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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

**LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—**A meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday (15th ult.), at the Old Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, St. John's-lane, Clerkenwell, to consider the question whether a summer festival should be held. The W.M., Bro. J. While, presided, and was supported by Past Masters Crump, Winsland, Davies, Brothers, Griggs, Halford, Pearcey, Patmore, Sutton, Pettet, Snell, Tallerman, and others. The lodge unanimously agreed to have the festival, also unanimously agreeing to accept the W.M.'s proposition that the festival should be held at Bro. Stone's, the Ship Hotel, Shepperton, the day fixed being Tuesday, the 13th inst. Some of the brethren agreed to make up a stage coach party, while others set about organizing other road parties, to suit the convenience of those for whom the Thames Valley line of the South Western would not be so readily available. A cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. for summoning the brethren thus early closed proceedings.

PROVINCIAL.

**GIBRALTAR.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE, (No. 115).—**The installation meeting of this old lodge (101 years) was held on Tuesday evening, June 15th, at the lodge rooms, Tuckey's Lane, Bro. F. Ashton, W.M., presiding at the opening of the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. resigned the chair to Bro. T. J. Haynes, P.M., who raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. Espinosa and Villalba. Bros. J. J. R. Morgan, P.M., and J. Holliday, P.M. 325, I.C., presented to the acting and installing W.M. (Bro. F. J. Haynes), Bro. John B. Haynes, S.W., for installation, the W.M. being also assisted by P.M. Cavana, and P.M. Francer, I.M. 325, I.C. The ceremony of installation having been very impressively performed, the new W.M. invested Bros. F. Ashton, I.P.M.; M. Gomez, S.W.; A. Gimenez, J.W.; Valarino, Treas.; Adolfo Gomez, Sec.; Clavassero, S.D.; Avellano, J.D.; Cortes, D.C.; Pau, I.G.; G. Llamas, Tyler. The lodge was closed at the conclusion of business, and the brethren adjourned to the lodge refreshment rooms and partook of an elegant repast, and at which the brethren concluded the evening, in a most enjoyable manner, and was closed in peace and harmony.

**LEICESTER.—JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE (No. 523).—**The annual festival and installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on St. John's Day, 24th ult., when the well merited esteem in which both the W.M. and W.M. Elect are held by all the brethren in the province drew together one of the most influential meetings ever assembled in the district. In addition to a large muster of officers and brethren of the lodge, there were present—Bros. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; George Toller, P.M., P.P.G.M.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. J. Baines, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. M. Duff, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Clement Stretton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Beaumont Smith, P.M., Prov. Grand Treasurer; Rev. W. Langley, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. M. McAllister, P.G.S.D.; A. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; Dr. Clifton, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Weare, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. M. Smith, P.P.S.B.; R. A. Barber, W.W. 1391, P.G.P.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.A.P.; G. W. Statham, P.G. Steward; E. Mason, S.W. 1391; J. Farmer, 329, U.S.A.; C. S. Preston, J.W. 50, P.G.S.B.; T. Mason, S.D. 50; T. White, 776, Ireland; A. Chamberlain, S.D. 1391; R. B. Smith, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Ewen, Sec., 1391; H. D. Palmer, P.M. 1322; G. A. Lohr, P.P.G.O., Dr. Hunt, Dr. McCormack, S. Tebbutt, J.D. 279, &c., &c. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual business was disposed of, Brother J. T. Thorp, S.W., and W.M. Elect, was presented by Brother F. J. Baines, P.M., to Brother Partridge, W.M., for installation. That very interesting and important ceremony was performed by the brother in question in a manner which excited the admiration of every one present, and may be justly described as simply perfect. The newly-installed W.M., Brother J. T. Thorp, invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. T. Rowlett, S.W.; T. A. Wykes, J.W.; Rev. H. E. Von Sturmer, Chaplain; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; Richard Taylor, Secretary; W. C. Strout, S.D.; G. Odell, J.D.; C. Johnson, P.M., Organist; J. Young, I.G.; A. Sargeant and J. F. Smith, Stewards; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. A most interesting feature in the evening's pro-

ceedings was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, to the retiring W.M., Brother Partridge. Brother Kelly, F.R.H.S., the Past Provincial Grand Master, in presenting this token of esteem, and in moving a heartily deserved vote of thanks, complimented Brother Partridge in the highest terms on the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office, which had been marked by such a measure of success and prosperity as to fairly earn for him a lasting reputation, and whose rule over the lodge certainly could never be excelled. Brother Kelly also gracefully alluded to his invaluable services as Prov. Grand Secretary. The resolution was ably seconded by Brother Toller, Past Prov. G.S.W., and carried with enthusiastic approbation. Bro. Partridge, in acknowledging this mark of respect, said he accepted it with feelings of more than ordinary pride and pleasure, from the fact that it was an unusual event in the history of the lodge, only two similar presentations having taken place, and while holding it in high estimation as an evidence of their brotherly love and esteem, it would serve as an incentive to encourage his attendance amongst them so long as health and strength permitted. Other unimportant matters, and expressions of hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, terminated the business of the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Entering upon the pleasures of this "Fourth Degree," upwards of sixty brethren sat down to enjoy the many tempting and varied delicacies, in and out of season, which the indefatigable Stewards, Bros. Sargeant and Smith, had amply provided. Bro. Charlesworth, from his extensive conservatories, gorgeously decorated the tables with rare and choice plants and flowers, and, in addition, furnished a goodly supply of strawberry plants in pots, heavily laden with fruit, which were duly appreciated. The W.M., in a series of excellent speeches, indicative of great ability, submitted the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically responded to on the part of the brethren. Bro. Major Palmer, P.M., 1329, in acknowledging the toast of the "Visitors," paid a high compliment to the officers of the lodge for their first-class working, the appointments and decoration of the hall, the excellent arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of all present, and the fraternal welcome accorded, and kind hospitality extended to the visitors. During the evening, the musical talent of the lodge exhibited a proficiency and excellence in the performance of vocal and instrumental music scarcely to be equalled in the province. The brethren who so ably and agreeably contributed to the harmony and enjoyment of the evening were Bro. Rowlett, P.P.G.O., solo-oboe and pianist; Bro. T. A. Wykes, P.G.O., solo-bassoon and organist; Bros. Tebbutt, A. Palmer, P.M., H. Atkins, and others. The Tyler's toast and parting song terminated a meeting which was distinguished by the observance of those truly Masonic sentiments so happily expressed by His Royal Highness the Grand Master as "Loyalty and Charity."

**LIVERPOOL.—DOWNSHIRE LODGE (No. 594).—**The annual installation day of the "Old Downshire," as it is familiarly called, which took place on Thursday, the 24th June, was perhaps one of the most pleasant ever yet experienced in connection with the annual ceremonial, and gives good promise of a highly successful year in connection with this favourite lodge. Installation, presentations, and banquet were each parts of the day's proceedings, each of the leading features being greatly enjoyed by the brethren present. The summons specified half-past ten o'clock as the hour for commencing business at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and shortly after that hour the lodge was opened in due form by Brother Henry Hunt, W.M., who was supported by a strong array of officers, members, and visitors. The officers and members of 594 present were—Bros. W. D. Rowse, P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., D.C.; F. Sergeant, P.M.; F. Dilcock, S.W.; R. D. France, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer; J. L. Houghton, Secretary; J. Lecomber, S.D.; J. H. Martin, J.D.; T. Boswell, I.G.; J. Whitfield, S.; W. G. Veale, Organist; P. M. Larsen, P.M., Tyler; W. L. Moss, C. Vonger, S. P. Peterson, B. H. Menzies, G. H. Thomas, J. Milner, J. G. Hartley, W. Jones, A. Rankin, R. J. Wilkinson, J. White, G. Maxwell, S. Price, L. B. Goodman, I. DeFrece, J. Hanes, R. Williams, R. Maddox, P. Stephenson, and H. A. Stewart. The list of visitors included the names of Brothers T. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Doyle, P.J.G.D.; H. Nelson, P.M. 673, W.M. 1505; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, S.W. 1505; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; J. Hooken, P.M. 673, Treasurer, 1505; M. Hart, Secretary, 1502; J. Edginton, W.M. 1182; J. Jones, P.M. 594, 1393; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1276; E. O. Rothwell, W.M. 1356; R. Hulme, 673; T. Whitfield, 203; W. F. Homer, 19, S.C.; W. P. Jennings, 249; J. O. Rea, 1182; and B. Russell, 1393. The ceremony of installation was very effectively performed by Brother J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, who placed Brother Thomas Dilcock in the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year, having been elected to that office by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The following excellent staff of officers was subsequently invested by the newly-chaired W.M.:—Brothers S. E. Ibbs, P.M., D.C.; H. Hunt, I.P.M.; R. P. France, S.W.; J. Lecomber, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); J. L. Houghton, Secretary; Josiah H. Martin, S.D.; T. Boswell, J.D.; G. W. Veale, Org.; J. Whitfield, I.G.; J. P. A. Z. Pedersen, S.S.; Gilbert Maxwell, J.S.; and P. Larsen, Tyler (re-elected). At the close of the installation ceremony, there were four propositions for initiation, and one for joining. Bro. F. Sargeant, P.M., tendered his resignation in the lodge, which was accepted. On the motion of Bro. S. E. Ibbs, seconded by Bro. Ing, it was unanimously resolved to increase the initiation and joining fees of the lodge. The accounts were passed on the motion of Bro. France, S.W. The S.W. also moved, and Bro. Hunt, I.P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, which was carried by

acclamation. A similar compliment was paid to Bro. R. Ing for his services as Treasurer, and to Bro. W. G. Veale, as Organist, on the motion of Bro. Ibbs, seconded by Bro. I. DeFrece. The votes were suitably acknowledged by Bros. Ing and Veale. Bro. R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer, then rose and said, I have a very pleasing duty to perform, brethren, which, though last on the list, is certainly not the least. You are all well aware of the very able manner in which Bro. Ibbs has performed the several duties allotted to him during his term of connection with the lodge, working with great credit to himself and with much honour to the Downshire Lodge. On behalf of several of the brethren, who admire and value his Masonic worth and services, I have much pleasure in presenting him with this token of esteem in recognition of his valuable services to this lodge. The presentation consisted of a very splendid drawing-room timepiece, elegant and original in its design, and magnificently furnished. A silver plate in front, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. S. E. Ibbs, P.M. of the Downshire Lodge of Freemasons, No. 594, by brethren of the lodge who wish to mark their appreciation of valued services in the many important offices, most efficiently by him during his membership, extending over many years. June 24th, 1875." Bro. Ibbs than said—I can hardly find words to express my thanks for this very handsome present which Bro. Ing has just given me in your name. I did not know of it until a few days ago, and then I was surprised to hear of it. Believe me that any little service I have rendered this lodge has been a labour of love, and I hope to work in the future for its interests with as much heartiness as in the past, so as to make the "Downshire," hold its proper place in the Province of West Lancashire. (Applause). The lodge was then closed in due form by Bro. T. Dilcock, W.M., and after partaking of luncheon, the brethren started at 2:20 p.m. for the Palace Hotel, Birkdale, the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co. again showing their extreme liberality in the fares by conceding nothing. About 100 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided in splendid style by Bro. Cooke, the manager. The W.M., (Bro. Dilcock) gave in brief but pithy terms the toasts of "The Queen," "Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," the last toast being responded to by Bro. J. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg. W.L., who referred to the valuable services his lordship had rendered to the cause of Masonry. Bro. Wylie also congratulated the members of the Downshire Lodge on having secured so able and popular a brother as the W.M. to preside over them. The "Downshire" was an old and respectable lodge, respectable not only in its numbers, but in its position, and he desired it should have long and continued success. The W.M. next gave "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M.; the Hon. Fred. A. Stanley, M.P., W.D.P.G.M. and the officers of the P.G. Lodge, coupled with the name of Bro. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., who referred to the popularity of all who held office in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire. Bro. H. Hunt, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was received very heartily. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, and hoped that his year's services in the chair would justify the confidence they had reposed in him. The best of his skill and ability would be to keep his mother lodge not only in its present position but to place in one of the first in the province. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," and subsequently "The Past Masters," presenting Bro. Hunt, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in token of the respect and esteem of the brethren. Bro. Hunt acknowledged the compliment, and the toast was also acknowledged by Bro. P.M.'s Ibbs and Ing. "The Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by the S.W. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" by Bro. Wylie; "The Visiting Brethren," by Bro. Pemberton, P.M. 1276; and Bro. Edginton, W.M. 1182; "The Host" by Bro. Clarke; and the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. Several excellent songs were sung during the afternoon by Bros. M. Hart, Veale, Wylie, Ibbs, Edginton, and others. The brethren returned to town about 9 o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable afternoon.

**RUNCORN.—ELLESMERE LODGE, (No. 758).—**The regular meeting of this now flourishing lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, on Wednesday, June 10th. The officers present were Bros. Robert Rigby, W.M.; Edward Aston, S.W.; James Warburton, J.W.; William Garnett, S.D.; Charles Gerrard, J.D.; Thomas Horsfall, Sec.; J. W. Lightburn, Organist; William Wass, I.G.; Geo. Purver, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, at 6:30, and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed; the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bros. John Longshaw Jones, and Thomas Gregson, candidates for the Third Degree, were then called upon to show their proficiency in the former degrees, and having satisfied the brethren, they were entrusted and retired; the lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. J. L. Jones and T. Gregson were admitted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in a very creditable and effective manner, by Bro. Robert Rigby, W.M. A gentleman was proposed by Bro. Edward Aston, S.W., for initiation. Other important business being done, the lodge was closed at 8.15.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL.—THE HARBOUR OF REFUGE LODGE (No. 764).—**On Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., the installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place at West Hartlepool. The ceremony was impressively performed, in the presence of a full lodge, by Brother W. W. Brunton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; the W.M. elect being Bro. C. T. Casebourne. The following is a list of the brethren who were afterwards invested with office: Bro. Tate, S.W.; Bro. Fisher, J.W.; Bro. Tweedy,

Secretary; Bro. Harpley, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Cowper, S.D.; Bro. R. Merryweather, J.D.; Bro. Alsopp, I.G.; Bro. Garry, Steward; and Bro. Atkinson, Tyler. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a very recherche banquet was served by Brother R. M. Gallon. Among the visitors present were Bro. Knowles, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Bro. Hunton, P.M., P.G.J.D.; Bro. Usher, W.M.; Bro. J. Settle, P.M., P.P.G.R. (Stockton); Bro. Bignall, jun., P.M. (Durham); Bro. J. S. Pearson, P.M. (Sunderland); and Bro. William Pearson, W.M.; Bro. Hearon, and Bro. Johnson, S.W. (Hartlepool).

**JERSEY.—ST. AUBIN'S LODGE (No. 958).**—At a monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge, held on Tuesday, June 15th, at the Masonic Temple, the attendance of members was numerous. There were visiting brethren, among whom we particularly noticed Bros. A. Schmitt, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Jn. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, Prov. G. Sec., and others, to offer their tribute of respect in witnessing the presentation of a splendid testimonial to Bro. Jos. O'Flaherty, I.P.M., P.G.Pursv. The lodge was opened by Bro. Ed. Martel, P.M. 491, P.G.D.C., W.M., assisted by Bros. A. Dawson, J.W.; Wm. H. Chapman, J.W.; O'Flaherty, I.P.M.; Jn. Oakley, P.M., P.G.J.W., Treas.; Wm. H. Long, P.M., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, when the W.M. informed the members that Bro. Ch. F. Cooke and J. Ph. Bryant were candidates for passing, who, after giving satisfactory proofs of their efficiency in the former degree, were entrusted and retired. During their absence the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the two candidates were passed to the degree of F.C. in a manner reflecting the highest possible credit on the W.M. The Working Tools as well as the Tracing Board were also lucidly explained by him, and the charge delivered with effect and impression. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. Bro. Jn. Oakley, in presenting a neat 18-carat gold P.M. jewel to Bro. O'Flaherty, expressed in warm terms the high sentiment of satisfaction, gratitude, and esteem animating the hearts of the members of St. Aubin's Lodge towards the worthy recipient. This tangible mark is expressive of the approbation and appreciation of his display of zeal, courtesy, activity, and ability which they witnessed in him, for, during his Mastership of two years it may be undoubtedly affirmed that the lodge was rapidly prospering both in its material as well as its moral aspect. I will now, Bro. O'Flaherty, read the inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. Jos. O'Flaherty, P.M., Prov. G. Pursuivant, J. 590, by St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 988, in testimony of fraternal regard for his duties religiously performed, and for his ardent zeal, usefulness, and devotedness to its interests." In passing this token to your hands, I must observe the value of such a testimonial might have been much increased by the manner of presenting it, and I regret the office has not been performed by one of the many more talented and able brethren present. I wish you, Bro. O'Flaherty, health, happiness, and prosperity through life, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless and protect you and yours. Bro. O'Flaherty returned his grateful thanks in a very neat and feeling speech, and had afterwards the pleasure of receiving the congratulations of about 40 brethren, in addition to the valuable symbol of respect with which he has been decorated. The Masonic duties of the day being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. A. Schmitt proposed the toast of the evening in feelingly expatiating on the merit and Masonic worth of Bro. O'Flaherty, and in briefly tracing his Masonic career characterised by his diligently and faithfully discharging the serious duties of a Mason, and by his strict and scrupulous adherence to and daily practice of the ennobling and elevating tenets inculcated and expounded in our rites. The toast was received with warm and demonstrative applause. Bro. O'Flaherty, after having returned thanks, proposed in a very complimentary manner "The Health of the Founder of the Lodge, W. Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, and his faithful coadjutors in that memorable undertaking." Bro. A. Schmitt gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid to the founders, and heartily thanked the brethren for the spontaneous explosion of their fraternal and sympathetic demonstration towards them, but more especially he was gratified to convey on behalf of his absent friend, Dr. H. Hopkins, the father of the lodge, the very cordial assurance of his unremitting attachment to the lodge, of his daily pre-occupation about its prosperity, and his anxiety to see it preserving its standard of prestige and utility. In concluding, he said—"I feel that I am only echoing your sentiments, brethren, when I say that I trust that it will be many years before he will bring to a close his long, laborious, and successful career as a gentleman and Mason. The brethren separated after having spent a most pleasant, harmonious, and delightful evening."

