irreproachable lodge held. Nos. 2 and 3 reside in the same town, about a distance of 8 miles from "A." The opportunities this town offers to local candidates may be estimated when it is mentioned, on the authority of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1875," that it contains not less than 23 lodges. No. 4 is an inhabitant of a town still more remote, being distant from "A" at least 12 miles, and, in addition, is in another county altogether. This town is provided with two lodges. I am sure I shall surprise (and I hope shock) many of my readers when I tell them that No. 5 is not only a non-resident, or even a dweller in "Lodge A's" county, but that he actually lives in a certain little island out of England, and distant from "A" close upon 90 miles. The island has three lodges, two of which are in the candidate's own town.

Why is this lodge favoured with so many candidates from a distance? It is not poor, so can't want money—it can't want establishing, for I am informed it sports a centenary jewel.

Perhaps some of its officers will explain, and in order to make identification of the lodge alluded to more easy, I will state that it is held in an old and very sleepy little town not 100 miles from Liverpool, and that the above candidates will be balloted for on the 16th inst.

To the above I may add that in my own town I know cases (all occurring in a very short time) of four gentlemen who were either unable to find proposers amongst the members of or had been blackballed at our lodge, and yet who were speedily made Masons in neighbouring towns, some of them, I must in justice state, at Lodge "A."

Is there no remedy for this indiscriminate and wholesale manufacture of Masons? I think so, and a very simple one too. Let the proper authorities enact, 1st. That no candidate shall under any circumstances be initiated in a lodge held in any county in which he is not a resident. Breach of this rule to be punished by suppressing the lodge. 2nd. That every lodge in which a candidate shall have been blackballed shall at once transmit to the P.G. Secretary the name and address of such candidate. 3rd. That no candidate shall be initiated in any strange lodge (in his own county) till the next lodge night but

one after his proposal, and that in the meantime the Secretary shall ascertain from the P.G. Secretary if such candidate has been blackballed in his own lodge town, and, if so, his candidature shall not be proceeded with; but if the reply is in the negative, then the Secretary shall enquire from the lodge in the town in which the candidate resides as to his character and probable motives for being proposed in a strange lodge, and after the reply has been read in open lodge the balloting may be proceeded with.

If these rules be violated, let the offending lodge be admonished, and if the violation be persisted in, then let its name be erased from Grand Lodge list.

By observing the above simple rules, no hardship would be inflicted upon any one, and if not a stop, at all events a great check be put upon this pernicious system of Masonry made easy.

I trust the paramount importance of the subject under consideration will be sufficient justification for the length of this letter.

Yours fraternally,  
Liverpool, 14th June, 1875.

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#### PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Neither brother has any "claim to the office" whatever. The Constitutions say: "He (i.e. the newly-installed W.M.) shall appoint his Wardens and other officers, except the Treasurer" (page 62, sec. 2.); and—"All preferment among Masons should be grounded upon real worth and personal merit; therefore, no brother shall be elected Master of a lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority of rank." (page 76, sec. 1.)

The W.M. was, therefore, quite right in putting into office such brethren as he deemed the fittest.

The question of "precedence" of merely lodge membership would be settled by the order in which the brethren in question became members of the lodge by the ballot of the brethren.

The entire difficulty (as far as can be gleaned from "Bro. Hadley's" letter) seems to have arisen from the indiscretion of the W.M., who, by stating his intended appointments before the proper time, gave an opportunity to the disappointed ones to take the extremely unmasonic course of marking their sense of the preference by refusing to confirm the minutes. Respecting the effect of this last step, I hope to address a few lines to you on another occasion.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM TEBBS.

Caterham Valley, June 14th, 1875.

#### TEMPERANCE LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask through the medium of your columns if any of your readers know of a Masonic lodge conducted on temperance principles, where a total abstainer would feel at home with his brethren.

Yours &c.,

SOUTH LONDON.

#### THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the January number of the "Masonic Magazine" it is stated that the late Duke of Wellington was a Freemason. In my mother lodge, Edinburgh St. David's, No. 36, S.C., there was, in 1861, a letter from the Duke, in which he distinctly stated that he did not belong to the Order; doubtless on application to the R.W.M. you might get a copy of it.

I am, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM W. SQUIRES, K.H. 30°.

#### THE INSTALLATION OF THE M.W.G.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one of the fortunate brethren present at the Installation of H.R.H., our Grand Master, at the Albert Hall, I was highly gratified to hear the confirmation of thanks from Grand Lodge last quarterly communication to those distinguished brethren for their efficiency in the organisation of such an event, well remembering the general anxiety and fears which I and a great many others indulged in at the possible exclusion of junior members of Grand Lodge, owing to the the necessary and suitable space required. I therefore venture to state that in the name of those juniors I beg to tender our humble, but nevertheless sincere, thanks to Brother Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant of England, who was the first to suggest publicly in your valuable pages, likewise to demonstrate the practicability, of using the Albert Hall for such an eminent purpose, thus giving out the timely spark that ignited the whole success of that memorable day.

I am, &c.,

S. W., 145.

#### MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see that our good Bro. Albert Mackey, strangely enough, falls into the not uncommon mistake of supposing that Hiram, the widow's son, was not an architect or a stonemason.

In the *Voice of Masonry* for June (page 403) he says "It is worth noticing that a similar creed occurs in the still retained legends of the Solomonic Temple, where Hiram Abiff, who, like Tubalcain, was only a worker in metals, and not a stonemason, is called the master builder of the Temple. The coincidence is striking, and the problem is one not easily to be solved, why in both the older and newer Masonry a silversmith should have been called a Mason and a builder." Our good brother has surely for-

gotten the 14th verse of the 2nd chapter, Second Book of Chronicles, where we read as follows:—

"The son of a woman of the daughter of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold and in silver, and in brass, and in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen and in common, able to grave any manner of graving, and any device," &c.

Properly then is Hiram Abiff called the "Master-builder" and the Architect of the Solomonic Temple.

The high authority of Bro. Mackey causes me to call attention to what might become a very serious error in Masonic Archæology if supported by his well-known name.

I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,  
A MASONIC STUDENT.

**EARLY MASONIC TRACT.**  
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Where can I be favoured with a perusal of an early tract, published in 1676, and entitled "A Short Analysis of the Unchanged Rites and Ceremonies of Freemasonry," or where can I find an account of the same?

Yours fraternally,  
[So far the book has eluded all research. It is, we believe, much more than doubtful if it ever was published.—Ed.]

