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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, the W.M., Bro. George Everett, presiding. Bro. Fowler, 244, was passed, and five gentlemen were initiated, one of them being the W.M.'s son. The names of the initiates were George Land Everett, Robert Osborne (Capt.), A. S. Gilbert, Frederick Wigmore, and Frederick Harding. After this, propositions were given in for five more initiates, and the brethren then adjourned to banquet. Among those who sat down were Bros. Geo. Everett, W.M.; A. Treadwell, S.W.; Jas. Willing, J.W.; Joseph Smith, Treas.; Thos. Williams, S.D.; W. Palmer, J.D.; J. Buscall, I.G.; J. Tims, P.M.; F. Kent, P.M.; J. E. Wallford, P.M. Visitors—H. B. Fowler, 244; H. C. Thompson, 299; John Kent, 192; W. Read, 1507; T. W. Gardner, W.M. 1381; B. Simner, P.G. Warden of British Burmah; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293, and Sir John Bennett; H. Massey ("Freemason"), and thirty-two lay members of the lodge. In the course of the evening Bro. Sir John Bennett, No. 1, favoured the company with his presence. The usual toasts were proposed, and that of "The W.M." was received with great enthusiasm, unqualified popularity with the brethren having characterised his year of office. The W.M., in reply, said that he had often had occasion to remark that to speak of oneself was always a disagreeable operation. It was, however, highly gratifying to him to know that the brethren appreciated his humble endeavours to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and also to know that up to the present time the brethren had considered him successful. The Mastership of the Domatic Lodge was not altogether a bed of roses. It was very different to presiding over a lodge of thirty or forty brethren. Although this was an emergency meeting, there were forty-nine brethren present, a very quiet night for the Domatic Lodge, the numerous members of whom the lodge was composed evidently not expecting that there was anything but the lodge work to do. Bro. Joseph Smith, the Treasurer, who had proposed the toast, had said very kind things of him, more he feared than was his due, and his allusion to the excellent summer banquet, with which every one was delighted, revived in his recollection some pleasant hours which he should never forget. If he might be allowed to refer to it he would say that he undertook it with diffidence, because he knew what an onerous affair it would be. But on all hands he received support and encouragement, which encouraged him to do all and everything he could to serve the lodge and all connected with it. Now this he was always determined to do in conjunction with Bro. Willing, and if he could only succeed in doing it during the remainder of his year of office, with the same approbation of the brethren as he had had hitherto, he should consider himself amply rewarded. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and particularly referred to the pleasure it gave him to have initiated that night his own son, and a few old friends, who he was sure would do honour to the Craft they had joined. Referring to his son, he said he had not admitted him to Masonry in order that he might get "Masonry on the brain," and rush about night after night to the detriment of his health, but he was desirous of teaching him some of those good things there were in Masonry. Seventeen years ago he had gone through the same ceremony as his son had that night, and he then thought, as he now knew, to be a good Mason was to be a good man. He brought him into the Order with that before his eyes. The man who just went through his three degrees and thought no more of it, knew little of Masonry; but the man who studied it found that it, like the works of the great poet, Shakespeare, revealed more beauties the more it was known. There were beautiful things in it which occurred to a man in every part of his life. He might say that many and many a time when he was working up for the position of W.M., before his son had attained to manhood, he wished to communicate to him some of the things which he was studying. By his obligation, however, he was precluded from doing it; but now that barrier was removed, and he could teach his son, as well as the friends who that night accompanied him, the knowledge he himself possessed. The W.M. concluded by trusting that all the initiates would go through and thoroughly understand all the degrees in Masonry, and its practical work. If they did so he was satisfied they would all be good men and good Masons. All the initiates responded. Sir John Bennett was the principal respondent for "The Visitors."