**HAMPTON.—LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).**—A regular meeting of this most prosperous lodge in the Province was held on Saturday, June 19th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion-square, Thames-street, Hampton. Bro. William Hammond, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M. 201, W.M. 1512, presided, and he was supported by Bros. E. Gilbert, S.W.; C. W. Fox, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. B. Shackleton as S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; H. Gloster, C.S.; W. Stanton, M.C.; and some dozen others being present. The visitors were as usual a goodly number. We noticed Bros. E. H. Thiellay, S.W. 145; and S.W. 1423; Walls, I.G. 141; and others. The work, which was done in an eloquent manner, consisted of the initiation of Messrs. J. T. Adams, Fletcher, Knight, and G. Graham, passing Bro. W. Crush, and raising Bro. C. Lucop, the last ceremony being done by the veteran Secretary, Bro. F. Walters. The result of the elections proved unanimous in favour of Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.M.

1423, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, for W.M.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treasurer, re-elected Treasurer; and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler, re-elected Tyler. The Auditors unanimously elected, in addition to those appointed by the bye-laws, were Bros. W. Stanton, J. B. Shackleton, and H. Gloster. A notice of motion was given by the Secretary, "That the sum of ten guineas be taken from the lodge funds, and be spent in purchasing either a Past Master's jewel or a Life Governorship of the Charities, to be presented to Bro. W. Hammond for distinguished services rendered to the lodge during his two years of office, subject to its being recommended by the audit committee. In addition to Bros. W. Prattent and J. B. Shackleton, who are Stewards to represent this lodge on July 7th, 1875, at the Boys' School, Bro. B. Meyer was elected and made the third Steward for the Boys' School. As each one makes himself a Life Governor whilst serving his stewardship, the lists will not be empty ones. Bro. J. B. Shackleton made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, reminding the members of his stewardship. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

**ECCLLES.—VICTORIA LODGE (No. 1345).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 16th ult. As usual the lodge was well attended, and the officers were all in their places. Lodge was opened at half-past four, and work immediately commenced. Assisted by P.M. Barker, P.P.G.T., E.L., and the officers, the W.M. (Bro. W. Wright) performed one initiation, two raisings, and two passings—Bros. W. Steel and A. Goering, the Third Degree; and Bros. M. Ridyard and R. Pendlebury, the Second. Two gentlemen from Cadishead were also proposed as members, and the brethren, after calling off for refreshment at six o'clock, proceeded with the business of the lodge. The whole of the work was, as usual, well performed.

**NEWTON ABBOT.—MORNING STAR LODGE (No. 1396).**—The installation of Master for the ensuing year took place within the Masonic Room, Queen's Hotel, on Monday, 14th June, when afterwards the brethren partook of a splendid banquet provided by Bro. W. R. King. There were in attendance visiting brethren from nearly all parts of the Province, the W.M. elect being highly respected among the Craft. Bro. Francis J. Pratt having been installed in a very able manner by Bro. J. J. Drake, P.M., afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. E. Lambie, I.P.M.; Henry Stooke, S.M.; T. B. Purnell, J.W.; J. J. Drake, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Uglow, Sec.; W. L. Pope, D.D., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; James Chapple, Organist; H. Velthuson, S.D.; Thos. Pimsant, J.D.; James Barkell, I.G.; Wm. B. Venning and Henry T. Baker, Stewards. Amongst the visitors were the following distinguished brethren: Bros. S. Tew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T. John Way, P.M. 106, P.P.G.T. H. W. Hooper, P.M. 444, P.P.G.R.; W. J. Stone, P.M. 372, 106, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Bowden, P.M. 328, P.P.G.C.; C. Rhyne, W.M. 39, P.P.G.C.; P. I. Michellamore, P.M. 1138; F. C. Hallett, P.M. 303; Samuel Loram, W.M. 1443; W. Bennett Maye, W.M. 710; Chas. H. Law, 1539, P.M., P.P.S.W. Herts; J. Pigott, S.W. 328; B. Prowze, S.W. 1138; J. Saunders, J.W. 1138; W. Harris, S.D. 1138; E. Huxtable, J.D. 1138; R. Steward, 710; H. Martin, 1138; J. Haywood, 1138; J. Ferry, 1284; and J. Arliss, 328.

### Royal Arch.

**LEICESTER.—CHAPTER OF FORTITUDE (No. 279).**—The meeting of this chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, the 14th ult., was attended by a more than average number of companions. The chapter was opened by Comps. S. Ekin, Z.; W. Sculthorpe, H.; and S. Partridge, J. There were six candidates on the summons for exaltation, but only one, Bro. C. McBride, 1391, was in attendance. He was duly exalted to this supreme degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. G. Toller, jun., P.Z. The Historical lecture was then given by Comp. S. S. Partridge, J., and the Symbolical and Mystical lectures (at the request of the Principals) by Comp. G. Toller. After the transaction of the further business on the circular the chapter was duly closed.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—PRIORY CHAPTER (No. 1000).**—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-sea, on Wednesday, the 16th ult. Present—Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Grand Chaplain, P.Z., M.E.Z.; E. E. Phillips, H.; A. Lucking, J.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; J. C. Johnson, Scribe E.; Rev. H. John Hatch, Scribe N.; J. A. Wardell, P. Soj.; Jas. Wilking, jun., 1st Assist. Soj.; T. W. Gower, 2nd Assist. Soj.; W. Frost. Visitors—Comps. S. J. Fairtlough, St. John; Jos. Clarkson, H., Canonbury Chapter 657. After the confirmation of the by-laws approved of by the companions at the last meeting, the exaltation of the following brethren was proceeded with: viz., Bros. Thos. Williams, J.W. and H.H.; Child, S.D. Metropolitan Lodge, 1507; Jas. F. Wiseman, P.M., and Wm. Pissey, P.M., Lodge of True Friendship 160; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., and F. V. Jillings, Priory Lodge 1000. The whole of the ceremony was carried out in a most able and impressive manner, which bids fair for the prosperity of the chapter. The chapter was duly closed and the companions adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given and duly honoured; the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**IPSWICH.—ST. LUKE'S CHAPTER (No. 225).**—The usual quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on the 23rd June. Present—Comps. J. Turner, M.E.Z.; Emra Holmes, H.; C. Byford, J.; G. Abbott, P. Soj.; A. Barber, acting Scribe E., &c.; P. Cornell, Z. Visitors—Bros. W. P. Mills, P.Z.; Rev. J. J. Farnham, P.Z., and N. Tracy, H., of the Royal

Sussex Chapter; and Comp. J. H. Townsend, of the Alexandra Chapter. The chapter having been opened and the minutes of last chapter read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Edward Borredd Lewcock, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, which proving unanimous, that brother was received, and exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being impressively performed by Comp. Farnham, and the charge and explanation of the mysteries as solemnly given by Dr. Mills. Bro. Tracy had kindly undertaken to give the charge from the second chair, but time would not admit of it. Comp. Mills then installed Comps. Emra Holmes as M.E.Z.; C. Byford, as H.; and J. Turner, P.Z., as J., in a very able manner. Comp. Holmes afterwards invested the rest of the officers: Comps. G. Abbott as P. Soj.; and Jobson, N. The ballot was taken for Comp. A. Barber as a joining member, and on his being admitted, he was subsequently elected as Scribe E. for the chapter, in the room of the much to be lamented Comp. King, and he was duly invested. The name of a companion who desired to be admitted a joining member, but who could not produce his certificate, was withdrawn for further evidence as to his qualifications, he having been exalted in Nova Scotia, and having only a demit from his chapter in proof thereof. The usual business being disposed of, the M.E.Z. proposed that Comps. Mills and Farnham be elected honorary members of this chapter in return for their kindness in attending to perform the ceremonies on this occasion. The motion having been duly seconded and carried unanimously, the two companions returned thanks for the honour conferred on them, and Comp. Farnham mentioned the great Masonic work, the restoration of his parish church, on which he was engaged, and hoped the companions would assist him. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren shared the secrets. Afterwards the companions sat down to a pleasant but rather hurried supper, provided by Host C. Godbold, who always caters in first-class style. The exigencies of Mr. Bruce's act no doubt affected the repast and the full enjoyment of it, and the toasts were quickly got over. In proposing "The Visitors" the M.E.Z. regretted that he could not propose first the "Provincial Grand Superintendent," but he hoped the day would not be far distant when they might have one. Comp. Mills responded, and said that it would give him great pleasure to assist on another occasion, and he was very glad to visit the chapter. Comp. Cornell was very happy to come that night to testify to the cordial feeling which existed between the various chapters in the town, a cordiality which had not always existed. The brethren shortly afterwards separated, regretting that the time had so soon slipped away.

**STABILITY CHAPTER (No. 217).**—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 24th ult. at Anderton's Hotel. There were present Comps. W. S. Webster, Z.; G. A. Taylor, H.; W. T. Howe, J.; Ritherden, N.; Frank Green, P.S.; H. A. Graham, 2nd A.S.; George Townsend, Samuel Lovegreen, James, T. B. Yeoman, T. E. Hafely, 272, New York City; George Kenning, R. W. Little, J. G. Marsh, and H. Massey (Freemason). The business of the day consisted of exalting Bros. W. Turner, 574; C. F. Barham, 574; and T. W. Whitmarsh, S.W., 1150; the ceremony being admirably performed and given uncurtailed. The nights of meeting were altered to the fourth Thursday in September, February, April, and June in each year. An excellent banquet followed the work of the chapter. The M.E.Z. proposed the toasts. Comp. Taylor proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who, in reply, said he had set an example, as far as he could, to the companions, of how a chapter should be worked. In proposing "The newly-exalted Companions," the M.E.Z. said they had much to learn, which could not be picked up on seeing the ceremony of exaltation performed but once. He trusted they would exert themselves in acquiring a knowledge of it. He was heartily glad to see them enter this chapter, and trusted they would endeavour to make it prosperous. It had but just been revived, after remaining in abeyance for some time. Now that it had arisen phoenix-like from its ashes, he trusted it would become an excellent working chapter, and an honour to the Order. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. remarked that he thought it would be a great advantage if the working of lodges and chapters all over the world could be assimilated. But while there was a difference it was well that brethren and companions should visit lodges and chapters under the different constitutions. They were thereby enabled to compare them and form a judgment as to the points of difference between them. Comp. Hafely, of New York, responded, and concluded by reciting a short Masonic poem. The companions shortly afterwards separated.

**YEOVIL.—CHAPTER OF BROTHERLY LOVE (No. 329).**—The regular summer convocation of this chapter took place on Wednesday, June 23rd. Present—Comps. Jacobs, M.E.Z.; J. Chaffin, H.; and F. Cox, J.; also Comps. Cross, Style, and Budge, Past Principals; also Comps. Foster, E.; Wynn Westcott, N.; Farley, P.S.; Damon, and Edger, A. Sees.; and Comps. Nosworthy, Tanswell, &c. The ballot was taken for Bro. Hodder, and was unanimous in his favour. Bros. Andrew Price and George Rugg, having been prepared, were then admitted and exalted in due form; the whole ceremony being performed in a highly satisfactory manner. The companions then adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Sharland, of the Choughs Hotel.

**STAMFORD.—MONTAGE CHAPTER (No. 466)** (attached to the Lodge of Merit).—This new chapter was dedicated on Wednesday, May 26th, at the George Hotel, Stamford. Comp. J. Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons admirably performed the ceremony, assisted by Comps. Wilkins, D. Pro. G.M. Northants and Iluuts, P.Z. 360; E. Cox, 12; G. Robinson, M.E.Z. 360; Jacob, H. 360; T. J.

Green, N. 360; W. Kingston, 360; Dr. Mangan, J. V. Stanton, J. 360; several other companions of Chapter 360, &c., being present. Comp. His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Chapter 360, Provincial G.M. of Northampton and Hunts, was duly installed into the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z., Comp. Terry officiating. Comps. E. J. Orford was installed as H., and Duncombe as J. A convocation of emergency for exaltation was held on Thursday last, June 17th, when Bros. Henry Peake, P.M. 466; J. M. Howard, P.M. 466; W. Oldham, P.M. 466; H. Wright, W.M. 466; R. J. Griffin, W.M. 466; D. Bloodworth, J.W. 466; H. Knott, 466; H. Hart, 466; A. Coulson, 466, as Janitor, were duly exalted. Other brothers who had been duly proposed and balloted for were absent. Amongst the companions present were Wilkins, acting M.E.Z.; Kellett as H.; Robinson, as J.; J.T. Green and W. Kingston, as P.S. alternately; T. Davies, 360; J. U. Stanton, E. Roberts, 360; F. Gadsby, 360; Orford, Duncombe, Norton, Buckle, Davidson, Hayes, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was performed in a most impressive manner by Comp. Wilkins, who was very ably assisted by Comps. Kellett, Robinson, Green, Kingston, Stanton, and Davies, (all of 360). At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the brethren adjourned to a most welcome and excellent repast, served by Host Whincup. After the removal of the cloth, Comp. Wilkins gave the usual preliminary toasts, which owing to the lateness of the hour, had to be very briefly introduced. Comp. Orford (who has been the principal mover in the formation of the chapter), proposed the health of "Comp. Wilkins" thanking him in justly complimentary terms and also the companions of the Northampton Chapter 360, for the very admirable manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted throughout, and also for their kindness in attending for the second time in such good numbers, and for the assistance he had received from them in forming their new chapter. Owing to the success of this new chapter, the brethren of the St. Peter's Lodge, 442, Peterborough, are making arrangements for forming a new chapter at Peterborough at the close of the summer. This will make the third chapter in the province of Northampton and Hunts, the Northampton Chapter having stood alone since its formation in June, 1853, until the formation of the Montagu Chapter.

**Mark Masonry.**

**SOUTH MOLTON.—FORTESCUE LODGE (No. 9).—**The usual monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday last, at the Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. Sanders, I.P.M., Pro W.M.; Z. Riecard, S.W.; J. T. Shapland, J.W.; J. Galliford, M.O.; Wood, S.O.; Widgery, J.O.; J. E. Galliford, S.D.; Cole, J.D.; and other brethren. There were four candidates for advancement, Bros. the Rev. F. King, Oliver, Brewer and Britton, who were all present. The ceremony was very creditably performed; when done, the brethren supped together at Bro. Cole's, Unicorn Hotel, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**MACDONALD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No 104.—**The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, London, on Saturday, the 19th ult., and was well attended by its members, although not so fully as usual, consequent on the meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Middlesex and Surrey being held at the same time at the Alexandra Palace. Of those who attended, the large majority being present or past Provincial Grand Officers, nearly all expressed regret that a double claim on their duty, as Mark Masons, should have been made at the same moment of time, and but for preparations so nearly completed as not to be reasonably set aside there is but little doubt that after labour the lodge would have adjourned to Muswell Hill in force, to pay due respect to the superior organisation. The lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by the W.M., the W. Bro. William Worrell, P.G. Organist; and the following members were present, viz:—Bros. Robert Berridge, S.W., T. W. White, J.W., Alfred Williams, P.G. Std., M.O., North Ritherdon, S.O., J. J. H. Wilkins, as J.O., the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., Treasurer, W. Bro. C. Hammerton, P.G.D.C., Secretary, William P. Collins, J.D., G. Yaxley, Steward, F. H. Cozens, I.G., the V.W., Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., and Past Provincial G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M.; and Bros. W. B. Johnson, P. N. Cook, T. J. Coombes, J. R. Williams, J. M. Wolgemuth, John Close, C. R. Crummelin, Chas. Bastin, H. T. Partridge, and Grant, Tyler. Ballots having been taken for Bros. J. W. Truman, of No. 463, for advancement, and Charles Gosden, as joining member, with satisfactory result, Bro. Truman was duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master with full ceremony and musical service. The V.W., Bro. Thomas Meggy, then occupied the chair of A., and Brother Robert Berridge, having been presented by the outgoing W.M., was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, greatly to the satisfaction of the whole of the members, by whom Brother Berridge is deservedly respected, as well for his ability as for his genial disposition. The officers for the year were appointed in the following order, viz:—W. Brother Worrell, I.P.M., Bros. White, S.W., Alfred Williams, J.W., Ritherdon, M.O., Edward Moody, S.O., Lieutenant-Colonel Wigginton, J.O., the V.W. Brother Thomas Meggy, Treasurer; Edgar Drewett, R.M.; the W. Brother C. Hammerton, Sec.; W. P. Collins, S.D., F. H. Cozens, J.D., Basnett, I.G., Yaxley, D.C., Attwood, Organist, Very, W.S., John Close, C.S., and Grant, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee, which presented a very satisfactory result, and proved that efficiency had been combined with economy, was received and adopted. A notice of motion relating to the services of Treasurer and Secretary was submitted, and carried with acclamation. A vote of donation to the list of Brother Attwood, as Steward for the Boys' School, was also carried, and after some other routine business the

lodge adjourned to banquet. Brother Gosden, now a member of the lodge, had evidently "set his heart" upon placing before his new associates the best results of the resources of his establishment, and certainly succeeded in securing the just praise and recommendation of all who partook of the repast provided. There were no visitors, a circumstance quite unique in the annals of the lodge. Probably the gathering before alluded to had something to do with this. However that might be, the subsequent proceedings were nevertheless as enjoyable as of old. The W.M. was most happy in his speeches, introducing the several loyal and Masonic toasts, and particularly in the mention of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and the regret that the attendance of the Macdonald Lodge, in support of that meeting, could not have been given as heretofore. In the course of the evening, at the solicitation of Bro. James Stevens, the contents of the charity box, with a supplementary grant, together producing a goodly sum, were handed to him, in aid of an urgent necessity, to assist a Devonshire brother in distress. Brother Truman acknowledged his reception as the newly advanced candidate; and "The Health of the W.M." having been duly proposed and responded to, the other toasts, interspersed with song and recitation, brought the evening's proceedings, which had been throughout most harmonious, to a pleasant and successful conclusion.