**EDUCATION.**

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me in your next issue of the Freemason of a school for young gentlemen, kept by a brother, near London? The boy is rather delicate, and requires a little care, so I would like to place him under the eye of a brother, knowing he would be educated, and taken care of as a boarder.

Yours fraternally,  
[Perhaps some of our readers can answer the query. We shall be happy to put any one in communication with our enquiring brother.—Ed.]

**MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.**  
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you, or some other authority, kindly inform me whether or not an Installing Master can claim from the I.P.M. (who has not installed his successor) the right to propose the health of the W.M. at the banquet, to the exclusion from that privilege of the I.P.M., and any other P.M. of the lodge who may be present.

Yours fraternally,  
[Certainly not.—Ed.]

**DEDICATION OF THE NEW YORK MASONIC TEMPLE.**

The distinguished Masonic event in America of the present week, says the *Keystone* of June 5th, has been the dedication of the New Masonic Temple in the city of New York. A larger number of Craftsmen were there assembled, on Wednesday, June 2nd, 1875, than ever before, anywhere, in the history of the world, of which any record remains, and representing the chief Masonic Jurisdictions of the Globe. Twenty-five thousand Freemasons were in line, and participated in the Masonic procession and solemn ceremonies. We cannot, at the time we go to press, give our readers a full account of these ceremonies, but we shall aim to give a brief sketch of his history of the great Masonic work of the fraternity in New York, from its inception to its happy completion, as an acceptable preface to our description, in our next issue, of the *Dedication Ceremonies*.

The present magnificent New Masonic Temple in New York city, erected at the cost of a million and a quarter dollars, is the result of thirty-two years' anxious and, during the latter years, earnest labors. In 1843, the edifice was first proposed, and the following memorial upon the subject was presented to the Grand Lodge:

"R. W. and W. Brethren:

"The subscribers, deeply impressed with the desire of placing our institution in a position of permanent honour and usefulness, most respectfully present for your consideration, the necessity of taking immediate and active measures for raising a fund sufficient to accomplish the following objects:"

"First—The erection of a hall in the city of New York for the Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies."

"Second—The founding of an asylum for worthy decayed Masons, their widows and orphans."

"For the accomplishment of these noble purposes we invoke your honourable body to use your influence with the brethren of this State, by sending forth a suitable appeal to their liberality, and by appointing proper agents to solicit and receive contributions."

"In testimony of our sincerity and confidence in the ability of the fraternity in the State of New York, we ask your acceptance of our subscriptions in cash, and promise to pay annually hereafter until the works be completed, something toward the necessary fund."

"It is our desire, if the Grand Lodge accept our offering, that the sum thus raised be carefully invested by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, and preserved for the especial purpose above set forth, until the Grand Lodge shall decide that a sufficient fund has accumulated for the completion of the first object, to wit: the erection of a Grand Hall, free from incumbrance, after which the same means be continued, until the second object can be, in like manner, put in operation."

This memorial was drafted by the late R. W. Bro. James Herring, and is still in the possession of his son, W. Bro.

Fred. W. Herring. Accompanying it was a subscription of 300 dollars, from one hundred brethren; and the first subscriber who paid his subscription was Bro. Greenfield Pote, for many years Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge. Our readers may be interested to know how the fund from which the new temple was built gradually increased to the requisite sum. As we have indicated, it was at first slowly developed. Beginning in 1843 with 300 dollars, in 1846 it reached 873 dollars; 1849, 4121 dollars, 1858, 12,879 dollars; 1860, 31,111 dollars; 1866, 117,144 dollars; 1867, 207,694 dollars; 1868, 334,729 dollars; 1869, 445,873 dollars; 1874, 932,757 dollars; with 352,713 liabilities. On two occasions, in 1867 and 1873, 50,000 dollars were added to the fund by Masonic fairs.

The site upon which the temple is built is at the north-east corner of Twenty-third street and sixth avenue,—a splendid location—and its size is 92 feet by 141 feet. True, it does not compare either in size, or in grandeur, with the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia, which entirely covers a spacious lot 150 by 250 feet, and is surrounded on all sides by streets, and stands out a magnificent architectural structure; but it possesses many distinguishing features of its own, which entitle it to be considered one of the Grandest edifices in the world. The cost of the ground was 340,000 dollars. Up to June of last year, over 900,000 dollars had been spent upon the ground and the edifice.

The corner-stone was laid by Bro. James Gibson, Grand Master of Masons in New York, on June 8th, 1870, when 700 lodges were represented in the Masonic ceremonies incident thereto, and 10,000 Freemasons participated. The copestone was laid by Bro. Ellwood E. Thorne, (during the illness of Bro. Christopher C. Fox, Grand Master) on Oct. 4, 1872. In our present writing we cannot give a complete description of the Temple, though we may enumerate some of its salient features. Its distinguished architect is Bro. Napoleon Le Brun, formerly of Philadelphia, who now has a monument to his genius which will never die, as Bro. P.M. James H. Windrim has, in another world-wonder, the present Masonic Temple of Philadelphia. The New York Temple is five stories in height, including the Mansard pavillion. Its general exterior style of architecture is of pure French Renaissance, graduated, in each story, in sub-orders, viz: Tuscan, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite—all in massive granite. Its height from the street to the cornice is 94 feet. The Mansard rises 30 feet higher, while the dome reaches an altitude of 165 feet. The main entrance is on Twenty-third-street, through a Tuscan portico, flanked by two bronze pillars 14 feet in height. These are modelled after the Solomonic columns of the Bible, and give a unique and fitting finish to the portal.

The Grand Lodge Room is 85 by 92 feet in area, and 28 feet high. It is rented for other than Masonic purposes—for church services and lectures. The Grand Lodge Library is 40 feet by 21 feet. The Temple contains seven Lodge Rooms, viz: Tuscan Room, 62 by 30 feet; the Ionic Room, 63 by 26 feet; the Livingstone Room, 47 by 21 feet; the Composite Room, Corinthian Room, and the Clinton Room. The Egyptian Room is devoted to Chapter Masonry, and is in size 62 by 30 feet. The entire fifth floor, or Mansard pavillion, is occupied by the Knights Templar and members of the A. and A. Rite. The Asylum is 78 by 41 feet, and 21 feet high, and is designed after the French Gothic style, of the fourteenth century. The Council Chamber is 35 by 21 feet, and of Saracenic architecture. The Banquet Hall is of the Early Norman style, and is 55 by 27 feet in size. There is also an armory, containing hundreds of closets to contain the Knights' equipment. Two elevators conduct to the top of the Temple—one a passenger elevator, and the other for miscellaneous purposes. The entire Mason work was done under the direction of Bro. John T. Conover, and every part of the edifice was designed by the eminent architect, Bro. Napoleon Le Brun. Bro. James M. Austin, M.D., the present esteemed Grand Secretary, is the only living member of the original Board of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund. The Fraternity of New York will erect the Masonic Asylum for worthy indigent Master Masons, their Widows and Orphans, as soon as the revenue from the Temple shall warrant the undertaking.