In the course of his remarks he said he always thought that when men were absorbed in business it always gave them vitality to look occasionally into a Masonic lodge. His had been a very busy life, and unfortunately he had not been able to give the attention he should have wished to Masonry, although 25 years ago he joined the Mount Moriah Lodge. When he plunged into public life he found out that the more a man had to do the better he did it; and so when he became Sheriff he engaged in a thousand things. He then said to himself, "Now is my time to rejoin Masonry." He was taken up by the Grand Master's Lodge, and he was now one of the active members of the body for which he had so profound a respect. Reflecting, as public men did on the present, the future, and the past, he came now to what had been done in Freemasonry, for we could scarcely tell how many centuries, possibly, as tradition went, for 5000 years. In the best times of the world's history, bodies like Freemasons, not only among the Hebrews, the Greeks and the Romans, and then through the dark ages, gave support to progress. The world could hardly know to what great causes to attribute its success, and whom to say it owed as its greatest benefactors; but his own notion was that from the Masonic body, strange to say, from century to century the world had derived an amount of permanent good—from the best men, the elect and the select, meeting and advocating the best interests of the whole human race and family. Coming to our own times—within the last 700 or 800 years—Masonry still did its work, we could not tell how the old fellow-craftsmen left all sorts of influences on our present state of civilisation throughout the world. At any rate we know priestcraft was always their enemy (and priestcraft was always a good judge in all ages), and knew perfectly well that the Craft meant in its most holy form—religious liberty. It meant then, and it insisted on meaning throughout the whole thread of its great career and existence, the establishment of the highest and best social institutions. It now meant whatever it meant in the past; it meant the pursuit of an intellectual life which would make a future which we were hardly able to contemplate the success of at the present moment. He believed fully in the power of the Masonic body. There were in that room men pledged to the advocacy and advancement of all that would constitute the very highest influences and best capacities of human nature. The men of the Craft were preliminary men, devoted to the promotion of human liberty and freedom, and he gloried in belonging to the Order. It was an honour to any man who took part in public life that he now and then could come among such a body as this, and receive a kind word of encouragement, which acted as a hearty impulse to him to go out into the world, and find it better than he left it. He had had a hard day's work, and Bro. Walford asked him to come down and see a hearty body of men, in the Domatic Lodge, good Masons, who would tell him to go out and prosper in every good undertaking. He accepted the invitation with cheerfulness, and he was happy, indeed, to be a visitor to this lodge. Other visitors also replied, shortly after which Sir John Bennett left. Bro. Walford replied for the "P.M.'s," Joseph Smith for "Treasurer" James Willing, jun., for "Secretary," and Bro. Treadwell and others for the "Officers." The brethren separated about eleven.

PROVINCIAL.

SUDBURY.—STOUR VALLEY LODGE (No. 1224).—The annual meeting of the Stour Valley Lodge, and the installation of the new W.M. took place in the lodge room at the Literary Institute. The following is a list of the officers and others present:—F. Wheeler, W.M.; H. Welham, S.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Hills, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; W. H. Smith, J.D.; A. O. Stead, Org.; N. Aprile, I.G. Members: H. S. Oliver, C. W. Grimwood, C. J. Cardinal, H. S. Pratt, W. Bailey, C. Emmerson, E. R. Boulter, S. Spurgin, A. Grimwood, C. Gooch, R. R. Ellis, W. L. Lewis, G. Murrells, F. Thurston, W. H. Sholl, Tyler. Visitors:—J. G. D. Mayd, P.M. St. John, 349; H. Luff, P.M. Perfect Friendship, Ipswich, 276; J. King, A. J. Grimwade, S. Cooper, F. Grimwade, A. A. Seaborn, Virtue and Silence, 332, Hadleigh; S. J. Carman, Treas. 1500, Norwich; R. Postle, 1008; C. F. Lilley, Fortitude, 12; H. R. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Hedley Bevan, W.M., P.G.S.W., Tufnell Oakes, I.P.M., P.P.G.R., Royal St. Edmunds, 1008. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. F. Wheeler, Mr. Alfred Spring was duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The installation of Bro. G. H. Grimwood, J.W., was next proceeded with, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, officiating as Installing Master, Bro. Hills acting as Secretary, reading the charges and regulations, to each of which the W.M. gave his unqualified assent. The ancient ceremonies were most impressively performed, and the new Master was proclaimed in due form as from the four quarters of the globe, after receiving the salutations of all the brethren present, according to ancient usage. Bro. Grimwood being duly installed as W.M., proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. C. Emmerson (formerly Treasurer), S.W.; W. H. Smith, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Sec.; J. F. Hills, Treas.; A. O. Stead, S.D.; N. Aprile, J.D.; R. Ellis, I.G.; E. R. Boulter, Steward, and W. H. Sholl, Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the usual address from the West to the Worshipful Master, and to the Wardens from the East. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet in the Assembly Room, Rose and Crown Hotel. We are happy to say the lodge is in a flourishing state, with a fair balance in the hands of the Treasurer. In the course of the year eight candidates have been initiated, and the lodge now numbers some 50 members. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Grimwood, and the vice-chair by the S.W., Bro. Emmerson. The cloth having been removed, the following toasts were duly given:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the