**BATH.—ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE (time immemorial).—**A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, June 24th. At 7.45 p.m. the chair was taken by Bro. James Dutton, W.M., who was supported by the following brethren as officers:—Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain, and acting as I.P.M.; Mitchell, as S.W.; Carey, J.W.; Mann, as M.O.; Baldwin, as S.O.; Cater, J.O. and Sec.; John Dutton, Treas., as S.D.; Major Preston, I.G.; Falkner, Registrar, as Tyler. There were several other members present, among whom were Bros. G. Parfitt and Keene. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr. Hopkins read the by-laws which had been passed at the previous meeting. After some discussion and several amendments, they were confirmed, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Mitchell, and an order was given that they should be submitted to the Provincial Grand Master for approval and sanction. It was agreed, on the proposition of the Chaplain, seconded by the J.W., that the names of all the members of the lodge should be printed with the by-laws, those of the present officers and P.M.'s being placed first. A ballot was taken for Bros. Murliss, Jacob Smith, jun., Chas. Brooke, and C. W. Radway, which proved unanimous in their favour, and the W.M. conducted the ceremony of advancement for the first two (the others being unavoidably absent), with the assistance of the Chaplain in the latter portion. Bro. Dr. Hopkins stated that he had recently had an interview with the Grand Secretary in London, and had arranged several matters in reference to the present position and future operations of the lodge, the details of which he read from a subsequent letter on the subject. The lodge was closed at 10 p.m.

**ERA LODGE (No. 176).—**The second installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Friday, June 18th. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., opened the lodge, and he was supported by Bros. H. Dubois, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; Revd. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; F. Walters, P.G.O., P.M., Secretary; F. T. Horton, S.O.; A. F. Loos, D.C.; J. Johnson, I.G., and many others. The visitors were Bros. Sugg, Mason, and others, whose names we were unable to ascertain. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G.D.C., P.M., took the chair, and advanced Bros. J. Allsopp P.M. 879; J. McNaughten, 871; J. B. Shackleton, S.D. 1524, 1326; M. Underwood, 1423; and E. Searle, 1275; the ceremony being done in an admirable manner. He then installed Bro. H. A. Dubois as W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. J. Baxter Langley, S.W.; Revd. P.M. Holden, J.W. and Chaplain; T. H. Miller, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Secretary; T. Horton, R. of Marks; W. Hammond, M.O.; A. F. Loos, S.O.; J. Johnson, J.O.; J. Allsopp, S.D.; M. Underwood, J.D.; J. B. Shackleton, I.G.; W. Z. Laing, P.M. Tyler, was reinstated as Tyler. As many as six propositions were given into the Secretary. It was arranged to hold the next meeting on Friday, September 10th, at six o'clock p.m. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, I.G., made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, he being a Steward representing his Mother Lodge, the "Lebanon," 1326. He never relaxes any exertions on behalf of the charities. After some other important business was disposed of, none more prominent than the voting of a ten-guinea Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. T. Moss, I.P.M., for his eminent and efficient services rendered to the lodge as one of its founders and the first W.M., the lodge was closed. A splendid banquet followed. An agreeable evening was spent.

**IPSWICH.—ALBERT VICTOR LODGE (No. 70).—**The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, the 21st June. Present:—Bros. George Cresswell, W.M.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 30° P.G. Chap.; C. T. Townsend, Secretary, P.G.S.D.; Emra Holmes, 31° P.G.I. of Works, acting J.O.; W. T. Westgate, P.M.M., acting S.O.; E. J. Robertson, P.M.M., acting M.O.; George Abbott, S.W.; W. Clarke, J.W.; W. Cuckow, Treasurer; J. H. Townsend, acting I.G.; &c., &c. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Brother Sanderson stated that Brother Rev. J. B. Tweed, who had been previously balloted for and accepted, was unable to attend for advancement. The Secretary announced that, in accordance with the resolution passed at last lodge, several brethren had been communicated with, relative to arrears, with varying results. He could not, however, give a list at present of those who would have to be struck off for non-payment. Brother Sanderson enquired whether the Grand Lodge returns for the last three

years had gone off yet, and was informed that they would be sent immediately. Brother Holmes moved that, as soon as the funds would allow, fresh collars for the officers should be procured for the lodge, through the Secretary, but ultimately seven or eight of the brethren stated their willingness to supply one each. Brother Westgate mentioned the sad case of the wife of a brother who was in very ill health, and who was very desirous of getting into the Convalescent Home at Felixstowe, and, in feeling terms, urged any of the brethren who had sufficient influence to get her admission to the Home. The order was, we are glad to say, procured almost immediately, through the instrumentality of a medical brother, well known and highly esteemed in the Craft. Several brethren were proposed for advancement, and it was proposed to have a lodge of emergency for that purpose in July. The routine business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren gathered round the supper table, and did ample justice to the meal provided by Bro. G. Spalding. The usual pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren were loth to separate.

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**LEICESTER.—BYZANTINE CONCLAVE (No. 44).—**The installation meeting of this prosperous conclave took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, 9th June. The conclave having been opened, Major J. W. Woodall, 30°; (the Int. General designate for North and East Yorkshire), who had been previously elected, was admitted and installed as a Knight of the Order. A College of Viceroy was then opened and, Sir Knts. Woodall and W. Weare, the V.E. elect of No. 44, were consecrated as Viceroy. Subsequently a Senate of Sovereigns was formed, when Sir Knt. Woodall received the degree of Hon. Sov., and Sir Knt. F. J. Baines, 18°, was enthroned as the M.P.S. of this conclave. The ceremonies of the higher grades was conducted by Sir Knt. G. Toller, jun., G.O., 30°, as M.P.S., assisted by Sir Knts. S. S. Partridge, 18°, as V.E., the Rev. W. Langley, as H.P., and C. McBride, as Herald, the Int. General, Sir Knt. W. Kelly, also rendering assistance as Director of the Ceremonies. On the conclave being resumed the M.P.S. invested his officers as follows:—Sir Knts. C. Stretton, P. Sov.; W. Weare, V.E.; Rev. W. Langley, H.P.; W. Sculthorpe, S.G.; J. T. Thorp, I.G.; Robt. Waite and C. E. Stretton, Aides; W. Sculthorpe, Treas.; R. Boughton Smith 18°, Recorder; C. McBride, (Hon. P. Sov.) O. Prefect; A. K. Baines, Standard Bearer, and Organist; C. Law, Herald. The ballot proving unanimous in favour of Dr. Gibson, of Eden Lodge, Limerick, he was admitted and installed as a Knt. Companion. The ceremony was very efficiently performed by Sir Knt. S. S. Partridge, the historical lecture being given by Sir Knt. G. Toller, jun., and the charge by the Int. Gen., Sir W. Kelly. After discussion it was resolved that in future the regular meetings should take place on the 2nd Wednesdays in February, June, and November. The Treasurer's report showing a balance in hand of upwards of £30, was received and adopted, a vote of thanks to him for his services being unanimously passed. It was afterwards resolved that the furniture of the conclave should be completed, and the necessary appointments for the Mount Hermon Sanctuary procured. Amongst those present, in addition to the names above mentioned, were the M.P.S. designate and two of the founders of the White Rose of York Conclave, No. 120, since consecrated at Sheffield, on the 12th June; Sir Knts. W. H. Brittain, 31°, J. F. Moss, and Alfred Scargill. The installation banquet took place at the close of the proceedings.

**LIVERPOOL.—WALTON CONCLAVE (No. 97).—**An emergency meeting of this conclave was held on Monday, the 14th June, for the purpose of installing Bros. G. J. Jones, Merchants' Lodge, 241, and J. Armstrong, 148 and 1250, and other business. The conclave was opened in imperial form by Em. Sir Kt. Jesse Banning, M.P.S. (and in the unavoidable absence of Em. Sir Kt. Rev. T. W. Richardson); Em. Sir Kt. J. C. Lunt, P.S. Treasurer, as V.; Sir Kt. W. Quayle, S.G.; Sir Kt. G. E. Hammer, J.G.; Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D., H. P.; Sir Kt. N. Turner, P. and Orator, Sir Kt. H. Gribbin, S.B.; Sir Kt. Beardwood, H.; Sir Kts. Gilchrist, Donaldson, Howell, Davidson, and others. The ballot having been declared unanimous, the before mentioned brethren were admitted according to ancient custom, and were duly constituted, and installed Knights of this Order. In the temporary absence of Sir Kt. Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D., Sir Kt. Quayle, S.G., delivered the H. Prelate's address in a faultless manner, and the M.P.S. then called upon Sir Kt. N. Turner, P. and Orator, to deliver the oration, which he did in a style which afterwards elicited the congratulations of the assembled Sir Knights. A Past Sovereign's jewel was unanimously voted to Sir Kt. J. C. Lunt, P.S. Treasurer, "as a slight recognition of his untiring exertions on behalf of this conclave." Sir Kt. N. Turner afterwards gave notice that "at the next regular meeting he should move that the fee for installation in the conclave be doubled." The muster roll was then called, and the Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to the banquetting room, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, the musical talents of several Sir Knights adding not a little to the harmony of the evening.

**Scotland.**

**GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 31).—**The annual excursion of the members of this ancient lodge was made on Thursday, 24th ult., the locality selected for visiting this year being Roslyn Castle and Hawthornden. The party, numbering about eighty, left Dandas-street Station by the 9.15 a.m. train, and, making no stoppage whatever until reaching Haymarket Station, were safely landed in

Edinburgh in little more than an hour thereafter. After a stay of about half-an-hour, the excursionists started by another train for Roslyn, the time up till the hour for dinner being most agreeably beguiled in exploring the beautiful scenery of the Valley of the Esk, the ancient castle of Roslyn, &c., and getting photographed as a group seated on an eligible sloping green bank by the roadside, by Messrs. Rutherford Brothers, of Glasgow, who had gone through in advance for the occasion. The weather, fortunately, was everything that could have been desired, and a pleasanter day could hardly have been "put in" than that which the brethren of St. John's thus spent on Thursday. Shortly after four o'clock the party dined together in Clark's Hotel at Roslyn, the R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Bell, presiding, while Bros. Gavin Park, P.M., and David Horne, J.W., officiated as Croupiers. There were also present, among others, members of St. John's and of sister lodges; Past Masters Bros. James McMillan and Thomas Fletcher No. 3½; Bros. Archibald McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; James Thomson, P.M., Lodge St. Clair, No. 362; James Robertson, No. 3½, Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons; Malcolm Stark, D.M., Lodge St. Vincent, No. 553; and others.

**WISHAW.—**LODGE ST. MARY'S COLTNESS, (No. 31) assembled together to celebrate the festival of Summer St. John-day, on the 24th ult. They were joined by Lodge St. Clair, Cambusnethan (No. 427). The two lodges formed a rather imposing appearance, when formed in procession order. Headed by the Newmains instrumental band, they started to visit Wishaw Castle and the beautiful grounds connected with it; the procession passing through the principal street of the town created quite an holiday sensation among the inhabitants. The day's proceedings altogether were very pleasant, and terminated in all going home, satisfied that they had passed a well-spent day.

**ALLOA.—**ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 69).—The new hall of this lodge, situated in Glebe-street, was consecrated on Friday the 25th ult., under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire. This day was taken advantage of for that purpose in order that the Masonic body might be able to take part in the great demonstration that took place in honour of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie's succession to the estates and title. All the trades and societies turned out in great array, and the Masonic lodges in the neighbourhood took part in it, after which they dined together in the hall, Bro. Grahame, R.W.M., in the chair. Besides the various lodges in the province, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, there was a representation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in which the Earl of Kellie holds the office of D. Grand Master. The day was a complete holiday, and all ended in the best possible way, which to a large extent showed the esteem in which his lordship is held, not only by the Masonic body, but all the inhabitants of the populous district.

**POLLOKSHAW.—**LODGE ROYAL ARCH (No. 153).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their new hall, situated in Cogan-street, Pollokshaws, on the 25th ult. There was a large attendance of the members, and a goodly number of visiting brethren present. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. John Peters, supported by Bros. Wm. Paton, S.W.; James Black, J.W.; William McGeorge Adam, D.M.; David Allan, Treas.; William Johnston, Sec., and other office-bearers. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. R. Scobie, R.W.M. of Thorn-tree Lodge, No. 512, Thornliebank; Adam Nicholson, 512; Richard Bentley, 512 (who were present as a deputation from that lodge); G. B. Adams, Lodge Commercial, Glasgow, No. 360, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, found correct, and confirmed. The subject of the consecration of their new hall was then taken up. The ceremony takes place on the 9th of July under the auspices of Bro. Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire, and the Provincial Grand Lodge. The hall, which is not quite finished, has the appearance of being all that is necessary to form a most comfortable and snug little place of meeting for Masonic purposes; it is well ventilated (a great point to be considered), the adjuncts are complete and comfortable, the situation is very convenient to the town, and yet secluded from the main traffic; but, as an opportunity will be offered of entering more fully into details at the consecration, more at present need not be said, than that the committee in charge of the arrangements seem to have gone about it with a thorough knowledge of what they were about. The members of the lodge and brethren will meet on the 9th inst. in the hall at 6.30 p.m., form a procession, and walk through the town, returning to the hall about 7.30 p.m., when the hall will be consecrated for Masonic purposes by Bro. Colonel Campbell, Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire, and his office-bearers. Admission will be by ticket, as the hall accommodation is not quite sufficient for large gatherings such as the consecration will bring together. Rules for the guidance of the Stewards on the occasion were submitted, when Bro. Mc Kinnon, in a most humorous speech, objected to them as being too stringent; after some slight modification they were adopted. A letter from the Secretary of St. Mirren's Lodge, Paisley, No. 129, inviting the brethren to Paisley on Sunday, 27th June, to hear a Masonic sermon by their Chaplain there, also from the Lodge Partick St. Mary's, No. 117, inviting their attendance on Saturday, 26th June, to take part in laying the memorial stone of their new hall, which will be performed by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P. Grand Master of Glasgow, and office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were read, and accepted. There being no further business, the lodge was called to harmony for a short time. The toasts of "The Queen," "The Three Grand Lodges, England, Scotland, and Ireland," being given from the chair, and responded to with high honours, "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire,

coupled with Col. Campbell, P.G.M.," was given, the R.W.M. remarking that the P.G. Lodge was in excellent working order and prosperity, and he was certain the Pollokshaws R.A. Lodge, No. 153, would do all in its power to keep the Prov. G. L. in such a happy position. He then proposed "Prosperity to Lodge Thorn-tree, No. 512," coupled with Brother Scobie, R.W.M., thanking him for their presence among them, to meet them for the first time in their new hall. Brother Scobie, in his reply, said he was proud to meet them and extend the hand of friendship and good will, and to join them in their endeavours to elevate the noble Order they belonged to. The toast of "The Press" was then given by the R.W.M., coupled with Bro. G. B. Adams, of the *Freemason*. He thought the Press of this country, by its earnest and straightforward endeavours to elevate the moral character, had gained a power that almost ruled the world; and in the Masonic Press we had the *Freemason*, which was day by day becoming more appreciated by the members of the Craft. Brother Adams thanked the R.W.M. for the honour he had paid him, but more particularly for the compliment paid to Brother Kenning, the proprietor of the *Freemason*. He could only say that Brother Kenning's object in keeping up the *Freemason* was to do as much good as he could to the Order. In it you had the weekly reports of what was doing in this and other countries, and in the *Masonic Magazine* was to be found some of the best writings of some of the ablest men of the day. Some good songs were given in the course of the proceedings, which improved the harmony of the evening. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

**LENNOXTOWN.—**CALEDONIAN ST. JOHN'S ROYAL ARCH LODGE (No. 195).—A Masonic procession was carried out with considerable success here on Saturday, the 26th ult., in celebration of their Patron Saint's day. Fears were entertained in the early part of the day that the heavy showers following each other would continue, and not only damp the spirits of the "merry Masons," but spoil the display for the general public. The weather in the afternoon, however, was very favourable, and by three o'clock the interest taken in the turn-out by the public was very evident by the groups of people hanging about, especially in the vicinity of the lodge-room. The brethren assembled in the Lennox Arms Hall, where the ceremony of opening was efficiently gone through by Bros. Peter Robertson, D.M.; Robert Torrance, S.W.; and William Gray, J.W., officers of the Campsie Caledonian St. John's Royal Arch, 195. The procession was then formed in the square, visiting brethren in front of the local lodge, and headed by the band of the 7th S.R.V., proceeded through the principal streets and onwards to Clachan, where a halt was made for half-an-hour, and the whole company refreshed in the Crown Inn there. In reverted form they returned to the lodge-room in Lennox town in the evening, and the lodge being closed by Bros. Graham, R.W.M., and Wardens, pro tem, of Kirkinilloch, Athole Lodge, 384, refreshments were provided, and toast, sentiment, and song followed for an enjoyable hour or two. Bro. Andrew Hosié officiated as Marshal, on the parade, in a highly satisfactory manner, and much praise is due to the acting committee for their forethought in securing a commodious wagonette for the conveyance of a number of very frail old Masons, who could not otherwise have followed the procession throughout its lengthy journey. The whole proceeding was eminently successful, an honour to the ancient Order, and left a most favourable impression on the numerous outsiders witnessing it.