We have now given our readers a hurried sketch of the great and successful effort of the brethren in our sister jurisdiction of the New York, to erect a fitting Masonic Temple for the work of the Craft in the metropolis of America. We wish them every enjoyment of its elegant hall, and that the time may speedily arrive when they shall inaugurate their great Masonic Charity.

The Crown Prince of Denmark, not finding it convenient to attend the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in New York on the 2nd inst., sent his "regrets," accompanied with an attesting document by the Grand Secretary. The following are copies of the letters:

Den Danske Store Lands Loge.

By the command of His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince Frederik, M.W. Grand Master of Denmark, the undersigned have the pleasure to inclose the answer of His Royal Highness to the kind and fraternal invitation to the initiation festival of the Masonic Hall, in New York. In handing you this proof of the interest with which the prosperity of our most sacred Order on your continent is regarded, we remain M.W. Sir and dear brother, most respectfully and fraternally yours,

A. Rist, Keeper of the Seals,  
Aastny, Grand Secretary.

Copenhagen, April 20, 1875.  
To the M.W. Grand Master of the State of New York, Ellwood E. Thorne, Esq., New York city.

The following is the CROWN PRINCE'S LETTER:—  
HEALTH, PEACE, UNITY.

"It has afforded me the most sincere pleasure to receive your fraternal invitation to the initiation of the newly erected Masonic Hall in New York, which is to take place on the 2nd of June. I deeply regret that several hin-

drances, and especially the great distance, prevent me from answering to the inclination of my heart to meet on this occasion my Masonic Brethren on the other side of the ocean. I beg you to accept my heartfelt wishes for the prosperity of this grand undertaking, and my ardent hope that the threefold Great Architect of the Universe will bestow on it His powerful blessings, and give furtherance and success to your aim—externally, to demonstrate the greatness of the institution; internally to cement and strengthen the ties of brotherly love; and finally, to support the indigent, the widow, and the orphan.

"Fraternally,  
"FREDERIK,  
"Crown Prince of Denmark.

"Copenhagen, 20th April, 1875.  
"To the M.W. Grand Master in the State of New York, Brother ELLWOOD E. THORNE, New York City"

**Ireland.**

ST. BRENDON'S LODGE, No. 163.—DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL, PARSONSTOWN.

On Tuesday, 15th inst., the imposing ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, Parsonstown, to the purposes of Freemasonry, was performed with all the ceremonies and rites peculiar to the time-honoured craft. The assemblage of the brethren from various parts was large and influential, and the fact that the quarterly communication of the Midland Counties Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the same time served to invest the occasion with additional eclat. The Right Honourable Lord Hastings, the newly appointed Grand Master of the Prov. G. Lodge, assumed his office for the first time amid the heartiest congratulations. At 12.30 the brethren and visitors assembled in the new lodge-room, took the places assigned to them by the Stewards, and at one o'clock, shortly after the arrival of the down train, the Provincial Grand Officers assembled in the ante-room, and walked in procession to the new lodge-room, the brethren all standing. Silence being proclaimed, the lodge was formally opened.

The Secretary of 163 then read the reply of the Grand Lodge to their memorial requesting permission to remove their meetings to their new hall; and in the name of the lodge requesting the Right Worshipful Grand Master to proceed with the dedication. The Provincial Grand Chaplain read prayers, after which the anthem, Psalm xc., verse 17, was sung by the choir. The ceremony of dedication was then performed by the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master in the manner prescribed by Masonic formularies. The business of the communication was finally proceeded with, and at the conclusion the brethren adjourned to Dooly's Hotel, where the members of St. Brendon's entertained their visitors to a magnificent champagne luncheon, served up in the style peculiar to that establishment.

During the progress of the works at the new hall we endeavoured to keep our readers acquainted with the style of this unique and beautiful specimen of architecture, but now that it has been brought to such a successful finale, a more detailed description may be interesting to lovers of the mediæval art.

Some eight months since the committee obtained possession of a house in William-street, and having removed the top floor and all the partitions, found at their disposal a room which measured about 31 feet long by 17 wide, and 17 high to the braces of the roof. They then instructed Mr. A. B. Milne, C.E., to prepare plans for its conversion into a hall suitable for the meeting of their ancient Order, and under his direction and superintendence the various works have been carried out, the completion of which we this day chronicle.

On entering the hall the visitors' attention is first caught by the "All-seeing Eye," which, visible through a break in a bank of clouds, seems to watch over and to see all who are in the room, of which we now proceed to give a more detailed description. The ceiling is divided to six bays or compartments by seven deep moulded ribs, resting on consoles, supported by pilasters, which, in their turn, divide the side walls into a like number of bays, and form the main features of the work. Round two sides of the room are raised platforms, on which are placed the benches for the brethren; a bench between each pair of pilasters, and at the further end is a dais approached by three steps, on which is the Master's chair, &c. The ribs are elliptical in form, being designed to make the utmost of the available height. The web is pierced with a number of round holes, which are picked out with pink and black. The mouldings, which form the top and bottom members, are in continuous pieces steamed and bent round to the required contour, and secured by bolts passing through, all the heads of which and their washers, in the form of five pointed stars, are picked out in blue and gold. The ceiling between the ribs is covered with blue paper, spangled with five pointed gold stars, and the effect of which when lit up is to give a great apparent height and expanse. The consoles have in each of their projecting members an ovoid hole which is picked out in pink and black, and the top and bottom tables are connected round the room by stop chamfered strings, enclosing between them the frieze, which is tinted a pale pink, and, is embellished with a variety of Masonic emblems in gold, relieved and shaded. The pilasters are eight feet high, and are wrought with bold angle staffs, with O. G. stops, and have three large reeds which are stopped both at top and bottom, and also in the centre, where a plain surface is left, on which is placed a five-pointed star and a square and compasses, carved and gilt. The panels between the pilasters and the end walls under the frieze are tinted a peculiar cream color termed "Parian Ware," and each panel is relieved by a line of scroll work and mediæval leaves, stencilled on in Sienna. On the end wall, at the entrance from ante-room, and filling the space