Grand Master of England—H.R.H. The Prince of Wales;" "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master—The Right Honble. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master—The Right Honble. the Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present;" from the chair, the latter being responded to by the Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G.C. "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master for Suffolk—The Right Honble. the Lord Waverley; the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master—the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," from the chair, and acknowledged by Bro. J. Hedley Bevan, P.G.S.W. Suffolk;" "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. F. Wheeler, P.M., and suitably acknowledged; "The Immediate Past Master—Bro. F. Wheeler," was proposed from the chair: "The Visitors," from the chair, coupled with the names in our list, all of whom returned thanks; "The Installing Master," from the chair: "The Officers of the Lodge," from the chair, the Vice-chairman returning thanks; "The Masonic Charities," from the chair, responded to by Bro. Martyn; "The Initiate," from the chair, responded to by Bro. A. Spring. The "Tyler's toast completed the list, the company breaking up at eleven o'clock.

SANDGATE.—SANDGATE LODGE (No. 1436).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Kent Hotel, on Monday evening, 13th inst. Present:—Bros. R. J. Fynmore, W.M.; assisted by W. C. Gosby, I.P.M.; F. Staddon, S.W.; R. H. Pledge, J.W.; A. Kuler, S.D.; W. Syson, J.D.; W. Dixon, I.G.; F. Jarvis, Secretary; G. Butcher, Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting being read, were duly passed by the brethren, after which the brethren proceeded to ballot for as candidates Mr. B. Simmonds and Mr. G. Kuler, both of Sandgate; also for Quartermaster-Sergeant Field, of the Army Service Corps, as a joining member. The ballot being unanimous the initiation was proceeded with in true Masonic form, Bro. R. H. Pledge giving the address, Bro. P. M. Gosby the charge. It was also proposed by Bro. Staddon, S.W., and seconded by Bro. Pledge, J.W., that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Gosby, P.M., by the brethren of the lodge, as a slight acknowledgement for the able services he has rendered to the lodge from its commencement. This was carried unanimously, it was decided that Bro. Kenning, of the "Freemason," should supply the jewel with a suitable inscription appended thereto. The lodge was then closed with prayer. This was one of the pleasantest evenings that has been passed for some time. Visitors—Bros. J. Kennet, P.G.O. for Kent; Glynn; J. G. Lockyer, Army Service Corps.

MANCHESTER.—LODGE OF TRUTH (No. 1458).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, September 4th, 1875, at the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester. The W.M., Bro. Henry Smith, opened the lodge at four o'clock; many of the officers being absent on business and some on pleasure, the W.M. had to select from those present. Bros. Robert Caldwell, P.M., acting as S.W.; Kent, J.W.; Knider, P.M., Sec.; Batchelder, S.D.; Branton, J.D.; Cox, Org.; Fallows, I.G.; Beswick, Tyler. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; Bro. Bray Shaw was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Bro. Oldham was impressively raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. This being the first time many of the brethren had had an opportunity of hearing Bro. Knider work this beautiful ceremony; they were delighted, and the expression of pleasure at being present to hear the beautiful and impressive working was general throughout the lodge, and those brethren who were absent have been deprived of a Masonic treat. It is not often we have an opportunity of being present when a ceremony is so efficiently worked. The lodge is justly proud of possessing such an excellent worker as Bro. Knider, P.M., and whilst the lodge is supported by such brethren they have no fear of success. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. A communication was read from Grand Lodge. Hearty good wishes were given by Bros. J. H. Walton, Frontier Lodge, 422, Oswego, U.S. America; and J. B. Williams, No. 3, Cork, Ireland. The business being completed, the lodge was closed at 6.20 p.m. An excellent banquet was provided by the host, Bro. Potts, and presided over by Bro. J. W. Turner, I.P.M., the W.M. having to fulfil an engagement. On the removal of the cloth the Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, Bro. Caldwell, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," coupling with it the I.P.M., and remarked that as Instruction Master for the lodge it was very pleasing to him to see how well the working had been conducted since the establishment of the lodge, and if the brethren were always so successful in appointing such Masters they need not fear of the business being conducted to their satisfaction. To himself it was a particular pleasure to have seen the working of the ceremonies and the business of the lodge conducted in so able a manner as it had been by the W.M. and the I.P.M. In reply, the I.P.M. said it would be a great pleasure to have to inform his friend the W.M. of the great but well deserved praise bestowed upon him by Bro. Caldwell, and so enthusiastically responded to by the brethren. As for himself he said he had only done his duty, and if it had met with the approval of the brethren he was amply repaid; what he had done in the past he was willing to increase in the future. The next toast being that of "The Officers" was responded to severally. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Williams and Walton, who expressed their pleasure at being present to see the beautiful working and the kindly feeling which existed in the lodge. The Senior and Junior Warden having given their toasts, the brethren separated after spending a very agreeable evening.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, the business before it being the raising