**RUTHERGLEN.—**LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 347).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their lodge-room, Rutherglen, on the 25th ult. The meeting was a large one, and included a numerous deputation of the members of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 116, headed by their respected R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Ferguson. Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., presided, supported by his Wardens, Bros. John Murdoch, S.W. and Thos. Alston, J.W., along with the other office-bearers of the lodge, and opened the lodge for the dispatch of business. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, and confirmed. Applications for initiation into the order were read from Messrs. Archd. Robertson, Robt. Hastie, and Dugald McLauchlane. The ballot being clear, they were properly prepared, and received the first Degree of Masonry, the R.W.M. effectively officiating. A letter from the Secretary of Lodge St. Partick St. Mary's, inviting a deputation to assist in laying the memorial stone of their new hall on the 26th June, was taken up, and the brethren present agreed to form a deputation. This finished the labour of the evening, when the lodge was called to harmony for a short time. Songs and exchanges of compliments were given till all were satisfied, and the lodge closed in ancient form.

**MOTHERWELL.—**LODGE ST. JOHN DALZIEL (No. 406).—A meeting of this lodge was convened for the 24th ult., and took place in the Masonic Hall, Motherwell. The object of the meeting was the annual election of office-bearers, and their installation. Much to the regret of the members of the lodge, their much esteemed R.W.M., Bro. A. King, had previously expressed his anxiety for retirement from office; but seeing that he had for the long period of twelve years held that office they prudently refrained from pressing his longer active service, though expressing a hope that they would not be deprived of his sound counsel when required. The office-bearers elected were John King, R.W.M.; James Johnston, D.M.; Wm. Bulloch, S.M.; J. Forsyth, S.W.; A. Hamilton, J.W.; John Bryson, Sec.; J. Evans, Treas.; E. Sheldon, S.B.; A. H. Arnolt, S.D.; J. T. Young, J.D.; G. Simpson, I.G. These office-bearers were installed by P.M. A. King, in a manner quite characteristic of his great regard for the ancient landmarks of the Order; when the lodge was duly closed.

**GLASGOW.—**LODGE MARYHILL (No. 510).—An emergency meeting of this young but flourishing lodge

took place in their hall, Maryhill, on the 23rd ult. The meeting was largely attended, and a number of visiting brethren were present. Bro. J. Lockhart, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Serjt. McCarrey, (Royal Engineers), S.W.; D. McLauchlane, J.W.; John Mackie, D.M.; P. F. Craigie, Sec.; John Govan, Treas.; James Hay, J.D.; and others. The lodge being opened for the dispatch of business, the R.W.M. said the object of the meeting was to initiate two gentlemen, viz., Robt. Scott and George Adams, who had been ballotted for and approved of, the work before the next regular meeting being quite enough of itself, it was thought prudent to call this meeting for their initiation. The candidates being prepared were conducted to the altar, where they were instructed in the First Degree of Masonry, Bro. Serjt. M. Carrey, S.W., officiating in a very able manner. This being the only business, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

**GLASGOW.—**LODGE GOVANDALE (No. 447).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at Govan, on the 24th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M., Brother John Meller, D.M., took the chair, supported by Brother Muir, S.W., W. Ferguson, J.W., J. Sutherland, Secretary, and a large number of well qualified brethren. Among other business was that of making arrangements for attending to the invitation from Partick St. Mary Lodge (No. 117) to be present at the laying of the memorial stone of their new hall on Saturday, 26th ult. This was satisfactorily completed, and a band of music engaged to accompany the lodge deputation, starting from Govan at 2 o'clock. The lodge was then closed in due form.

**GLASGOW.—**CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (No. 67).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, situated at 22, Struthers-street, on the 22nd ult. The business of the evening consisted of Mark Master, the Excellent, and the Holy Royal Arch Degrees, all of which Comp. Jas. Duthie, the much respected Z. of Cathedral Chapter, accomplished in a manner which showed him to be completely master of the position he was placed in. Among the companions present were J. Duthie, Z.; Cunningham, H.; Taylor, J.; Ronald, First Soj.; J. Jackson, Second Soj.; Goldie, Third Soj.; Campbell, Z. of 150, St. John, Shettleston; G. W. Wheeler, Z. of 73, Caledonian of Unity, &c. The brothers who received the above degrees were Robert Trainer, proposed by Comp. W. Taylor, seconded by Comp. Jas. Wood; Samuel Bisland, proposed by Comp. Ronald, seconded by Comp. J. Duthie, Z. The work of the evening being over, the M.E.Z., J. Duthie, said he had received a letter from a companion of this chapter, who had met with distress, and asking the assistance of the chapter to help him over his difficulties. Several companions present gave testimony to his character as being all that could be desired to satisfy any R.A. Mason, when the Treasurer was instructed to meet the case at once and give the required assistance. There being nothing further to consider, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

**GLASGOW.—**COMMERCIAL CHAPTER (No. 79).—The monthly meeting of this chapter was held on the evening of Friday, the 25th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, 30, Hope-street. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, Companion Julius Brodèz, presiding, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Mark Masters J. M. Oliver and J. Duthie. The attendance, considering the season of the year, was fair. After the reading and passing of the minutes of two previous meetings, attention was called by the Scribe E. to the recently issued number of the Supreme R.A. "Chapter's Reporter," from which he read various extracts bearing upon the steps taken and the transactions which occurred last year in connection with the reponal of Chapter No. 79, and congratulated the chapter and its members upon the creditable position which it held in the list of "Returns." Various other subjects of passing interest merely having been discussed, and no important business having been brought forward, the proceedings terminated by the S.W. performing his peculiar duty in obedience to command from the East.

**GLASGOW.—**ST. MUNGO ENCAMPMENT.—The regular meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 21st ult. There was a large number of Sir Knights present, among whom were—Sir Kts. R. Bell, M.N.C.; G. W. Wheeler, P.; Shields, S.C.; Currey, J.C.; Smith, C.C.; M'Kenzie, Adc.; J. McLeish, W., &c. Sir Kt. Bell, M.N.C., presided. J. B. Hardie, J. W. Rowbotham, and Thomas Yuille were balloted for, accepted, and, being presented, were duly installed Knights of the Order of the Temple, Sir Kt. Bell officiating with his usual minuteness of detail and carefulness. This was all the business before the Encampment.

**PRESENTATION TO A FREEMASON.**—On the 10th ult. a very gratifying presentation was made at Bro. Rudman's, the Adelphi Hotel, Arlington-street, Salford, to Bro. Wm. Wright, W.M. of Lodge Victoria, 1345, Eccles, and formerly "worthy host" of the Ordsale Hotel, Ordsale-lane, Salford, by a few friends and well-wishers, on the occasion of his leaving Salford to occupy the Cheese Hall Vaults, Crewe, which premises he has recently purchased. The testimonial consisted of a beautiful timepiece and chimney ornaments to match, valued at £50. An admirably provided banquet preceded the ceremony of presentation, and after the withdrawal of the tablecloth Mr. James Fairhurst took the chair, and the worthy host of the Adelphi, Bro. James Rudman, the vice-chair. The chairman, in the course of a few appropriate and complimentary terms, made the presentation. Bro. Wright fittingly thanked the subscribers for so substantial and lasting approval of his conduct and character as a citizen and a neighbour, and hoped he should merit the approbation of those kind friends amongst whom it had pleased an all-wise Providence to place him.



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## DEATH.

On 23rd June, at the Mount, near Stourport, Elizabeth Langford, wife of Bro. Enoch Baldwin, P.M. and Treasurer, Vernon Lodge, No. 560.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1875.

## BRO. BINCKES'S LETTER.

We felt it to be our duty to publish Bro. Binckes's letter in our last issue, with reference to a pamphlet which has recently appeared, for two reasons—first, on account of the interests of the Boys' School, which constitute a paramount consideration with us; and secondly, in a spirit of fair play towards Bro. Binckes himself. As a rule in all Masonic discussions we should seek to hold the scales even; we should give to both sides full hearing and friendly toleration, and if we have to sum up we should do so judiciously, honestly, and loyally as before the Craft which constitutes our public opinion Masonically. But in the present case the most absolutely im-

partial person, the Lord Chief Justice himself, could not fail to take into his "coup d'œil" to use a French expression, the peculiar "surroundings" of the case. Just on the eve of the Boys' School Anniversary for 1875, at the 11th hour of long and anxious labours in the cause of charitable sympathy, even when the final efforts are being made to augment and fill up the Stewards' lists for the annual festival, a pamphlet, as it were, drops from the skies in the midst of a startled fraternity, containing grave animadversions on the Boys' School administration, and vehement incriminations of the Secretary. No course more calculated to shake the confidence of metropolitan and provincial brethren in the Boys' School executive ever was pursued by any brother at any time. No statements more likely to check the flow of Masonic benevolence towards a great institution ever were put forth by the hottest controversialist. To say nothing of the irregular appearance of a report to Vice-Presidents entirely uncalled for by them, and without any precedent to follow or justify such a proceeding such a publication seems to us to be a great mistake, and more than a mistake. Has a brother any complaints to make or, opinions to ventilate, or supposed injustice to condemn, the proper authority in the first instance to apply to is clearly the House Committee, specially charged to watch over the arrangements of the school, and not the general Masonic public, provincial or metropolitan, which must be necessarily ignorant, to a great extent, of the details and "minutiae" of the internal government of the school. In the province itself, where the pamphlet, in our opinion, has unwisely seen the light, there is an active Charity Committee, for the express purpose of attending to the interests of the great charities, which is presided over just now by a very worthy and experienced brother Mason, Bro. T. Hill, P.M. and had this anomalous report been submitted to that committee in the first instance, we believe that the good sense of West Yorkshiremen would have led to its suppression. In, therefore, the truest interests of Freemasonry and of Masonic benevolence, in the cause of the orphan and the friendless, and many an anxious applicant, for the welfare of 156 of our Masonic orphans, and for the keeping up actually of a great and most valuable institution, we felt as good Masons bound to allow Brother Binckes's practical protest to appear against what he states are unfounded imputations, and what he declares to be unjustifiable statements. We cannot help feeling that if such a system of pamphlet warfare is to be encouraged in our Order we shall soon be inundated like the Bashi Bazooks of controversy, and the great principles of Freemasonry will run a chance of being overlooked and even extinguished altogether in the scuffle. Without saying more at present, we will only add that we think Brother Binckes may fairly complain of "hard lines," not only in respect of his official position and personal susceptibilities, but especially in respect of that peculiar time of the year, when this unexpected "little stranger" appears on the scene, namely when after many months of arduous labours the anniversary of that institution, now close at hand, would seem to promise, under the presidency of our distinguished Pro G.M., a remunerative result, and a golden harvest for the Boys' School.

## MASONIC JUSTICE.

Justice is a great virtue in all that relates to men, and constitutes the basis of all social happiness, and national greatness. To form just laws, to administer them firmly and purely, uncorrupted by interest, and unstained by venal considerations, has been the constant endeavour, whether of the enlightened law-giver or the patriotic citizen, in consecutive ages of the world. Without just laws, and just administration of them, without the "unsullied sanctity of the ermine," such as we happily are privileged to boast of in our favoured land, the highest arts of civilization languish and decay, the very material elevation of a people is dwarfed and hindered, national greatness becomes a "mockery, a delu-

sion, and a snare," and the want of confidence in the "majesty of the law" soon betrays itself in the history of any people, in the tumults of anarchy, and the demoralization of the whole social system. And what is true in the aggregate is true of the individual. Justice between man and man, pure and perfect justice, we cannot expect here on earth, because man is but after all like a mighty ruin, on which have fallen, in the full light of heaven, evident traces of the effects of age; "decay's effacing fingers" have robbed it alike of its gracefulness and its grandeur, its proportions and its perfections. And though Freemasons, we are still only men and mortal; we are not, and cannot be, exempt from the frailty and littleness of humanity. Freemasonry, indeed, does from our first admittance to its light proclaim to us in solemn words the unfailing duty of justice, its sanctity, its necessity and its blessing. "To be just to all men, and above all to our brethren in Masonry" is as it were a living voice of truth, speaking to us all in our daily walk through life. No mere utterance of antiquated wisdom, no obsolete exhortation of a vanished epoch, but a deep, an abiding, a solemn message; ever incumbent upon us as Freemasons, never to be forgotten by us wherever we are, and whatever we do. And yet, must we not admit to-day that such teaching, such axiomatic morality, is received by us more as a beautiful abstract proposition than as a practical personal duty? Some one has said, "Men are naturally unjust to one another," and we fear that Freemasons, in this particular, often demonstrate to the "profane world" how truly, Freemasons though they call themselves, they are in no sense exempt from the foibles and perversity of Adam's race. For it is curious to note, and painful sometimes to realize, how peculiarly unjust Freemasons often are to one another. It has been previously remarked by "outsiders" how unbrotherly and uncharitable, how censorious and how malignant, Masonic controversy is apt to become—faults specially noticeable in a fraternity whose great profession is that of brotherly love. But what can we say of Masonic justice? There are many Freemasons who will believe anything reported to the discredit of a brother! Without any reflection or consideration, without any reasonable sifting of some ridiculous allegation, they will greedily listen to, and hastily accept, and industriously propagate, the idlest rumours, the most childish scandal, against a brother or brethren. Where, then, is their justice? We need hardly ask where is their common sense? Where is that use of the reasoning process which distinguishes them from the "anser" and the "asinus" in the ruck of cackling and long-eared individuals who browse on the thoroughfares of the world, picking up its garbage and champing its thistles? It is sad to note how few people will think! Otherwise probably we should be spared so many specimens of earthly folly and Masonic injustice. We then are wishful to remind our readers, in these little lucubrations of Masonic philosophy and morals, that we as sentient beings can exercise no higher or better duty than that of employing gravely our own thinking faculties, and that we should all seek in our intercourse with mankind, and especially with our brethren in Freemasonry, to be guided and governed by the holy and immutable principles of justice. Never should we seek to lower or lessen the reputation of a brother, by unguarded assertions or malevolent insinuations. His character should be as dear to us as our own, and as on we go through the great Vanity Fair of life, not only should plain dealings and sincerity always distinguish us, but justice and equity should be our inseparable companions. To lift ourselves above the turbid passions of clique and coterie; to take a manly, a tolerant, and an expansive view of things; to be just to our brethren to be fair to our neighbours, to hold the scales firmly and evenly amid contending interests and conflicting motives, should be the aim of every true Freemason. If Freemasonry teaches us nothing better or truer in her venerable lore, she certainly does teach every dutiful child and every faithful member this ever sacred duty—Be just.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS.  
No. VIII.