between the frieze and the soffit of the rib, there is represented a Bible open at the 1st Chapter of St. John, resting on a crimson cushion and appropriate drapery, and above on a ribbon the well-known words, in Greek letters, "In the beginning was the Word." Under the frieze and surrounded by the scroll work is a blue lozenge, on which is inscribed in gold. "St. Brendon's Lodge, 163, dedicated 15th June, 1875." At the opposite end and occupying a similar position to the Bible, is the All-seeing Eye before referred to, shining out through a bank of summer clouds, and casting down a flood of light which illuminates an expanse of mountain and forest underneath, which stretches away on either side, and appears to extend backward to the distant horizon. The door leading from the ante-room is a very fine piece of work. The side showing into the hall has its panels raised, and on each panel is a shield bearing Masonic emblems; the framing is all moulded with quirked mouldings wrought in the solid and having O. G. stops. The reverse of the door is stop chamfered, the stops being Scotia and fillet, and the jamblings are finished so as to correspond, as are also the architraves, which have their sides and heads produced past their intersections, and finished with ogival termination. All the chairs and benches are of red pine, stained and varnished; those for the brethren having plain backs; those for the various officers being distinguished by gablets, behind which rise staves bearing bannerets, on which are displayed their insignia. The ends of the benches and officers' chairs are of open work of original design, and become more ornate as their occupants are higher in degree. The lighting is provided for by two gaseliers formed like five pointed stars, suspended from ornamental ventilators fixed in the ceiling, through which and the aperture in the wall ribs the heated air is carried off, while cold air is admitted under the side platforms and dais by three large valves which communicate with the outer air, and can be opened or closed from the inside. In winter this air supply will be taken from a hot air chamber which is situated on the ground. The ante-room is lighted by a very handsome bracket in mediæval style, with Masonic emblem.

Throughout the whole there has been an endeavour to keep to the mediæval spirit which caused all work to exhibit its construction, and to make the constructive features ornamental—not to hide any work or material, but to let it tell its own story of its quality and use. All the exposed woodwork, as the ribs, consoles, pilasters, door, and door-case, are simply stained and varnished, thus showing out the natural grain and beauties of the timber, while machine mouldings stuck on and all imitations of any kind have been carefully avoided. By adherence to this principle Lodge 163 now possess a hall pronounced by the universal consent of the brethren from various parts assembled there, to be second to none in the province, and for its size not surpassed in Ireland.

For the architect and designer, Mr. A. B. Milne, praise in our columns would be superfluous, as his work speaks for itself, and it will be an eloquent and lasting testimonial to his fine taste and architectural abilities. To the energetic Secretary of the Building Committee, Mr. R. J. Sheppard, belongs the second meed of praise; under his careful supervision the Masonic details were stringently adhered to, adding in no small degree to the innumerable points of beauty possessed by the architect's design. The ribs, consoles, and entire gasfitting and heating arrangements were supplied and erected by Messrs. Wallace & Co., Wilmer Road, in their usually excellent style. To Messrs. Brooks, Thomas, & Co., of Dublin, were entrusted the painting and decorating department, and the manner in which this eminent firm acquitted themselves claims for them the utmost credit, aided as they were by their talented artist, Mr. Morris. The carpentry and all the erecting work was executed by Mr. James Carroll, and Mr. Henry Dillon constructed the benches and chairs in the most tradesmanlike manner.

#### PIC-NIC OF THE SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1380.

By the kind permission of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. Eng., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, a pic-nic party in connection with the lodge that bears his name, and of which he was the first W.M., took place on Wednesday, the 16th June, in his lordship's grounds, Lathom House, near Ormskirk.

The weather, unfortunately, was not of the most favourable character, as shortly after the start the rain began to fall and continued so until the afternoon, when the rain cleared off and remained so until the arrival of the party on their return home.

A select party of about 40 ladies and brethren met at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, where the lodge holds its meetings, shortly after half-past twelve o'clock, and as a pleasant preliminary of the day's proceedings, the W.M., (Bro. Bark) presented Bro. George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1380, with a very handsome dining room timepiece, and ornaments to match, in recognition of services which he had rendered to the "Skelmersdale Lodge," at and since its formation.

The timepiece bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. George Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., West Lancashire, by the members of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his valuable services in promoting the prosperity of the lodge since its formation. June, 1875." After the whole of the company had assembled in one of the large rooms of the hotel, and partaken of cakes and wine, Bro. F. G. Bark, W.M. of the lodge, gave the toast of "The Queen," in felicitous terms, and afterwards proceeded to make the presentation to Bro. Broadbridge. He said that many of the members would be aware, that when the lodge was started, one brother (Broadbridge) particularly took very

active part in forming it, and since then he had nurtured it, so as to enable it to grow to the state in which it now stood. He did not for one moment say that Bro. Broadbridge was the sole cause of the lodge coming to the perfection which it had reached, because they knew he had received valuable help from one who was no longer amongst them (the late Bro. Capt. Mott). Nevertheless, Bro. Broadbridge was the chief promoter and nurturer of the lodge, and if anything wanted doing, he was always ready and willing with a helping hand. (Hear, hear.) There was nothing in the Order which Freemasons more liked to see recognised than valuable services; and in the present instance the brethren of the Skelmersdale Lodge had felt it their bounden duty to recognise the services of their brother in a substantial manner. Bro. Broadbridge was not only esteemed by the members of that lodge, but by every one who knew him in the province of West Lancashire. He trusted that Bro. Broadbridge would long be spared to give the lodge his countenance, advice, and help. After referring to the fact that nearly every one in connection with the lodge had subscribed, the W.M. made the presentation of the testimonial. In acknowledging the gift, Bro. Broadbridge, who was loudly applauded, briefly thanked the brethren for their very handsome testimonial. Since the consecration of the Skelmersdale Lodge he had watched its progress with a great amount of interest, and he assured them that that interest would not cease so long as he had health and strength. The Skelmersdale Lodge was very dear to their P.G.M., and he trusted the members would do everything in their power to uphold its dignity and position, and do honour to the name which it bore. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Broadbridge then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who responded in pointed and effective terms. "The Ladies," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Melladew.

Speech-making and present-giving over, the happy party immediately got "on board" a four-horse omnibus, which was waiting outside, and proceeded on the journey to Lathom House. Rain fell the greater part of the way, making the position of outsiders anything but pleasant; and their position was not improved by the overhanging trees under which they had to pass on the way to Lathom House. It required a pretty sharp look-out, and any quantity of stooping, to avoid contact with the branches and the reception of a shower-bath: but with all these difficulties the outside passengers enjoyed many a hearty laugh. The rain cleared off as the party, after nearly three hours' driving, arrived at their destination. Luncheon was immediately served, after which the party was allowed to inspect a portion of the house and the grounds. Dancing and other amusements peculiar to a pic-nic were then enjoyed until tea-time came, and shortly afterwards the start was made for Waterloo. After a pleasant moonlight drive, the party arrived there about half-past ten o'clock, having greatly enjoyed the first pic-nic in connection with the Skelmersdale Lodge, which is certainly not likely to be the last.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

##### LIFE GOVERNORS FROM LIVERPOOL.

Following the excellent example of Bro. Constable in connection with the Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. George Broadbridge, P. Prov. G.D.C. West Lancashire, P.M. 241, 1380, &c., recently organised a drawing for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the result has proved eminently satisfactory. Bro. Broadbridge personally organised the scheme, issued the books for the drawing, and spared no effort to make it worthy of the Masonic position of Liverpool. By dint of hard work, and assisted by several willing brethren, he succeeded in realising 90 guineas by the sale of shilling tickets, which entitled the drawing for nine Life Governorships of the Institution. The ballot took place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday, the 11th inst., when there was a very large attendance of the brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec. The following were the successful members and names of those who secured the Life Governorships:—

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| 129,  | Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, |
| 19,   | W. Johnson,             |
| 2372, | H. Normanton,           |
| 220,  | Henry Scott,            |
| 2636, | W. H. Ward,             |
| 1093, | H. E. Maltass,          |
| 1414, | Sefton Chapter, 680,    |
| 890,  | Dr. J. Kellett Smith,   |
| 2241, | John Marshall.          |

Bro. Broadbridge has set an example which might well be imitated in other provinces in England. It may also be stated that Bro. Broadbridge has undertaken to serve as one of the Stewards at the approaching festival in connection with the Institution.

#### ENCYCLOPÆDIA OF FREEMASONRY.

The attention of lodges and brethren is called to a new Cyclopædia of Freemasonry, which Bro. Kenning is about to publish in a handy form and compendious arrangement. The work will treat fully on Masonic history and archaeology up to the present time, and will contain all subjects which fairly form part of a Masonic cyclopædia. Some topics will be introduced for the first time; some omitted which tend to make most of our handbooks too bulky for the general reader, since they include subjects which may be considered extraneous to Freemasonry proper. It is hoped, however, that this new publication will be both condensed and yet comprehensive, lucid in statement and complete in treatment, and that it will become a real and portable vade mecum for English, Scotch and Irish Freemasons. No efforts will be spared to make it worthy of our great Order.

The Cyclopædia will appear early in 1876. Subscribers' names will be printed with the work. In order to meet the convenience of the brethren generally, and to ensure a large circle of original subscribers, though the selling price of the work will be 10s. 6d., the Cyclopædia will be sent (post free) to lodges and individual brethren, original subscribers, for 7s. 6d. Subsequently to the closing of the subscription list the amount will be, for the public and for the Craft, 10s. 6d.

Orders will be received at the Office of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street.

#### Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

##### THE MASONS' COMPANY.

The names of Thomas Shadbolt, Nicholas Young, John Thompson, and William Stanton are of frequent occurrence in the minute book about the year 1682.

A Mr. Henry Wilson was elected Master in 1683, but in the year 1621 the accounts are signed among others by a William Wilson, with a flourish before the name which might be "Sir," but this is 50 years before Bro. Woodford expects to see the name.

William Hamond is evidently the same as Hamon. The name of —Waidford is not to be found about the year 1682, nor are the names Richard Penket, James Collier, Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Elam, and Hugh Brewer, to be found about the year 1646.

There appears to have been a meeting of the Company whenever there was any business to be done. The minute book records during the year 1682:—

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| (I.)    | A Quarter Court held 16th Jan. at Masons' Hall.                                      |
| (II.)   | A Court of Assts. " 28th Feb. " " "  |
| (III.)  | A Quarter Court " 11th July " " "  |
| (IV.)   | A Court " 26th Sept. " " "   |
| (V.)    | A Quarter-day Ct. " 3rd Oct. " " "   |
| (VI.)   | A Court held 13th Oct., 1682, at the Rose Tavern, Leadenhall-street.                 |
| (VII.)  | A Court held 24th Oct., 1682, at the old "Dogg" Tavern, in Ludgate-street.           |
| (VIII.) | A Court of Assistants held 30th Oct., 1682, being Lord Mayor's Day, in Masons' Hall. |
| (IX.)   | A Court of Assistants held 21st Nov., 1682, in Masons' Hall.                         |

I cannot find that the Company ever dined at the "Half Moon," Cheapside.

Such is the result of another search kindly made for me by the Clerk of the Company. A.F.A.W.

##### MASONIC NUMISMATICS.

I am glad to see my notice of the Masonic Token of 1792 has led to a little correspondence on that subject, and I hope one day we shall hear of others of a similar character, for this country is sadly behind Germany as respects either a collection or history of Masonic Tokens, probably owing, as the Editor of the *Freemason* puts it, to there having been very few issued in this country.

I bought a modest-looking Masonic token last week, quite new to me, and I shall be glad to hear if there are any others still in existence.

On the obverse are two columns surmounted by an arch, and "All-seeing-Eye." On the left column (to the spectator) is the letter C, and on the right, the letter W. The columns rest on tessellated pavement, with apparently a pedestal in the centre. On the reverse are simply the square and compasses, with G in the centre. It is much worn, and if there were any inscriptions or mottoes originally, they are now invisible.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

##### MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.

I observe under the head of "Masonic Notes, &c.," in the *Freemason* of the 12th inst., that Bro. William James Hughan mentions and describes a Masonic Token struck to commemorate the election of the Prince of Wales as G.M. of Freemasons, 24th Nov., 1790. It is identically the same as the one that I have, but the words engraved on the rim of mine are very distinct, "Masonic Halfpenny Token," the rest is not so distinct; therefore, I think it most probable that the remaining part of the inscription is the same as stated by Bro. Hughan, namely, "Schichley Fecit, 1794."