We call attention to a communication which appears elsewhere, relative to the old minute book of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead. By that interesting record of another century, many remarkable facts are made manifest. Here we have the minute book of a purely operative lodge of Freemasons, and which is clearly distinct nevertheless, from the working Masons. The resolutions of 1733, and let us note the date, tell us the true tale of the history of our Order. Even at that period we find that the Society is still mainly operative, but admitting on special payment speculative Masons. In the far north the earlier enlargement by the southern Masons of the basis of the Order was still in 1733 only in its infancy. If it be correct that this old lodge at Swallowwell was the foundation of south country working Masons in the latter part of the 17th century, we see in this fact how gradually and slowly in the north of England the speculative element was admitted into the Masonic Order. But the clear distinction between the Company or Society of Freemasons and the working Masons is a very remarkable feature! All the earlier minutes of the lodge, from 1725 downwards, to 1776, relate to the apprenticeship by the members of the lodge of their apprentices for seven years, and registering them in the lodge books, and then receiving the apprentice charge. At the time of registration, for which 6d. only is paid, an undertaking is mentioned, that at the expiration of their apprenticeship they would be received or admitted into the fellowship, and pay a further sum, varying from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d., to the fund box. Then they would probably receive the old name "Fellow of Craft." It seems that the word "Fellow Craft," or "passing," does not actually appear on the minutes until 1775. But the word "fellow" often appears in the rules, and he is in more than one rule clearly distinguishable from the master, by the use of the words "and" or "or," according to every known rule of the English language. The Master of Lodge, Lodge Master, Master Mason, occur mainly, as regards the actual what we should call the W.M.; and "Raised Masters," "English Masters," "Masters" are specifically mentioned in 1746. But we should not be reading the minutes truly if we supposed that therefore Masters did not exist in 1725 or thereabouts, as to our mind it is quite clear that they did. In the Apprentice Charge it is distinctly said, "that you reverence your elders according to their degree, and especially those of the Mason Craft." Masters and Fellows alone were to attend the "assembly," Apprentices not. The yearly meeting was June 24, St. John the Baptist's Day, when the Master, Wardens, and Deputy Master were then elected. Four quarterly meetings were, it appears, held, the chief meeting June 24th, 29th of September, 27th of December, and the 25th of March. An Apprentice was to be admitted, or accepted into the Fellowship, on one of the quarterly meeting days alone, and pay 10s. 6d. to the fund box, and these regulations are evidently antecedent to 1733. So that in 1725, or thereabouts, we have the three ranks apparently in active employment, and clear distinction in the lodge. We have thought it well to point out what an addition to Masonic Archæology this opportune publication of these valuable records affords, and we think great credit is due to the W.M. and P.M., Bro. Robson, of that lodge, and the brethren, for their kind permission to have extracts made of so much interest to every Masonic student, and so helpful toward a true history some day of English Freemasonry. We refer all our readers to the August number of the *Masonic Magazine* for all these "Minutes" in detail.

CALENDAR OF THE GREAT PRIORY  
OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE  
TEMPLE AND MALTA.

We have had this carefully compiled document submitted to our notice, and we think it right shortly to call attention to it. It appears that

there are 136 preceptories under the Great Priory of the United Orders. The balance sheet which is given seems to betoken financial prosperity. The general fund, including a large previous balance, amounts to £1170 14s. 11d. The benevolent fund to £221 19s. 3d. The expenditure of the general fund amounted in round numbers to £620, leaving a balance of £533 os. 10d. The expenditure of the benevolent amounts to about £40, leaving a balance of £181 19s. 3d., in all on both accounts of £715. At the meeting of the National Great Priory, May 14th last, two motions were carried by considerable majorities, which virtually amount to an express wish of the Order, to reconsider what Sir Knt. F. Binckes termed "hasty legislation." One was carried by Sir Knt. J. Booth, of Halifax, by 40 to 30, and was to this effect, "That the report be adopted, except with regard to the clause relating to the partial restoration of past rank, but that instead thereof the National Great Priory recommend to the Convent General to restore in its integrity the past rank affected by recent alterations of the statutes." The other was the resolution of Sir Knt. J. M. P. Montagu, and carried by 39 to 6, "That the memorial or petition of the Provincial Priory of Dorset, which was presented at the last regular meeting of the National Great Priory in December, 1874, be read and discussed, and that measures be taken for obtaining the opinion of the members of each preceptory in the jurisdiction of this Grand Priory upon the present position and probable future prospects of the Order, under the operation of the new statutes, and that the result of such enquiry be laid before Great Priory." These are most important resolutions, and it will remain to be seen what effect they will have in allaying what may undoubtedly be called much dissatisfaction at recent changes in the Templar Order. We express no opinion one way or the other, but we are aware from many letters that such a feeling exists in the Templar Order, and is alike strong and extensive. We trust that all questions of difference may soon be settled, agreeably to all interested, and that we may have to report the prosperity of an Order, embracing as it does so many very worthy members of the Craft.

PROVINCIAL FUNDS.  
II.—LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

This province, as many of our readers know, is a very small one, consisting of nine lodges and 351 members, in June, 1874. The increase this year will probably not be large. The annual balance sheet for 1874 is very simple and short. Dues from lodges amount to £36 9s.; fees of honour to £11 2s.; dispensations and special items to £7 12s. 6d.; balance £25 17s.; in all for the year, £81 os. 6d. With rent and various small expenses, the outgoings amount to £40 in round numbers, leaving an available balance of £41 3s. The Masonic Hall is apparently an appendage to the Provincial Grand Lodge, as its accounts are incorporated with the provincial returns, and capitation fees on initiation, to the amount of £37 16s., are paid by three lodges. If, when the mortgage debt of £750, is extinguished the province will obtain the benefit of the receipts, of course its income will be materially increased—as, after paying all expenses, it has a cash balance of £94 12s. But it does not seem quite clear from the report what is its exact position as regards the Provincial Grand Lodge, though, no doubt, our courteous and able Bro. W. Kelly will be able and willing to inform us. The province had in 1874 130 votes for the Boys' School. It has also votes for the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School, though the number is not stated. In 1874 there were 9 joining members admitted in the various lodges of the province, and 23 initiations. If the province cannot boast a large and rapid increase of numbers it is just possible that the quality is superior to the quantity elsewhere. We do not believe in an "ugly rush" for Freemasonry, or anything else.

Orders are now being received at Bro. Kenning's Masonic Depots, London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, for the Medal to be struck in commemoration of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master.

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.]

MASONIC MEDALS AND TOKENS.  
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The copper token commemorative of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Master in 1790 is far from possessing the rarity supposed by our worthy and R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett. Like Bro. James A. Hayes, I saw one in the hands of a brother here very recently, and I have also heard of several other specimens. The late important events in the Order will doubtless cause many of these tokens to turn up.

Yours fraternally, WILLIAM KELLY,  
P. Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland.

ELECTION OF PROV. GRAND MASTERS.  
To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You kindly say in your last number, in reply to my letter under the above heading, that "Prov. Grand Masters are only emanations from, and representatives and nominees of, the Grand Master;" if this be so, and I do not doubt the correctness of your statement, I say that it ought not to be so. Why should every officer in Grand, Provincial, and Private Lodges be annually elected and P.G. Masters not? Will you kindly assist me with your able pen to get this inconsistency corrected? The P.G. Master should be elected by his lodge as all other W.M.'s are (subject, if you please, to the approval of the G.M.). I have heard many of my brethren complain of this hardship on us, but "what is every one's business is no one's business," and so the matter remains in statu quo.

Yours very fraternally, AN OLD MASON,  
And a Member of a P.G. Lodge.

EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to a letter from R.M. in the *Freemason* of June 26th, and headed "Education," I can very strongly recommend St. John's College, Southend-on-Sea, Principal Bro. J. R. Hemmann, I.P.M. 1000. The boys are well taken care of, very well fed, and appear very happy. St. John's College is situated on the highest part of the cliff, and commands a very extensive sea view. I shall be pleased to forward a prospectus if required. Southend stands very high on the list of English watering places in the Registrar General's Report, and is about 44 miles from London.

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally, E. E. P.

Southend-on-Sea, June 28th.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have seen a letter in the *Freemason* from a brother asking for information as to the whereabouts of an educational establishment kept by a member of the Craft in the vicinity of London. I think I can recommend him one, which will fully answer his requirements.

Bro. W. Hammond, G.S. of Middlesex, P.M. of the Jordan, W.M. of the Lebanon and Hemming Lodges, &c., &c., has a school at Old Hampton, where the studies are presided over by himself and competent assistants, and the general domestic arrangements are superintended by Mrs. Hammond and daughter. The school is old-established, and from its proximity, to the Thames, affords every facility for bathing, boating, angling, &c., and the air is remarkably pure and bracing.

Yours truly and fraternally, T. C.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes  
and Queries.

MINUTE BOOK OF THE LODGE OF INDUSTRY, GATESHEAD.  
The Minute Book of the Lodge of Industry, Gateshead, has been lent me for perusal and description by the great kindness of the W.M. of the said good lodge, through the courteous intermediation of P.M. Bro. E. Robson, Treas., and a most interesting relic it is.

This old record is a paper book bound up with Anderson's Constitutions of 1723.

Some of the MS. entries begin at the reverse end. Some go through as usual from left to right.

The earliest minute is of 1725—at the reverse end—to this effect, very noteworthy: September 29, 1725. "Then Matthew Armstrong and Arthur Douglas, Masons, appeared in the lodge of Freemasons, and agreed to have their names registered as 'Enterprentices,' to be accepted next quarterly meeting, paying one shilling each for that rank, and 7s. 6d. when they take their freedom."

Twenty-one minutes in all are consecutively entered at the reverse end, the last dated December 7th, 1776, more or less all relating to the taking and acceptance of apprentices, all of which will be published in extenso in the *Masonic Magazine* for August.

When we turn back to the continuation of the printed Constitutions we find some very remarkable entries.

The "Orders of Antiquity," almost identical with those of the Alnwick Constitution but standing separately there, the Apprentices Orders, the General Orders, the Penal Orders, the Fund Laws, are all of rare archæological value, and will be Printed in extenso, and verbatim et literatim, in the August or September Magazine.

Unfortunately between the numbered pages, 36 and 37, a "hiatus valde defendus" occurs, where some scrupulous, or unscrupulous brother has deprived us of several pages of MS.

I hope that the original "Fund Laws," are nevertheless to be put together from other pages of the book.

It may interest some to know that in July, 1746, it was "enacted at a Grand Lodge," held that evening that no brother Mason should be admitted unto the dignity of a 'Highrodiam,' under less than ye charge of 2s. 6d., or as the Damaskin or Forin, as John Thompson from Gateside, paid at the same night 5s. N.B.—The English Masters to pay for entering unto the said Mastership 2s. 6d. per majority." This is headed "Memorandum of the Highrodiam," and there is a list of 7 who only paid 1s. 6d., and 4 thorough English names, equally who paid 2s. 6d., with this note, "Engl. 8th, pd. 2sh. 6d."

There is a further list of twelve, who I presume paid the 2s. 6d., and over the leaf we have two lists of twelve and thirty respectively, the twelve are headed the names of the brothers in the High Order, &c. To pay for making in that Order, rs. 6d. At the head of the other list is "English Masters, to pay at entrance, 2s. 6d. each." At the bottom of the list are the names of six others, or of the six receiving brethren.

We have the names of five "Raised Masters" on the same page in 1771 and 1772.

I have said enough to show the interest of this most valuable Masonic book, and I conclude with the regulations of 1733, which are exceedingly valuable archaeologically, as our Bro. W. J. Hughan will agree:—

"June 14, 1733.

"It is agreed by the Society, that any brother of the lodge that hath an apprentice that serves his time equally and lawfully as he ought to do, shall be made free for the sum of 8s. And for any working Mason, not of the Lodge, the sum of 10s. And to any gentleman or other that is not a working Mason, according to the majority of the company."

For a fuller account of this very unique Minute Book, I refer my readers to the *Masonic Magazine* for August.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

#### MASONIC NUMISMATICS.

The coin which the R. W. Col. Burdett has of 1792, is doubtless the same as mine. I hope his interesting letters on the subject will be the means of inducing other brethren who have any Masonic coins to make their character known, and thus add to our store of facts, which at present is lamentably deficient.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

#### MASONS' MARKS.

Years ago I devoted a good deal of attention to this subject, and collected a considerable number of these marks, as found in ancient buildings in various parts of the world, and, like my old friend and correspondent H. H., on the establishment of the Fowke and Howe Lodges of Mark Masters in this town in 1858, I prepared a book of marks for the use of candidates advanced therein.

If this book will be of any service to H. H., I shall be happy to send it for his inspection, if he will supply me with his present address.

I believe that to George Godwin, Esq., F.S.A., belongs the credit of being the first to call attention to the importance of these marks, architecturally, in two letters, which appeared in the "Archæologia," Vol. XXX., pp. 113-120, accompanied by several plates of marks. This was in the year 1843. In Vol. XXXIV., pp. 33-36, of the same work, appeared an interesting communication by Patrick Chalmers, Esq., F.S.A., "On the use of Masons' Marks in Scotland."

Doubtless, however, the largest, and what would have proved the most valuable, collection ever made by one individual was that of the late Bro. Edward W. Shaw, of Tamworth, consisting of 5,700 marks from all parts of the world.

This work, including many extracts from mediæval rolls and other documents bearing upon the subject, was being prepared for the press when Bro. Shaw was seized with the illness which resulted in his death, and thus the result of his labours appears to have been lost. What has become of his collection of materials?

WILLIAM KELLY,  
Prov. G.M. Leicestershire.

#### CONSECRATION OF A RED CROSS CONCLAVE AT SHEFFIELD.

The introduction of this illustrious Masonic and Military Order into Yorkshire was accomplished on Saturday (June 12th), when the White Rose of York, Conclave No. 120, was at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, inaugurated and dedicated according to ancient custom under the most auspicious surroundings.

The ceremonies were conducted by V. I. Sir Knt. Wentworth Little, P.G.S.G., G. Treas., &c., assisted by V. I. Sir Knt. J. Geo. Marsh, P.G.S.G., and P.G. Archt.; Ill. Sir Knts. J. Lewis Thomas, F.G.S., P.G. Archt.; Frederick Binckes, Int. Gen. unattached; C. Fitzgerald Matier, Int. Gen. unattached; Geo. Toller, jun., G.O.; Em. Sir Knts. Captain J. Wordsworth, (2); A. K. Baines, (44.)

These names speak volumes, but we add our testimony that all went off so well as to leave nothing to be desired. Ten of the petitioners for the new conclave being in attendance, it was opened at one o'clock in due form, when twelve candidates had the honour of receiving installation at the hands of the above. Five more candidates were to have been present, yet, as it was, the muster was a gratifying sight to the illustrious visitors, some of whom had

travelled great distances (and at some considerable personal inconvenience) to be present.

The ceremony of inauguration and dedication was next proceeded with, the neophytes listening with marked attention as the simple, yet sublime beauties were, in due sequence, disclosed to them; the oration (given by Sir Knt. Marsh) being especially admired. Sir Knt. Brittain, M.P.S., was inducted as M.P.S. of the conclave, when Sir Knt. Little announced that the Grand Council had appointed Sir Knt. Brittain as Intendant General of West Yorkshire, at the same time he had pleasure in handing Sir Knt. Brittain his commission, which should be read aloud at next conclave. This distinguished appointment was received by the conclave with marked approval. The consecrating officers retired; on their return, in a short time, Sir Knt. Little announced that Sir Knt. Wm. Roddewig had been consecrated as Viceroy Eusebius of the conclave.

The following officers were then invested:—Sir Knts. Rev. E. Boteler Chalmer, as Sen. Gen.; J. F. Moss, as Jun. Gen.; A. Scargill, as H.P.; S. B. Ellis, as Treas.; Joseph Binney, as Recorder; Simeon Hayes, as Prefect; G. W. Hawksley, as St. Bearer; John Nixon, as Herald; Hy. Eeroyd and R. Arnison, as Aides-de-camp.

It was unanimously resolved, upon the proposition of Sir Knt. Moss, Jun. Gen., seconded by Ill. Sir Knt. Brittain, M.P.S., &c., that the thanks of the conclave be given to Sir Knt. Ellis, Treas., for his great exertions in the preliminary arrangement of all the details relating to the formation of this conclave. Sir Knt. Ellis having acknowledged the honour of the special vote of thanks, said the conclave was under no obligation to him, for the success witnessed that day fully repaid him for whatever duties he had or might yet undertake. The conclave was closed, and a Sanctuary of K.H.S., and Commandery of St. John the Evangelist was duly opened, when fourteen candidates were admitted to this ineffable grade; the sanctuary was closed. The whole of the Sir Knights then adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a sumptuous luncheon had been provided at the expense of Sir Knt. Brittain, M.P.S., &c.; the nectar circulating, the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing "The Health of Sir Knt. Little, and the Consecrating Officers," the M.P.S. said that time pressing (several of the Sir Knights having to leave by early trains), it had been overlooked in the conclave to pass a vote of thanks to Sir Knt. Little and the other illustrious Sir Knights who had so ably assisted in the ceremonies, but he took the opportunity of there and then expressing the deep feeling of indebtedness the White Rose of York Conclave was under to those who had so ably performed the onerous duties of consecration, &c. This was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Several most excellent speeches were made by Sir Knts. Little, Thomas, Matier, J. G. Marsh, Lewis Thomas, Binckes, Brittain, and others. The M.P.S. read several letters (apologizing for unavoidable absence) from Col. Francis Burdett, Most Em. G. Viceroy, &c.; W. Romaine Callender, Esq., M.P.; Captain Turner, Liverpool; C. J. Banister, Esq., 33; Dr. Woodman, G. Rec.; Major Woodall, Scarborough; Bentley Shaw, Esq., late D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; T. W. Tew, Esq., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Manoah Rhodes, Esq., Bradford; John Fisher, Esq., Halifax; Captain Watson, Manchester; and others. Ill. Sir Knt. Matier tendered apologies on behalf of Ill. Sir Knt. G. P. Brockbank, Int. Gen. unattached, and Em. Sir Knt. T. Entwistle, P. Sov., for their unavoidable absence. So taking the event altogether, we may congratulate the Order at large, Yorkshire in general, and the White Rose of York Conclave in particular, upon the splendid inauguration of the Red Cross Order in that great Masonic district of which Sheffield may be said to be the centre. It was indeed a red letter day for the Sheffield Freemasons to have in their midst such brethren as Robert Wentworth Little, Frederick Binckes, C. F. Matier, and other distinguished visitors—all energetic workers in the busy hive of Masonry. Under such circumstances as these (not overlooking the efficient staff of officers appointed—all zealous in the cause) we predict for the White Rose of York Conclave a bright and prosperous future. As it has commenced, so may it continue to flourish, until time shall be no more.