FRAS. BURDETT, P.G.M. Midx., G. Supt.

#### Reclius.

Those who were at the Installation will well remember the admirable effect produced by Sir M. Costa's Processional March, and how much it was appreciated and applauded. We are very glad therefore to welcome it in print, as a very agreeable addition to our Masonic musical "repertoire." The march does its able composer, our well known and worthy brother, every credit, and we trust that it may receive the ready support of our good Order. Freemasons like many good things, and not the least of all, music of a high order, and effective melody; and we commend to their patronizing notice this composition of Bro. Sir M. Costa, not only a spirited souvenir of an unforgettable day, but as a most appropriate march to be employed on various festive and solemn occasions in Freemasonry. For our part, wherever we shall hear it, whether played by tiny hands or manipulated by the wondrous skill of some fair professor of legerdemain, we shall always recall that eventful day; and its strain, spirited and happy, will revive in us welcome recollections, alike of an unique gathering and of our Royal Grand Master,

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

We have received a pamphlet from Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M. of W. Yorkshire, relative to the Boys' School, which we do not deem it well in the interests of Freemasonry to publish.

For the welfare of the Boys' School, however, we have felt it to be our duty to publish the following letter from Bro. Binckes:—

To the Yorkshire Vice-Presidents of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, London, N.

Report of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, 29th A.L. 5875.

I have this day received a copy of a pamphlet with the above title, accompanied by a note addressed to me, and signed, "Yours fraternally, T. W. Tew," from which the following is an extract:—"West Yorkshire does not like the repeated visits of the Secretary of the Boys' School, and thinks the contributions will be maintained without the Secretary's personal visitations, and the amount charged in the expenditure be saved."

To what extent the D.P.G.M. is to be accepted as the exponent of the feeling of the Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren of West Yorkshire, it is of course impossible for me to say. This only I can assert, that the kindness extended to me on all occasions by the late Provincial Grand Master, and the brethren generally, the courtesy and genial warmth with which I have been invariably received, prevented any such impression on my mind, producing indeed, the conviction of the existence of a feeling entirely opposed to that described by Bro. Tew. If I have been mistaken, I can but express my sincere regret, and can assure you that you will never find me pressing an unwelcome presence on your various assemblies. My principal reason in addressing you, however, is with reference to the extraordinary contents of the pamphlet, into the details of which I cannot now enter, being prevented from doing so by the incessant pressure of business arising out of the ensuing Festival. I simply now, in the interests of the Institution, and in my own name, and on behalf of others, beg you to suspend your judgment until a reply can be given to the ex parte statements to which your attention has been drawn. There is not one of these statements of which a satisfactory explanation cannot be given, if it be thought desirable to give publicity to charges and investigations, which unhappily have already occupied a very large portion of valuable time.

That any gentleman recognising a proper spirit of fairness and impartiality should accept as facts the statements of one deeply and personally inculcated, without the slightest enquiry from others whose conduct is called in question, and himself adopt such statements as truthful by publishing them in his own name, is to my mind one of those mysteries impossible to fathom. From first to last, the pamphlet is one long series of one-sided advocacy and misstatement, revealing at every step its source of inspiration, but as easily confuted as is a house of cards destroyed by a touch.

In the earnest hope that the interests of the Institution, for which you and others have done so much, may not be damaged by this publication, and in the fullest assurance that the confidence reposed by you in the Committee and myself has never been abused, and in the hope that that confidence may long be continued,

I have the honour to be,  
Your faithful and obedient Servant and Brother,  
FREDERICK BINCKES,  
Secretary.

19th June, 1875.

P.S.—One correction I cannot delay:—At page nine there is published a short note of mine, wilfully garbled, which is so absurdly printed as it stands, that to suppose me capable of inditing it would be to place me on a level, as regards mental capacity, with the Head-Master, through whom the copy must have been furnished to Bro. Tew. My note was as follows:—

"A letter addressed to the Chairman and Members of the House Committee has this day been delivered at this address. Like your client, you appear determined to ignore the existence of a recognised official in the person of yours, &c."

Contrast this with the note as printed, and let everyone draw his own conclusions.

MASONIC BALL AT CAMBRIDGE.

The May term is the brightest time in Cambridge Masonry, as most men take their B.A. degrees in June, and they are anxious to proceed as far as they can in Masonry before leaving the University. The following is the list of the chief officers of the various lodges and chapters, and it shows that Masonry has established a firm footing among the "dons" as well as the junior members of the University:—Craft,—W. F. Smith, Fellow of St. John's, W.M.; the Rev. J. W. Cartmell, P.G.C., Fellow of Christ's, W.M. elect. Royal Arch,—Professor R. K. Miller, P.M., P.G.J. W., Fellow of St. Peter's, Z. Mark,—R. T. Caldwell, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Fellow of Corpus Christi, W.M.; F. C. Wace, P.M., Fellow of St. John's, W.M. elect. Royal Ark Mariners,—The Rev. Dr. Walker, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., late Fellow of Corpus Christi, N. Rose Croix,—R. T. Caldwell, M.W.S. Knights Templar,—The Rev. Dr. Walker, Preceptor. All these degrees were conferred on a large number of candidates during the term, and the Masonic year was wound up by the annual ball of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, which was given at the Guildhall on the 28th of May. The following brethren acted as Stewards, in addition to those already named:—The Right Hon the Earl of Hardwicke, P.M., R.W.P.G.M.; the Rev. J. F. Hardy, B.D., P.M., P. Prov. G.C., Fellow of Sidney, Sussex; the Rev. A. B. Frazer, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., Past Grand Chaplain; R. C. Jebb, Fellow of Trinity and Public Orator; Lord Theobald Butler, the Hon. J. Plunket, and others. Bro. Gilbert Ainslie, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.,

acted as Honorary Secretary, and under his skilful management all the arrangements were most successfully carried out. All the brethren first appeared in Craft clothing, and those belonging to the higher degrees changed successively to the dresses of Mark or Ark, Royal Arch, Rose Croix, Templars, and Knights of Malta, to each of which degrees a separate set of Lancers was allotted. A few brethren also wore the clothing of the Royal Order of Scotland and the Red Cross of Constantine. Bro. Dan Godfrey, with his band of the Guards, supplied the music. The company numbered about 370, and dancing was kept up till four o'clock.