#### THE NEW MASONIC HALL IN GLASGOW.

The memorial stone of the new Masonic Hall, which has been promoted by the Lodge St. Mary's, 117, was laid on Saturday, the 26th ult., with full Masonic honours by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. of Glasgow. Long before the Provincial Grand Lodge and also the local lodge were opened in the Burgh Hall in due and ancient form, the inhabitants began to gather in front of the hall, and when the hour for beginning to work arrived the following lodges were represented, together with the undernoted members of the Grand Lodge:—Bros. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; John Baird, S.P.G.W.; John Monro, R.W.M., 360, A.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Harper, R.W.M., 408, A.P.G.J.W.; A. McTaggart, P.G.S.; A. Bain, 543, P.G.B.B.; Dr. Penney, P.G.C.; Rev. A. H. Loftus, A.C.; R. Robb, P.G.M.; John Fraser, A.P.G.M.; James Balfour, P.G.D.C. The lodges were—Partick St. Mary's, 117; St. Mungo, 27; St. John, 33; Thistle, 87; Union and Crown, 103; Scotia, 178; Star, 219; Union, 332; Caledonian Railway, 354; St. Vincent, 553; Commercial, 360; Clyde 408; Neptune, 419; Go-vandale, 437; Maryhill, 510; St. Andrew, 465 (Glasgow District); St. John's, Dalmeir, 543; Busby St. John's, 458; St. Thomas, Kilwinning (Dalmellington), 433; St. John's Operative (Rutherglen), 347; St. Andrew's (Strathaven), 215; Royal Arch (Maybole), 198; Royal Arch (Cambuslang), 114; Loudon Kilwinning (Newmilns), 51; Royal Arch (Rutherglen), 116; Royal Arch (Pollokshaws), 153; St. John's, (Leven), 170; Old St. John's, 22, the

brethren then emerged from the hall, and meanwhile the procession was being formed by Bro. Robb, Provincial Grand Marshal, Bro. John Fraser, P.G.A.M., and Bro. Balfour, P.G.M.C. The procession then wended its way along Maxwell-street, round towards Hamilton Terrace (West), and then round by Annfield Terrace, via Partick-hill, by way of Hyndland-street, Laurence-place, and Lindsey Terrace, past Downhill Quarry, coming round to Dumbarton Road from Byars Road. All the roofs of the houses round about the new building were covered with spectators, and the variegated hues of the regalia of the Masonic Order, as they marched up to the new building, tended considerably to enliven the scene. After the usual formalities had been gone through, Bro. Brunton, A.R. W.M., in name of St. Mary's Lodge, presented Bro. Barrow with a handsome silver trowel. Bro. Rev. Dr. Penney, P.G.C., was then called upon to offer up prayer, after which the P.G.S. and the P.G.T. deposited in the cavity of the stone a jar containing specimens of coins of the realm, copies of newspapers, &c. The various functionaries having, by command of the D.P.G.M., "done their duties" in ancient form, the 100th Psalm was sung, and the stone was pronounced by the D.P.G.M. as having been properly laid, "according to the ancient rules of Masonry." Loud cheers were then given for Bros. Barrow, Brunton, P.M. St. Mary's, and her R.W.M., who was unable to attend the ceremony owing to feeble health. The band having struck up a merry tune, which indicated to the spectators that the stone had been laid, the Depute-Provincial Grand Master then briefly addressed the brethren. He congratulated the R.W.M. and Wardens of St. Mary's Lodge on the occasion of their meeting, and wished them every success in the spirited enterprise in which they had engaged. The work for which they had that day met was not so magnificent in a sense as that in which, a few weeks ago, they were engaged in Glasgow. Yet, as Masons, they must look on it as still more important. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) It had a twofold interest, inasmuch as under the roof of the building, the foundation stone of which they had just laid, would be taught knowledge and light. (Cheers.) The educational department of the building would be devoted to communicating to the young of future generations fitness to discharge the duties of life; while in the Masonic Hall truth and light would be communicated to those who might seek it. (Cheers.) The success of Masonry had been very great in recent years. At the present time there was not a single lodge in the Glasgow province that met in any hall connected with a hotel or public house, as was universally the case 25 years ago. (Hear, hear.) At that time there were no halls, either in Glasgow or Edinburgh, where the Masons could meet except those connected with such establishments. They were indebted to the proprietors of these establishments for the accommodation they provided, but a degree of odium was cast on the Masonic body in consequence of their meetings being held in hotels and public houses, but they had outlived these calumnies. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) They had flourished in spite of ban and anathema, because the principles of Masonry were brotherly kindness, charity, and truth. (Cheers.) The success of Masonry in late years had been wonderful. In Great Britain the Freemasons numbered hundreds of thousands; in America there were 9000 lodges with 700,000 members, and in the course of a few years they might look forward to their numbering millions all over the globe. The D.P.G.M. concluded his speech amid loud cheers. The procession then re-formed, and marched to the Burgh Hall, where the remaining business devolving on the Provincial Grand Lodge was gone through, and the lodge closed in due and ancient form by Brother Barrow. Cake and wine were afterwards served, on the brethren being called from "labour to refreshment," and several toasts proposed. Brother Barrow gave "St. Mary's Lodge, and its R.W.M., Brother Wylie," whom he regretted to hear was not able, through sickness, to be present, but hoped that he would soon be in health once more, and see the fruits of the energy and perseverance of himself and those under him. He was glad to see that the lodge had a most able deputy in Brother Brunton, who had done his part in the day's proceedings ably and well, and that the office-bearers of St. Mary's, a lodge which had always been an excellent supporter of the Grand Lodge, deserved the thanks and congratulations of the whole brotherhood for their energy and noble efforts in contemplating the handsome edifice, the memorial stone of which was laid that day. (Loud cheers.) Brother Brunton then proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Brother Barrow," and thanked him on behalf of the local lodge for his kind remarks. He afterwards gave "The prosperity of all the lodges who had taken part in the ceremony." Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, the brethren leaving the hall about six o'clock.

#### CHRYSTON NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The memorial stone of the new public school of Chryston was laid on Saturday the 26th ult., with Masonic honours by T. C. Christie, Esq., of Bellay, chairman of the School Board of Cadder. The school, which is being erected from designs by Mr. David Thomson, St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, is situated on the public road leading from Garnkirk to Chryston. The masonry of the building is nearly completed, while a considerable portion has already been roofed in. The style of architecture is simple Scotch-Gothic, and the structure has been designed on the principle of utility and substantiality, rather than ornamentation, though the latter feature has not been altogether lost sight of by the architect. The internal arrangements will be of the most complete character, and in every respect well adapted to the requirements of an educational establishment. The principal hall, which will accommodate 260



persons, is intended to serve the double purpose of school-room and public meeting place for the villagers. In addition to this there are also four large class-rooms and the master's house, which is situated to the south-west of the principal school-room. Mr. Robert Brown, Chryston, the builder, is executing his work in a thorough tradesman-like manner, and it is expected that the school will be finished and ready for occupancy in the course of three or four months. The ceremony of laying the memorial stone on Saturday was also made the occasion of a public demonstration of a kind seldom witnessed in the quiet village of Chryston, the inhabitants of which seemed to be fully alive to the importance of the event which called forth their rejoicing. About four o'clock in the afternoon the members of the Cadder Argyle Lodge of Freemasons, "with aprons put on," as well as deputations from the Kirkintilloch and Cumbernauld Lodges, assembled in the village, and, preceded by the local brass band, playing the orthodox tune, marched in processional order to the new building, a distance of about half a mile. The villagers turned out en masse to witness the interesting spectacle, and the procession in its march was accompanied by a large crowd of men, women, and children. A temporary platform for the accommodation of the dignitaries and the favoured few had been erected in front of the building. The ceremony was commenced by the Rev. Alex. Thomson, Chaplain to the Provincial Grand Lodge, offering up prayer, after which Dr. John Murray, Secretary to the local lodges, deposited in the cavity of the stone a glass jar, containing, amongst other documents, copies of the *Daily Mail*, *Glasgow News*, and *Glasgow Herald*. The stone having been duly laid in accordance with the rules of Masonry—oil and wine being poured upon the stone, while the band at intervals played "The Merry Masons"—Bro. T. C. Christie addressed the assembly as follows:—Right Worshipful and very worthy brethren,—Having now laid the memorial stone of this building according to the ritual of our ancient and loyal Order, it only remains for me to congratulate the friends of education on the increasing care and attention that is being given to the upbringing of the new generation. May the results be all that the promoters desire. And I also congratulate my esteemed colleagues of the School Board of Cadder, with whom it has been no small pleasure to be associated, on the satisfactory progress that has to this time been attained in our useful though burdensome labours. I sincerely thank my Masonic brethren who have assisted me in the work to-day. Their presence here is only another proof of how desirous the brethren are to forward all that is calculated to promote the advancement of learning and the well-being of their fellow-men. (Hear, hear.) Living in the light, they are ever anxious that all should come to it, and cultivate those graces which true Masons, as perfect men, should exhibit in their lives. (Hear, hear.) You will now, I am very sure, all join me in the prayer that this house, and all erected with the same object, may prove a nursery of learning and virtue, of noble aspirations and generous deeds, and of that fear which is the beginning of wisdom, so that "truth and justice, religion and piety," may be established among us for all generations. (Cheers.) After some remarks from the Rev. Mr. Moody, of the Established Church, Mr. John McCulloch presented Bro. Christie with a silver trowel bearing an inscription. The ceremony was closed by the band playing "The Merry Masons."

We may add that the Cadder School Board have resolved to erect two other schools similar in character and design to the one whose memorial stone was laid on Saturday.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO A SWANSEA BROTHER.

On Wednesday, June 16th, a complimentary banquet was given at Swansea to Bro. Frederick Broughton, P.M. and P. Prov. J.G.W., on the occasion of his leaving Wales for Canada. The banquet was attended by brethren from all parts of the province, and took place at the Mackworth Arms Hotel, being served up in the excellent style of which that establishment is well known to be capable, under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Stone. The menu comprised all the delicacies of the season. The printed programme was in itself a literary treat, and consisted of appropriate cullings from Shakespeare, in which the deft hand and clear intelligence of a brother standing high in the Craft were manifest. In fact, the writings of the immortal bard must have been subjected to very close and considerable research in order to supply the requisite quotations. "Hamlet" supplied us with "Aboard, aboard, the wind sits in the shoulder of your sail, and you are stayed for—adieu, adieu!" "Stay; give me drink; here's to thy health." The play of "Troilus and Cressida" gave quotations as follow:—"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," "Welcome ever smiles, and Farewell goes out sighing," "The Tempest" added the following: "We promise you calm seas, auspicious gales," "Gentle breath of ours his sails must fill." To "Two Gentlemen of Verona" we are indebted for "All happiness bechance thee;" to "Cymbeline" for "The winds of all the corners kiss your sails and make your vessel nimble;" to "A Comedy of Errors" for "A table full of welcome;" to "Julius Caesar" for "Our hearts are thirsty for that pledge," "With courtesy and with respect," "With free and friendly conference," and "Fill till the wine o'erswell the cup." To "Timon of Athens" for "A dinner of friends;" and to "Henry VIII." for "A health? let it go round." Under the influence of these invocations it is needless to say that the banquet was done full justice to, as were the after proceedings. The chair was occupied by the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Wales, Eastern Division, Bro. Edward J. Morris, at whose right sat the guest of the evening, Bro. Broughton. Among the brethren present

were the following:—Bros. James G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Marmaduke Tennant, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Thomas D. Daniel, Prov. J.G.W.; O. G. Williams, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rowland Thomas, P. Prov. J.G.W.; William James Morgan, of Carmarthen, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Charles T. Heartley, Prov. G. Chaplain; Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, Prov. G. Chaplain, Somerset; John Jones, Prov. G. Treasurer; Laurence Tulloch, P. Prov. G. Registrar; Walter Whittington, Prov. G. Secretary; W. H. Tucker, P.S.G.D.; H. Green, P. Prov. J.G.D.; W. G. Davies, Prov. G. Sup. Works; H. St. G. Caulfield, P. Prov. G. Sup. Works; J. Jones Hewson, P. Prov. G.D.C.; P. Donaldson, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. L. R. Jackson, Prov. G. Steward; J. C. Barry, Prov. G. Steward; James Goodall, W.M. 237; E. Cambridge Phillips, W.M. 651; W. J. Thomas, W.M. 679; John Jones, W.M. 833; J. J. Jenkins, 1323; P. Williams, 110; Rev. Dr. Moore, 237; Robert Maine, 237; L. L. Howell, 237; W. Dobbs, 237; W. Watkins, 237; W. Thomas, 237; D. Jenkins, 237; W. Paxton Garrett, 364; A. P. Struve, 364; Austin Parsons, 364; H. Stair, 364; W. Peckover, 364; W. Griffiths, 364; A. Phipps, 651; Thomas Thomas, 1323; David Jenric, 1323; H. J. Jones, 1323; J. B. Richards, 1323; H. Norton, J. C. Manning, T. W. R. Mason, W. Lewis, and many others, to the number altogether of about seventy. Bro. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. Richard Eve, Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. S. B. Power, P. Prov. G. Registrar, were unavoidably prevented attending.

The banquet being over, the usual loyal toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," were given and responded to. This was followed by the toast of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot," proposed by Bro. John Jones Jenkins, W.M. of the Talbot Lodge, Swansea, who said it would be invidious on his part to dilate upon the many good qualities of Bro. Talbot, who was well-known to them all as not only a Mason in word but in deed also.

The toast was warmly received, followed by a song, "In Happy Moments," by Bro. Jones Hewson.

The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Health and Prosperity to Bro. Broughton." He was greeted on rising with a round of applause. This was repeated on the toast being submitted from the chair. He stated that they were gathered together that evening in goodly numbers to pay a tribute of respect to a worthy and distinguished brother. No tribute of respect which they, as a province, could render to Bro. Broughton would, however, be above his deserts. It was his duty that evening to offer to Bro. Broughton his hearty thanks, and the no less hearty thanks of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, for the very eminent services which he had rendered to the Province of South Wales. Coming amongst them, as he did, some nine years ago, Bro. Broughton speedily identified himself with Masonry in the province, and he earned the favour of the brethren to such an extent that for three consecutive years he filled the high position of Master of the Brecon Lodge. (Cheers.) This would show how distinguished a Mason he must have been before he would have received such an honour at the hands of the brethren of his lodge. He was next selected upon three separate occasions to hold high office in Grand Lodge, and he now sat amongst them a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden. (Cheers.) Speaking personally he very much regretted that Bro. Broughton was going to leave them, and if he looked round that room he would see a number of brethren to whom he was equally well known as he was to himself, by whom he was equally esteemed, and who would regret his departure as he (the chairman) did. They had, however, assembled on that occasion, not to express vain regrets, for it was to Bro. Broughton's interest that the change should be made, but to convey to him their warmest sympathy, accompanied with earnest hopes for his future prosperity in life in the new and far-off sphere to which he had been called. They had met to say farewell, and in saying farewell their wish was that he might fare well—the wish being expressed—if he interpreted the feelings aright of those who were then present—being expressed in the fervent hope that his journey across the pathless sea would be a safe and a pleasant one, and that he would meet with the same brotherly kindness and consideration among his new Masonic friends as he had earned for himself among the old. (Loud Cheers.) Their expressions of fraternal regard must of necessity be very cheering to Bro. Broughton, well calculated to cheer him on his way to the distant home to which he was going—a home which they one and all hoped would have many pleasant surroundings. He therefore called upon them to join him in wishing the brother who was leaving them a very hearty and a very affectionate farewell. (Loud applause, the toast being enthusiastically received with every expression of hearty good-will towards the worthy brother so feelingly alluded to.)

Bro. Broughton, who, on rising, was received with loud and long-continued cheers, and who spoke throughout with evidently suppressed emotion, said he scarcely knew how to thank them sufficiently for the reception which they had given to him, for the honour which they had bestowed upon him, and for the very kind remarks which had been made in reference to him. Their worthy chairman, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, had shown considerable ability in enriching the printed programme of their proceedings with appropriate Shakespearean quotations. There was one quotation, however, which had been omitted, which had special reference to his own case. Shakespeare had said that some men were born to greatness, others achieved greatness, and some had greatness thrust upon them. He felt that he could conscientiously say that he had achieved no greatness except what had been thrust upon him—and thrust upon him very kindly indeed. He felt how little he had really done for Freemasonry—how little he had done to carry out that which,

when, twenty years ago, the mysterious veil was drawn aside, and he was admitted into their midst. What he heard then he should never forget, and he was quite sure he had carried out very imperfectly the principles inculcated, and for which he had received such honour and consideration at their hands. He would tell them why he admired Freemasonry—nay, why he loved it. He admired it, first, because it inculcated a belief in, and an adoration of, the Almighty God, because it teaches us morality and truth as guiding principles, and exhorted to charity as the one beneficent rule of daily life. It was religion without dogma, and almost without doctrine. Beyond this, it tended to elevate man in every respect, both morally and socially, and could be understood only by those who investigated the mysteries by which it was surrounded. Though ancient, it could not be classed among the worn-out sciences. It was a thing of to-day, as it was that of the distant past; and they had in it, besides its wealth of science, all the elements of pure and simple religion. It taught them grand and telling truths for their guidance in the present, and held out to them the certainty of a glorious future. That was why he admired Freemasonry, nay, loved it. (Loud cheers.) He thanked them sincerely for the honour they had bestowed upon him, undeserved though he knew it was—earnestly and fraternally did he thank them, and, in thanking them, bade them farewell. (Applause.) The speaker sat down, being heartily cheered, "Auld Lang Syne" being feelingly sung by the brethren with the usual accessories.

The list of toasts having been disposed of, the meeting broke up, the brethren all wishing Bro. Broughton a prosperous voyage and a safe return.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The fourth meeting of the Stewards for the festival of next Wednesday was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Past Grand Senior Warden of England, President of the Board of Stewards, took the chair, in which he was supported by Bros. Edward Jones, S.D., 192; A. John Bingemann, W.M. 55; Thomas J. Sabine, Mark Degree; Robert B. Webster, W.M. 1320; Francis R. Vine, P.M. 173; John A. Rucker, P.G.D. 66; R. R. Davis, W.M. 256; John Palmer, W.M. 1501; T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 907; Samuel J. Hose, W.M. 1155; Israel Abrahams, P.M. 188; J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M. Dorset; W. C. Parsons, W.M. 180; A. Brown, W.M. 766; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; H. E. Burt, P.M. 622; W. Lane, W.M. 28; Charles Moody, P.M. 1046; John Healey, P.M. 59; S. Rosenthal, P.M. 435; A. B. Garrett, W.M. 11; John Cox, W.M. 1257; W. H. Smith, 108; John Seex, P.M. 186; C. J. Morgan, S.W. 8; J. L. H. Vockins, W.M. 1329; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; W. Lutwyche, W.M. 1365; J. C. Bayley, 33; G. Ward Verry, P.M. 1278; Richard Motion, 453; Henry Venn, R.C.; Wm. Stephens, 1351; W. H. Farnfield, W.M. 907; H. Massey (*Freemason*); and F. Binckes, Sec.

The printed regulations were read, and the plan of the building was explained by Bro. Binckes, who also announced to the Stewards that they were expected to attend at the Alexandra Palace at three o'clock to half-past three on Wednesday next, for final instruction in their duties. The toast list was submitted and approved, and a vote of thanks to Lord Balfour of Burleigh, proposed by Bro. J. A. Rucker, Past Grand Deacon, and seconded by Bro. S. J. Hose, W.M. 1155, was carried unanimously.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote, said he would take this opportunity, as it was the first time he had been able to attend a meeting of the Stewards for the festival of the Boys' School this year, to state that it arose from other engagements. As some of the brethren might be aware, he was one of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the working of the Factory Acts, and, in strictness, he ought to be in Manchester at that moment, but as he was very anxious to attend this meeting, he had got another Commissioner to take his place at Manchester for that day. (Cheers.)

In answer to a question of Bro. Bingemann as to the probable number of visitors at the festival, Bro. Binckes said that all Stewards had notice sent to them that any "returns" must be delivered by that day, the 28th. Very few of such returns had been sent in, and therefore the Stewards had a right to expect that there would be a very large attendance. Every post would now bring in applications for tickets. The pressure would be very great, and the kindest consideration must be given for the members of the board. He hoped that all the Stewards would think it their individual duty to contribute their best efforts to the success of the festival.

At the close of the meeting the ballot for places was conducted, which lasted a considerable time.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY.—On Saturday evening the usual Council meeting of the Council of the Hospital Saturday Fund was held at 28, Leicester-square. The Chairman (Bro. Captain Mercier) reported that since the Hospital Saturday delegate meeting on the 12th ult., when he announced that nearly two hundred names of firms had been received, upwards of thirteen hundred additional names had been sent in, making the total number up to the present time 1,500 firms, amongst whose employes collections would be made. This was beyond measure satisfactory, especially as further names are being received at the rate of from 60 to 100 per day. There was thus every reason to hope that this year's collection will be a large one.

THE *Morning Post* states that there will be a meeting of those peers interested in Ireland at the Duke of Abercorn's private residence in Green-street, Grosvenor-square, Lord Hawarden has called the attendance by circular.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

An unusually large number of Freemasons assembled in Worcester on Tuesday, 22nd ult., to celebrate, under the able and genial rule of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Albert Hudson Royds), the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Worcestershire. The occasion was most auspicious, many circumstances conspiring to add to the pleasures of the day. The weather was fine, attendance, as we have said, was numerous, and the reception by the local Freemasons was cordial and hospitable. The members and visitors at Grand Lodge were the invited guests of Wor. Bro. J. Bourne, W.M. of Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, and of the brethren of that lodge, which is held at the Crown Hotel. On this occasion, however, the lodge was formed in the Assembly Room at the Guildhall, which had been placed at the disposal of the Freemasons by the Mayor (Mr. J. Longmore). The Master and Wardens of Semper Fidelis Lodge included the members of the sister lodge—the Worcester Lodge, No. 280—in the invitations issued to all present to partake of a very admirable luncheon courteously provided by Bro. Bourne and the brethren over whom he presides, and purveyed by Bro. Fuggie, proprietor of the Crown Hotel, in a manner that sustained his established reputation as a skillful and liberal caterer. After the luncheon had been discussed a hearty vote of thanks was, on the motion of the P.G.M., passed to Bro. Bourne and the members of his lodge for their hospitality, and the brethren of Semper Fidelis proceeded to the Assembly Room, where a Craft Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Bourne. The P.G.M. and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge then mustered and entered the lodge in procession, the chair being surrendered to the P.G.M., Bro. Royds, who opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form. Amongst those present were the following:—Bro. A. H. Royds, P.G.M.; — Masefield, Deputy P.G.M.; E. A. N. Royds, P.D.P.G.M.; John Barber, P.D.P.G.M.; J. Rutland, P.S.G.W.; W. Westwood, P.J.G.W.; W. H. Jones, P.S.G.W.; Samuel Smith, 252, P.P.G.W.; Walter Holland, P.P.G.W.; Thomas Hobbs, P.P.G.W.; Albert Brown, P.P.G.W.; W. R. Cosens, D.D., P.G.C.; C. C. Whitney-Griffiths, P.G.T.; H. G. Goldingham, P.G.R.; H. Cross, P.P.G.R.; W. Bristow, P.M., 252, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S.; E. T. Wright, 564, P.J.G.D.; W. Dyer, P.M., 529, P.P.G.D.; W. Meredith, 280, P.P.G.D.; P. H. Bloomer, P.G.S. of Works; J. Stokes, W.M., 252, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; A. A. Sylvester, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; W. Healy, 564, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; J. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; A. F. Godson, 1097, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; G. T. Bloomer, P.G. Sword Bearer; T. Brettell, P.M., 252, P.P.G.Sword Bearer; T. Froman, P.M., 573, P.G. Organist; F. E. Lucy, 529 and 1204, P.P.G. Pursuivant; J. Broomhall, P.M., 560, P.P.G. Pursuivant; J. Foley, S.D., 564, P.G. Steward; J. Bourne, W.M., 529; V. Gregg, W.M., 280; F. Powell, P.M., 486; L. H. Kinnoek, P.M., 573; B. Woodward, 377; G. R. Godson, P.M., 1097; J. McEwin, 564; W. Waring, 252; J. P. Bayley, 564; J. H. L. Jones, 280; S. J. Perkes, 1163; J. S. Fisher, 1163; R. Lansmere, 1087; H. D'Arcy Ellis, 564; W. Perry, 564; J. Jordan, 498; J. Birch, 564; J. Ellis, 564; S. A. Brooks, 564; R. S. Blundell, 560; J. Clements, 498; J. Bayliss, 573; H. Wilson, P.M., 1204; C. Lloyd Lester, S.D., 252; G. P. Chapman, W.M., 573; J. Beckley, 573; A. Pearson, 573; R. L. Campbell, W.M., 564; J. Morston, W.M., 560; W. Turton, S.W., 377; G. Southall, P.M., 377; G. F. Groves, 573; E. Stringer, Steward, 564; F. Perkes, S., 564; J. F. Bedford, 560; J. Joseland, J.W., 529; W. Somers, P.M., 573; A. Combes, 560; T. C. W. Conless, J.D., 377; T. Blaybrough, 377; J. V. Stallard, 280; J. Dawes, J.D., 498; D. W. Barker, 280; J. B. Pinkett, 280; T. Groves, 529; T. Bennett, 529; G. W. Weldin, 529; J. Still, Sec., 529; J. Collins, 252; G. F. Thompson, 252; B. Wood, 564; R. Smith, P.M., 280, P.G.S.W.; G. B. Pridley, 564; C. M. Collins, 529; E. Williams, 564; G. Everton, 529; H. E. Walker, 252; J. J. Roberts, S.D., 529; J. Parker, 529; R. G. Walker, 252; F. R. Petch, 1004, 1387, 204; S. M. Campbell, 529; H. Bagott, 252; G. Bagott, J.W., 252; W. M. Smith, S.W., 252; J. F. Higgs, 252; W. H. Wood, P.M., 280; J. Russell, 252; J. P. Nunn, 482; W. Bagott, 252; S. Bagott, 252; C. Hickson, 460; G. S. Owen, 252; F. H. Lingham, J.D., 280; S. Dimpleby, 529; F. G. Russell, S., 1204; E. H. Tiley, S.W., 529; R. Lloyd, 377; J. Dugard, 377; E. H. Cowen, 529; H. Rowe, 280; F. Garner, Tyler, 252; W. Caldicott, 529; W. Mills, Tyler, 560; H. Scott, Tyler, 564; E. Gynn, Tyler, 1,204; H. Willis, 280; H. Madden, J.W., 1204; J. Phillips, 529; J. Carter, J.D., 529; J. Dixon, J.G., 377; J. H. Meredith, P.P.G.R., Staffordshire, 624.

The P.G.M. having been saluted with proper honours, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. Bristow, P.M. 252, read the minutes, which were confirmed.

The muster roll was next called, when it was found that the respective lodges in the province were represented as under:—Harmonic Lodge No. 252, 20 members; Worcester Lodge 280, 16; Hope and Charity 377, 9; Royal Standard 498, 4; Semper Fidelis 529, 25; Vernon 560, 8; Stability 564, 20; Perseverance 573, 10; St. Michael's 1097, 3; Royds 1204, 9.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. C. J. Vigne, Capt. N. G. Phillips, G. W. Grosvenor, R. Woof, F.S.A., and G. Baldwin.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Wor. Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.P.S.G.W. and P.M. Worcester Lodge No. 280, were read and unanimously confirmed.

The re-election as Treasurer of Wor. Brother Whitney Griffiths was then proposed by Wor. Brother Masefield, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded by Wor. Bro. R. Smith, P.P.S.G.W., and carried with acclamation, the

brethren attesting by their applause their high appreciation of the long and infinitely varied services of this officer. The recipient of the compliment at once acknowledged it.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Senior Grand Warden, Wor. Brother W. H. Jones, P.M., 564; Junior Grand Warden, Brother T. M. Hopkins, P.M., 529; Grand Chaplain, Brother Rev. Dr. Cosens, 252; Grand Treasurer, Brother C. C. W. Griffiths, P.M., 280; Grand Registrar, Brother J. Stokes, W.M., 252; Grand Secretary, Brother W. Bristow, P.M., 252; Senior Grand Deacon, Brother R. Broomhall, P.M., 564; Junior Grand Deacon, Brother E. L. Harrison, P.M., 529; Grand Supt. of Works, Brother A. A. Sylvester, P.M., 280; Grand Dir. of Cer., Brother T. Brettell, P.M., 252; Assistant Ditto, Brother E. Watton, P.M., 529; Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. J. Bourne, W.M., 529; Grand Organist, Brother T. Froman, P.M., 573; Grand Pursuivant, Brother H. Wilson, P.M., 1204. The Stewards appointed were Brothers E. Tiley, J. Joseland, J. F. Roberts, John Carter, C. M. Collins, W. Caldicott, all of Lodge 573. The Tylers, Brothers J. Stanley (573) and J. Smith (280), were re-appointed.

An invitation was tendered by Wor. Bro. Stokes (Mayor of Dudley) that the Grand Lodge of the Province should, in the year 1876, be held at Dudley. The Wor. Master of the Vernon Lodge said he had been desired to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge to meet at Stourport. On a division, 20 voted for Dudley and 11 for Stourport, and consequently Dudley was appointed as the *locale* of next year's meeting.

On the motion of Wor. Bro. J. Rutland, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Wor. Bro. Godson, P.P.G.D.C., it was unanimously resolved that as the amount of the offertory at the cathedral would be handed over to the Masonic body by the Dean of Worcester, the sum should be forwarded to the Royal Albert City and County Orphan Asylum.

A letter was read from W. Bro. Wool (F.S.A.), indicating that the restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey was a work in which the Freemasons of Worcestershire might worthily lend their aid. On the motion of W. Bro. Bristow, seconded by Bro. Goldingham, P.P.G. Registrar, it was resolved that the W.M.'s in the province should be requested to bring the subject before their respective lodges.

The Prov. Grand Master then closed the Grand Lodge in accordance with ancient custom.

The brethren were next mustered, and went in procession to the cathedral, the bells of which rang gaily as they passed along High-street and entered the edifice. The volume of the Sacred Law was borne in the procession by the following "Lewises" (sons of Masons):—Masters Eustatius Griffiths, Thomas Meredith Hopkins, John Archer Weldin, and Herbert Haughton Hill.

At the service in the cathedral Canon Wood and Canon Seymour were present. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. T. L. Wheeler, the Rev. Bro. R. Cattle, and the Rev. Mr. Taverner, and the lessons were read by Canon Wood.

The Rev. Bro. W. R. Cosens, D.D., Vicar of Dudley, preached in a singularly eloquent, powerful, and impressive manner, a sermon, the text of which was taken from Galatians v., 6th verse, "Faith which worketh by love." The rev. gentleman said, worshipping that day in that grand and beautiful temple of God, their thoughts travelled back to far distant centuries. They rested awhile with Oswald in the tenth century, and with those Masons, operative and free, who laboured around him; or they wandered back to those more distant days when the monks built their first Cathedral Church of St. Peter on the banks of the Severn, at a period when the Anglo-Saxon Church was gifted with such good and learned men as Bede and Egbert, and when to that Church was given the missionary zeal to Christianise Germany and the Netherlands. Whilst the very beauty of such a structure as the one in which they were assembled inspired them with heavenly thoughts, they were reminded of the one great principle which had for 4000 years dignified the worship of the Architect of the Universe by bringing to that worship rich offerings in wood and stone, with gold and silver and jewelled beauties—thus offering to Him, who had freely given to them all things, their own works of art, and the labour of their own hands. They were thus permitted to intensify the beauties of His own creation by the labour of the Craftsman and the Mason, and to glorify Him who had granted to them earthly things by sanctifying art and labour in dedicating them to Him. The great principle which was the ruling power in the older Church—the Church of the tabernacle and the temple—had ever been the very life and centre of religious thought in the Christian Church. That principle was "Faith which worketh by love." It was true that idolatrous polytheism had like its gods many altars, but gorgeous as were many of the heathen temples their magnificence paled before the wondrous house of the true God. He dwelt upon the example set to future worshippers of the Almighty by Solomon, who erected the first temple to God, and lavished upon it such a prodigious score of gold, silver, and other riches. They were, in fact, startled by the amount thus expended, but it should teach them that faith ought not to count the cost that love should sacrifice to its God. In tracing out the histories of ancient dynasties, the lover of art was assured that architecture and civilisation had gone hand-in-hand together. The five orders of architecture, from the simple Tuscan to the elaborate composite, were in themselves a history of the progress of civilisation, and, clustering around them, painting and sculpture had made the beautiful science of architecture all the more comely by illuminating it with all the fair graces and virtues which adorned the race of man. But they as Freemasons saw architecture and religion blended together in a wondrous harmony. Freemasonry enjoyed the privilege of retaining and ennobling that harmony of thought. True it was that Freemasonry was speculative,