Poetry.

THE W.M.'S SONG.—"TO ORDER, BRETHREN."

Dedicated to the Rev. E. P. Brette, D.D., W.M. Lodge 1460,  
By T. BURDETT YEOMAN, 1460.

List whilst I sing of rank and fame, of confidence and state,  
Of brotherhoods and governments, how changeable their fate.

But one there is above the rest, whose virtues are untold,  
For honour is their first regard, and faithful is the mould.

Chorus: "To order, Brethren," as Masons free,

'Tis the first time I ask;  
For the Craft at large, and this our lodge  
Is my exclusive task.

Again the sound of gavel rings, a second time I rise,  
To ask if you have ought to say: "Oh, yes!" some brother cries,

"Worshipful Sir, I wish to state, that we have funds to spare,  
For charity some ten pounds give, to girls and boys a share."

Chorus: "To order, Brethren," etc.

For the third time I rise to ask if ought you have to say,—  
"Worshipful Master and dear Sirs, your kind attention pay,

Outside our lodge a brother waits, who humbly craves our aid,  
With troubles sore he seeks for help, 'Accept my thanks,' he said."

Chorus: "To order, Brethren," etc.

Brethren, again, before we close, let us invoke a blessing  
From our Great Architect and King, whose love we are confessing;

Now may he deign o'er us to watch, and hold us in His keeping,  
In health, and strength, and holy bond, at home, abroad,  
and sleeping.

Chorus: "To order, Brethren," etc.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, S.V.P., was in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, J.V.P., in the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. H. Garrod, P.M. 749, in the Junior Vice-President's. Among the brethren present were Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec., John M. Clabon; S. Rawson, W. Smith, Herbert Dicketts, W. Mann, W. Stephens, Joseph Smith, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, H. M. Levy, J. Diprose, W. T. Howe, James Robins, R. B. Webster, J. W. Stedwell, S. S. Hickman, H. T. Wood, C. P. Cobham, J. J. Gosset, C. Jardine, W. S. Masterman, J. Bengemann, W. Sugg, H. Driver, J. Ross, L. Keays, A. J. Pritchard, C. F. Hogard, E. King, A. B. Marten, D. Betts, E. Wits, H. Massey (Freemason), and C. E. Habicht.

The grants of £20 and under £50 made on the former occasion to the amount of £170, were first confirmed, and the lodge then proceeded with the consideration of new cases, which numbered altogether twenty-three. Of these three were deferred, and one was refused. The remainder were relieved with sums ranging from £40 to £5. Two received £40 each; one £30; eight 20; two £15; four £10; and two £5; making altogether £350. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN AT WORMHILL.

Yesterday the officers and members of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, 1235, of Buxton, with several brethren from other lodges, met at Wormhill, by the kind invitation of Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., Vicar of Wormhill and Rural Dean of Buxton, to assist in laying the foundation stone of a fountain to the memory of "James Brindley," the eminent engineer, who was born in the parish, at Tunstead, about a mile from Wormhill. The plans show a very elegant stone structure for the springs near the centre of the village, and which, in the most droughty summers, were never known to fail. The architect is Bro. Robert Griggs, of Gray's Inn-square, London; and the fountain is expected to be finished and opened for the use of the village, about the end of July. The following brethren were present on the occasion:—Bros. Wm. Smith, W.M.; E. C. Milligan, S.W.; E. J. Sykes, J.W.; A. J. Harrison, Ph. D., Chaplain; Wm. Boughen, Treasurer; A. Barnett, Secretary; J. H. Lawson, S.D.; Jos. Whalley, Superintendent of Works; Charles Adams, D.C.; George Marsden, Organist; W. Goodwin, I.G.; A. Pyke, Tyler; George Goodwin, C. Gwinnell, Stewards; R. R. Duke, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; Frederick Turner, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Josiah Taylor, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; Augustus A. Bagshawe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G., Chaplain.—Members: Rev. J. M. Cranswick, P.G.D.; W. H. Newton, Charles Wilkinson, G. F. Barnard, J. C. Bates, Samuel Taylor, Thos. Griffiths, W. Millward, James C. Hyde, J. G. Meggison.

The following brethren from other lodges were also present:—Bro. Robt. Bramwell (Peveril of the Peak Lodge),

J.W. 654; George Shaysles (Clifton Lodge), Blackpool), J.W. 703; S. W. Ready (Peveril of the Peak), P.M., 654; John Cockshott (Concord), W.M. 343; Thos. Roper (St. John's Wigton), P.P.G.S.W. for Cumberland; Jno. Comyn (Commercial Lodge), 411, P.P.S.W. for Notts; Jno. D. Simpson (Peveril of the Peak), 654; John Yarker (Integrity, Manchester), P.M.; R. H. Holt (Peveril of the Peak), 654; Joseph Wright (Peveril of the Peak), S.W. 654; &c.

The lodge, adjourned from the last regular lodge night, met, under a dispensation from Bro. Okeover, D.P.G.M., in the School-room, Wormhill, the foundation stone of which was laid with Masonic Ceremony in 1871, and after opening in the First Degree the brethren formed in due order and proceeded to the site of the proposed fountain, where Bro. Wm. Smith, W.M., laid the foundation stone, assisted by Bros. E. C. Milligan, S.W., E. J. Sykes, J.W., J. Simpson, &c., and after the position of the stone had been tested by the various tools with which an operative Mason completes his work, Bro. Smith declared the stone properly laid, newspapers and coins having previously been deposited beneath it. The symbolical corn was sprinkled, and wine and oil were poured upon the surface with the usual ceremonies. Bro. the Rev. A. J. Harrison, P.M., Chaplain, then delivered a very able biographical address on Brinley, which appeared to interest all present. "God save the Queen" was then sung, and the brethren returned to the school-room, and the lodge was closed. From these pleasant labours the brethren went to refreshment at the Vicarage, where the Vicar and his estimable wife entertained them in the hospitable and sumptuous manner for which they are so well known, and a most agreeable and happy day was spent.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution assembled on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. Browne, presided, and there were also present Bros. Major J. Creator, Benjamin Head, Joshua Nunn, A. H. Pattershall, Walter Wellsman, Thos. F. P. Griffiths Smith, Thos. W. White, John Symonds, J. G. Marsh, Jesse Turner, R. B. Webster, J. A. Farnfield, Thos. Massa, Col. J. Peters, H. M. Levy, H. Massey, (Freemason); and R. Wentworth Little, Sec.

The business transacted was merely of a formal character, after completing which the Committee adjourned.

Masonic Tidings.

Three children of the Prince and Princess of Wales—the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maude—and suite arrived at St. Leonard's on Saturday afternoon by South-Eastern Railway, and drove to the Royal Victoria Hotel, where they will remain for some time. Prince Albert Edward Victor and Prince George Ernest Albert, eldest sons of the Prince of Wales, paid a private visit in sailors' costume to Liverpool on Saturday, accompanied by the Rev. Canon Tarver, of Chester, with whom the young Princes are at present staying. They visited the Exchange, St. George's Hall, and also the Allen steamer Sarmatian, with which they appeared to be greatly interested. Canon Tarver was classical tutor to the Prince of Wales.

The Consecration of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, will take place in the large ball-room of the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Friday, July 2nd, at half-past three. Banquet at half-past five p.m., sharp. Tickets for banquet one guinea. The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation by Bro. John Hervey, G.S., P.G.D., assisted by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. R. W. Little, P.G. Secretary, Middlesex, and some clerical brethren as Chaplains. The musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. W. Kipps, J.W. 1531, Org., 79, &c.

The Ceremony of Installation will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand Court, Holborn, on Tuesday evening, June 29th, by Bro. John Bingemann, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, No. 55. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

Bro. Captain Boyton visited Manchester on Monday last, and exhibited his life-saving apparatus on the great lake at Bellevue Gardens in the presence of a vast assemblage of spectators.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The funeral of Bro. Sir Christoffel Josephus Brand, ex-Speaker of the House of Assembly, was a most imposing affair, the cortège being nearly a mile in length. The deceased gentleman was buried with Masonic honours.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales inspected the Royal Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard in the Garden of St. James's Palace, on Tuesday. The Corps paraded under the command of Lord Skelmersdale, the Captain. The following officers were present:—Lieutenant-Colonel Need (the Lieutenant), Colonel the Hon. W. J. Colville (the Ensign), Lieutenant Colonel Patterson, Lieutenant-Colonel Todd, Captain Morley, and Colonel Hume, C.B. (the Exons), and Lieutenant-Colonel Sutton (the Adjutant). His Royal Highness having carefully inspected the ranks, expressed himself much pleased with the appearance of these fine old veterans.

The meetings of the Domestic Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Surrey Masonic Hall.

A literary and scientific "at home" of the Urban Club was held in the quaint old hall of the club-house, St. John's-gate, yesterday week. There was collected together a great number of distinguished men.

We understand that Miss Davis, head governess of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, who resigned her position as from Midsummer-day, desires now to withdraw that resignation.

The American Team of riflemen who have come to Dublin to take part in a rifle competition have been feted in such a manner that they have been compelled to decline further invitations, in order to practise for the coming competition. They, however, accepted an invitation to a Masonic dinner on the 24th inst.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held under the auspices of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, at the Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Tuesday, 29th inst.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held at the Town Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, on Monday, the 5th July, at 12 o'clock.

A sum of about £22,000 has now been received at the Mansion House on account of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the honorary presidency of the British Committee of the Brussels International Exhibition, which is to take place next year.

**MANSION HOUSE.**—The Lady Mayoress on Tuesday last received the pupils of the Masonic Institution for Girls, at Battersea Rise, accompanied by Miss Jarwood and Miss Davies, to luncheon. The girls were those to whom prizes were on the 11th May last distributed by the Lady Mayoress. The visitors were received by her ladyship in the State rooms, and afterwards proceeded to the Long Parlour, where an elegant repast was served, after which a tour was made over the Mansion House, and at parting the Lady Mayoress presented each of the girls with a workbasket filled with sweets, as a souvenir of their visit.

The pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will visit the Crystal Palace for their day's holiday on Tuesday. They will leave Clapham Junction by train at 9.42 a.m., and participate in all the amusements of the Palace during the day. Out of the balance of Stewards' fees remaining in hand after the late festival thirty guineas have been handed over by the Stewards towards defraying the expenses of the treat.

An authoritative denial is given to the statement that the Duke of Connaught intends to purchase Rockingham Castle, as an Irish residence.

The famous violin, formerly belonging to Baillet, the celebrated violinist, has been purchased by Mr. George Maddock, of Leeds, for 600 guineas.

Lord Carnarvon has (the *Globe* says) ordered that a searching inquiry should be made as to the origin of that epidemic of measles which has created such havoc in Fiji.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 2, 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, JUNE 26.

Lodge 1531, Chislehurst, Bull's Head, Chislehurst.  
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), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bros. Macdonald and Griffin, Preceptors.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 28.

Meeting of Festival Stewards, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.  
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. Gotthel, 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 (548), White Swan, Deptford, at 8; Bros. Shaw and Griffin, Preceptors.  
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, JUNE 29.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.  
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.  
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.  
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.  
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. 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.  
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.  
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

Stewards' Annual Visit to Boys' School.  
Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar. Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
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.  
Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.  
Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.  
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 1.

Lodge 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.  
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27) Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.  
Albert Edward Lodge of Instruction, King's Arms 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.  
Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 2.

Union of Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.  
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), Balliam Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.  
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.  
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.  
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.  
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, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.  
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, 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 Coult's Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park, at 8; Bro. J. Crawley, Preceptor.  
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

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

For the Week ending Saturday, July 3, 1875.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.30.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row Chester, at 6.30.  
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.  
Allpass Preceptory, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 1st.

Lodge 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 3.  
" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, near Liverpool, at 6.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, Mas. Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.  
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 3, 1875.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 28.

Lodge 999, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester at 6.  
Preceptory, St. James of Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, at 6.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

Preceptory, Edmund Plantagenet, Corporation Hotel, Ardwick, Manchester, at 4.  
" Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, at 6.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

Lodge 163, Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 7.  
" 1083, Townley Parker, Stag Inn, Bradford, at 7.  
Chap. 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough, near Rochdale, at 6.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 1.

Lodge 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.  
" 317, Affability, Freemasons Hall, Manchester, at 6.  
" 1012, Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, at 7.  
" 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, at 7.  
" 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Swan Hotel Padiham, at 6.30.

Chap. 283, Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden, at 6.30.  
" 523, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 44, Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.  
" 219, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, at 7.30.  
Mark Lodge 159, Starkie, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, at 7.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 3.

Lodge 1458, Truth, Royal Archer Inn, Dale-street, Manchester, at 4.30.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 3, 1875.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 28.

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