rather than operative; philosophical and metaphysical, rather than practical and physical. But they must not forget that to Freemasons had been granted the fame of having erected those stately churches and noble cathedrals which abounded on the Continent, while nearer home they could not disassociate their ancient Order from such works as Austin's Abbey of Canterbury; the island Church at Lindisfarne; Wearmouth, Ripon, and Glastonbury. It might indeed be said with truth that one of the greatest evidences of vitality in a Church was the effort to erect, to restore, or to beautify the houses of God in the land, and even now, amid sounds of variance, which probably were rather more wordy than real, they beheld cathedrals upon which peers and high ecclesiastical dignitaries had recently—and even now—bestowed of the wealth with which God had blessed them. Their large towns showed what commercial prosperity, actuated by a loving faith, would do for God; and the squires, the farmers, and the peasantry loved and sought to beautify the village church where their forefathers knelt. There could thus be no doubt that faith, working by love, was never content to dwell in luxuriant houses whilst the temple of God lay waste. In their own day, and in that very province, Freemasons had not been found wanting in aiding to beautify their church with stained glass. They had further given their presence and their alms at the re-opening of their cathedral, and more recently still had participated in laying the corner-stone of a new church in the Black Country. Surely faith working by love had thus been exercising its influences. Adverting to the recent denunciation of Freemasonry by the Pope, the preacher said it mattered not to them in England what an aged prelate in Italy might write of their body. Thank God, honest and true men believed intensely in the principles and the work of their Order. The highest and noblest gentleman of their kingdom had not thought it otherwise than an honour to be called on to rule over their whole body. He asked if there was in Freemasonry any practice or theory derogatory to that purer form of faith which the great mass of them professed as Christians. There was, he believed, great truth in the words "Reduce Freemasonry to the limits of any particular religious institution, and you de facto annihilate its usefulness as a common bond of humanity. Declare it to be in its maxims, rites, and ceremonies exclusive in its character, and you a priori debase it to that anti-social position wherein the most rancorous passions of the human heart have raged to enkindle wrath, envy, hatred, and discord among mankind." For what was that faith which worketh by love? Was it not that which moistened the dry soil of their hardened hearts; fed and cleansed their dark habitations; turned the vast wheels of their complex social system, and so deepened their shallow thoughts, widened their narrow sympathies, sweetened their bitter controversies, and freshened their stagnant indolence? Faith was defined among Masons to be "the foundation of justice, the bond of amity, and the chief support of civil society; we live and walk by faith; by it we have a hope and acknowledgment in the existence of a Supreme Being, and are justified, accepted, and finally received. While charity or love is one of the brightest gems that can adorn our Masonic profession, it is the best test and surest proof of the sincerity of our religion." The rev. gentleman proceeded to impress upon them the necessity of cultivating more and more that "faith which worketh by love." What their ancestors had done in works of architecture and beauty to the glory of God, let them imitate. Let each of them be careful to perform their allotted task while it was day, inspired with a holy confidence that the Lord of Life would enable them to trample the King of Terrors under their feet; and let them lift their eyes to that bright morning star, whose rising would bring true fruition of that "faith which worketh by love" to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

The offertory amounted to £22 17s.

After the service the procession was re-formed, and the brethren went to the Crown Hotel, where a superb banquet, prepared by Brother Fuggie, was in readiness. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and a very gratifying evening was spent. The "Lewises" were each presented with a copy of the volume of the Sacred Law, and a motion was passed with enthusiasm conveying to the Rev. Dr. Cosens very special thanks for the sermon preached in the cathedral.

## Obituary.

## THE LATE BRO. WILLIAM BULLEY.

The funeral of Bro. William Bulley, one of the oldest Freemasons in Birkenhead and neighbourhood, who at the time of his death was P.G. Warden of the Province of Cheshire, and who had formerly held many high offices, took place on Saturday, the 19th ult., at Flaybrick-hill Cemetery, near Birkenhead, and was attended by a very large number of the Masonic brethren. Bro. Bulley was greatly esteemed by all who knew him, both in Masonry and the outside world, and he has left a blank which will not be easily filled up. The funeral cortege left the late residence of the deceased in Clifton-park shortly before two o'clock, the chief mourners being the deceased's two sons, his brother, Bro. Henry Bulley (chairman of the Oxtou Local Board, and a well known Freemason), Mr. Hoffman, &c. Amongst the Freemasons present were Bros. J. M. Radcliffe, P.M. (605), T. E. Hignett, P.M. (537), J. P. Platt, P.P.G.W. (537), Thomas Platt, P.P.G.D., Dr. Spratley, P.P.G.D. (537), Dr. Wilson, P.M. (537), E. J. Haddon, W.M. (605), Matthew McNeerney, S.W. (605), T. Leighton, P.M., Sec. (605), Robert Gracie, P.M. (477), Donald Fraser, W.M. (477), F. K. Stevenson, P.M. (537), Ellis Davis, P.M. (605), Samuel Jones, P.M. (477), Thomas V. Evans (292), William Clements (605), T. C. Thorburn, of the Joppa Mark Lodge (11); L. Ellis, W.M., and A. Lowe, of Rock Ferry; Edward Parsons (537), N. Hall (537), W. Worrall and Griffiths, Chester; F. Sander-son, John Lamb, &c.

Masonic Tidings.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has given Bro. L. Desanges a sitting for a full-length portrait, to be presented to Grand Lodge by the Lodge of Friendship No. 6.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.—This hall will be dedicated to Masonic purposes by Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M., on Wednesday, the 14th inst., on which occasion the New Lodge, called after the name of the hall, will also be consecrated. We understand the hall is already in great demand, and applications are daily coming in for lodges and chapters to hold their meetings there.

A warrant for a new conclave, to be named the "Thanet Conclave," has been granted, and the same will be consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Margate, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., by Col. Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, assisted by R. Wentworth Little, Grand Treasurer, H. A. Dubois, Assistant Grand Treasurer, and other Sir Knights of the Grand Council and Senate. Sir Knights Bolton and Compton are to be the first M.P.S. and Eusebius.

The meetings of the Domestic Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, which is close to the Camberwell Station of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway. The meetings are to be held every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The lodge commenced these meetings last Tuesday evening, on which occasion it was well attended. Bro. M. S. Larham is the Preceptor, and Bro. C. E. Towell the Secretary, of the lodge.

THE LIMPUS TESTIMONIAL.—We have received the following circular—"College of Organists, 41, Queen-square, London, 15th June, 1875. Dear Sir,—The Council of the College being desirous to present a Testimonial to the widow of the late Mr. Limpus, have determined to open subscription lists, to enable its members and other friends to offer her a substantial proof of the high esteem in which her late husband was universally held. Mr. Limpus was the founder of the College, and held the position of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer from its commencement to the time of his death, and it is to his untiring energy and zeal that the College has attained its present state of efficiency. He also took a chief part in founding the Benevolent Fund attached to the College, to promote which he organized and conducted a Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral, with great success. Mr. Limpus attained considerable eminence in his profession as a lecturer, composer, and teacher, and his earnest service as the organist of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, for upwards of a quarter of a century, is well known. He also held the position of Provincial Grand Organist for Middlesex to the Craft of Freemasons, and in all things tending to foster the love of music he was filled with enthusiasm, and was not to be disheartened by any obstacles to a successful issue of his labours. His loss leaves a gap which it will not be easy to fill, and will be felt by none more keenly than the younger members of the profession, whom he was at all times ready to advise and to help. Having died at a comparatively early age, after a long and expensive illness, he was not enabled to make provision for his widow, and the Council of the College hope, by this means, to be enabled to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of their late friend, and a compliment to his widow.—I am, dear Sir, yours very truly, E. H. TURPIN, Hon. Sec."

A concert for the benefit of the widow of the late respected brother, Richard Limpus, will take place in St. George's Hall, Laugham Place, on Thursday evening, July 15. Many distinguished artistes have volunteered their services. Full particulars in our next.

A committee has been formed to promote a testimonial to Bro. Thomas Meckham, in recognition of the efficient manner in which he has for many years carried out the onerous duties of one of the M.C.'s of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum and School Balls, the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society Ball, the North and South of the Thames Licensed Victuallers' Cricket Clubs Balls, &c.

The will of Bro. Sidney Spencer, late of the Cannon-st. Hotel, who died at Hottendane, was proved by Bro. John Shaw, of the South Eastern Railway Company, and Bro. J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk of London, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £10,000. The testator bequeaths to his wife, Mrs. Jane Spencer, all his household furniture and effects absolutely, and the residue of his property for life. At her decease, he gives such residue to his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Spencer.

CRIPPLEGATE PENSION SOCIETY.—On Wednesday a numerous party of the subscribers and friends of the Cripple-gate Pension Society took a trip in the saloon boat, "Albert Edward," to Rosherville Gardens. Bro. Alderman Knight, chairman, was supported by about eighty at dinner. The toast of "Success to the Institution," which the chairman said he was pleased to propose, was coupled with the names of Mr. H. W. Nind, C.C. (the treasurer) and Bro. U. Knell (the honorary secretary), by whose energy these "outings" were made pleasant and enjoyable. Both gentlemen acknowledged the compliment.

The United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction now meet at the New Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction No. 73 meet every Wednesday evening at 8, at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road; Bro. Noke, P.M., Preceptor.

The Salisbury Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, instead of Compton-street, Soho.

The Athenæum Lodge have arranged a picnic for the 3rd July, to be held at Maidenhead. Saloon carriages will be provided by the 1.5 train from Paddington.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHAUCER LODGE, No. 1540.—A full report of the above will appear in our next issue.

THE QUEEN ON TEMPERANCE.—The Rev. Basil Wilberforce, of Southampton, having sent to the Queen certain publications connected with the temperance movement, has the *Hampshire Independent* says) received the following reply:—"I am desired to thank you for placing in her Majesty's hands works on a subject of the deepest importance to her and to every one in this country. It is impossible for the Queen not to be grateful to those who endeavour to mitigate an evil of such magnitude as the widely spread intemperance which unfortunately prevails."

THE FLOODS AT TOULOUSE.—In Paris this calamity has caused general consternation. The capital is determined not to be behindhand in showing its sympathy, Assistance is pouring in from all quarters. The newspapers have headed and opened subscriptions; collections were made in all the Paris churches to-day; benefit representations are to take place at all the theatres; the Grand Lodge of Freemasons has sent a first subscription of 5,000 francs to the fund inaugurated by the Marechale de MacMahon. Rich and poor are vying with each other in their offerings; for the moment political and social differences are forgotten; and all classes are united together in the firm determination that the sufferers shall receive all that human aid and sympathy can supply. This clan does credit to the people of Paris; it shows that they are not wholly lost in folly and luxury, and that, au fond, their heart is in the right place.

A number of persons in Dublin have presented Bro. Captain Boyton with a gold medal to commemorate his landing on the Irish Coast. Bro. Boyton will go over to Paris with the Lord Mayor of London's party on 12th August. Subsequently he will swim in his dress up the Rhine and the Danube, and later on will, without his dress, endeavour to cross the Hellespont.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—There will be no meeting for business of the Prov. G. Chapter and Lodge in July next. The annual banquet of the Order will take place at the Café Royal, 68, Regent-street, London, W., on Monday, the 5th of July, at 7 o'clock p.m. Tickets, 21s.

NORTHAMPTON.—The brethren in this neighbourhood have recently formed a limited liability company, and have purchased premises where they have an admirable lodge room. It is their intention to build shops, and they anticipate a fair dividend from this source, thus enabling them to keep the lodge room entirely for their own purposes.

BRO. TEW'S PAMPHLET.—We have received a printed circular which the Head Master of the Boys' School has addressed to the Yorkshire Vice-Presidents of the Institution. We did not, however, receive it till too late for insertion this week, and we shall, therefore, give it in our next impression, together with a short note which Bro. Binckes has sent us in reply to Bro. Perrott's circular.

The advice of the late Mr. Thackeray was as much prized by his friends as his literary genius was appreciated by his fellow-countrymen. A young lady of his acquaintance, knowing how wide and deep was his knowledge of worldly matters, one day asked him what would be the best present to make to her old friend and school-fellow, who was just married, and was now setting up housekeeping. "My dear," replied the great novelist, "you may be certain your young married friends are thinking only of the luxurious and the ornamental in their purchases. Now, suppose you take the useful and the practical side. My dear, you cannot do better than present your friends with a filter—a Lipscombe's filter, mind. It is the best kind of filter I know." This was some years since, and the merits of Lipscombe's filters have become more and more esteemed as their use has spread. Numbers of valuable lives were saved during the Ashantee war by means of these filters sent out by the Government from the well-known establishment near Temple Bar, which converted water absolutely poisonous into a pure and wholesome beverage.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The treat to the children of this School, mentioned in our last impression, was given on Tuesday last at the Crystal Palace. The children who left the school by the 9.42 a.m. train from Clapham Junction, were accompanied by the head governess, Miss Davis, Miss Kernot, Miss Moss, Miss Redgrave, Miss Buck, Miss Sheppard, Miss Triggs, Miss Gillard, and Miss Hutchinson. The members of the House Committee present were Bro. the Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, Lieut-Col. Peters, H. A. Dubois, R. W. Little (Sec.), Mrs. Little, Bro. H. Muggerridge (Collector), Mrs. Muggerridge, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges (Clerk), Bro. Edw. Cox, H. Phythian, F. Kelly, Cubitt, Richard Spencer, Charles Lacey, R. B. Webster, Miss Cubitt, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. and Miss Winn, and Mrs. and Miss Allshorn. On arriving at the Palace, the visitors and children at once proceeded to view the building and the various treasures with which it abounds, enjoyed the grounds, the boating on the lakes, the swings, and,

through the kindness of Bro. E. Cox, obtained free admission to the Aquarium, the Wurtemberg collection, and the opera. At half-past one they all sat down to a splendid collation, and at half-past five o'clock to tea, both of which meals were most liberally supplied by Bro. Sawyer, the contractor for the refreshment department of the Crystal Palace. All the children, who were in number 138, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and with regret they left the Palace by the 8.25 special train. The directors and secretary of the Palace (Mr. Wilkinson) had liberally placed reserved seats at their disposal to witness the fireworks, but on account of the crowds leaving the building and grounds by train immediately after the close of the pyrotechnic display, this offer was unwillingly obliged to be declined; it was, however, fully appreciated by the children, as well as the managers of the Institution, who tendered their best thanks for the kindness.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 9, 1875.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 3.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Precep. 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton Court.  
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, JULY 5.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
Annual Banquet Royal Order of Scotland, Café Royal, 68, Regent-street.  
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.  
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.  
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.  
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.  
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.  
Wellington Lodge of Instruction (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, JULY 6.

Colonial Board, at 3.  
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.  
" 1472, Hlenley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
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, Precep.  
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrunc, 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, Bishops-gate-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, JULY 7.

Anniversary Festival Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (See Advertisement).  
Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, N.W.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Leytonstone.  
Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, Café Royal, Regent-street.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction (73), Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road, at 8; Bro. Noke P.M., Preceptor.

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 Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19 Jermyn Street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

**THURSDAY, JULY 8.**

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.

Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

" 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

**FRIDAY, JULY 9.**

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.

Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

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.

Pannure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Precep.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, 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.

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

For the Week ending Saturday, July 10, 1875.

**MONDAY, JULY 5.**

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

**TUESDAY, JULY 6.**

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.**

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.

" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh.

Mark Lodge, 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

**THURSDAY, JULY 8.**

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 5.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

**FRIDAY, JULY 9.**

Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, July 10, 1875.

**MONDAY, JULY 5.**

Lodge 37, Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, at 6.

" 381, Harmony and Industry, New Inn, Over Darwen, at 6.30.

" 1009, Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

" 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, near Manchester, at 5.

" 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.

**TUESDAY, JULY 6.**

Lodge 1134, Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford, at 6.

" 1322, Waverley, Church Inn, Hurst Cross, near Ashton-under-Lyne.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.**

Lodge 298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale, at 7.

" 645, Humphrey, Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

" 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, at 6.30.

" 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, Manchester, at 6.

" 1144, Milton, Ryecroft Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 6.

Chap. 300, Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, at 7.

**THURSDAY, JULY 8.**

Lodge 854, Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham, at 8.

" 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham, Manchester, at 6.

**FRIDAY, JULY 9.**

Chap. 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington, at 7.

" 993, Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, at 6.

Preceptory St. Joseph, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, at 6.

" St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, at 6.30.

Rose Croix Chapter, Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester, at 3.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 5.**

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tavern, Ayr.

" 129, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.

" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hotel, Ayr.

" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.

" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.

Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street, Glasgow.

**TUESDAY, JULY 6.**

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.

" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-street.

" 173, St. John, Masonic Hall, Largs.

" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.

" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.

" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.**

Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Kilwinning

" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 8, Navigation, Commercial Hall, Troon.

" 21, Old St. John, Masonic Hall, Lanark.

" 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 128, St. John, Masonic Hall, Shettleston.

" 166, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Airdrie.

" 354, Caledonian Railway, 360, Hope-street.

" 442, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Ardrossan.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

**THURSDAY, JULY 8.**

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 313, Buchanan-st.

**FRIDAY, JULY 9.**

Lodge 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnathen.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garnad-road.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.**

For the Week ending Saturday, July 10, 1875.

**MONDAY, JULY 5.**

Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

**TUESDAY, JULY 6.**

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-street.

" 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, Register-street.

" 405, Riffe, Freemasons' Hall.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.**

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-st.

**THURSDAY, JULY 8.**

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st.

**FRIDAY, JULY 9.**

Lodge 56, Canongate, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.

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