of Bros. Elder, Cayley, and Little to the Sublime Degree. The following officers and brethren were present: B. B. Brayshaw, W.M. and P.M. of No. 1076; H. Sisley, P.M. and P.M. of No. 1076; J. Ives, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; W. T. Turner, acting S.D.; A. J. Manning, I.G.; W. Steadman, Tyler and P.M. No. 754; J. O. Cox, M. Stanford, F. Bingham, R. Williams, W. T. Dawson, 27; C. Jolly, 913, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the usual business of its minutes duly passed, the candidates were, after the usual questions, raised in the most impressive manner by the W.M., his officers most ably assisting him in the ceremony. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation, to which the visitors were, as is usual with this most hospitable lodge, especially invited. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 4-), was held at the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green, September 6th, 1875. Present: Bros. Saul, W.M.; Stock, S.W.; Tolmie, J.W.; Read, S.D.; Walker, J.D.; Sparkes, I.G.; Killick, Sec.; Beckett, Preceptor; Christopher, Tyler, and a numerous gathering of the members. The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed. Bro. Jones was candidate. The W.M. worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren, and Bro. Tolmie worked the Fourth, the questions being answered by the W.M. Bro. Sparkes was elected a joining member. Bro. Stock elected W.M. for the next meeting. The meetings of this lodge will in future be held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in ancient form and perfect harmony.

DALSTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 975).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., when the Fifteen Sections were worked for the first time in this lodge to celebrate its first anniversary. Bro. W. Gilchrist, P.M. 933, in the chair; Bro. Fieldwick, I.G. 1364, Senior Warden; Bro. Lee, W.M. 1524, J.W. 975, Junior Warden.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section Bro. Ashburner, P.M. 1278.
2nd " " Marsh, 1326.
3rd " " Lister, J.W. 1524.
4th " " Christian, D.C. 1278.
5th " " Fieldwick, I.G. 1364.
6th " " Horsley, 933.
7th " " Pinder, S.W. 15, Sec. 1445.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section Bro. Chapman, S.W. 1524, J.D. 869.
2nd " " Lee, W.M. 1524, J.W. 975.
3rd " " Gross, W.S. 1278.
4th " " Pinder, S.W. 15, Sec. 1445.
5th " " Horsley, 933.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section Bro. Wallington, W.M. 860.
2nd " " Gross, W.S. 1278.
3rd " " Lowe, 1363.

There was a large attendance of the brethren, who expressed themselves highly gratified at the skilful Masonic working of the W.M. and the brethren who supported him. Votes of thanks were unanimously given to the W.M. and to the visiting brethren for their services, and after several brethren had been elected joining members, the lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned. This highly prosperous lodge of instruction, although only established twelve months, numbers over sixty members, and has been well attended every Wednesday evening throughout the past year, a fact which speaks well for the interest taken in our ancient Craft in Dalston and its neighbourhood.

LEYTONSTONE.—BEACONTREE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1228).—On Tuesday, 7th inst., the inauguration meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, working under the charter of the Beacontree Lodge, was held at the Red Lion Inn, Leytonstone, when Bro. J. Terry, the esteemed Secretary of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution was a visitor, as also Bro. W. H. Myers, F.S.A., P.M. 820, and W.M. 1445, both of whom contributed in a most important degree to the success of the meeting, as Bro. Terry undertook the important duty of reciting and explaining the ceremony of consecration, after which Bro. Myers performed the ceremony of installation. The working of both of these brethren was excellent, leaving nothing to be desired; and all the brethren present appeared greatly impressed and much gratified. The success of the meeting was beyond question, the brethren living in the neighbourhood applauding the formation of this lodge of instruction, and declaring their intention of giving it their earnest and what is more to the purpose—regular support. Bro. Barford, P.M. of the mother lodge was elected first W.M., and after installation appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. R. J. Tucker, S.W.; J. Boulton, J.W.; G. E. Walters; W. G. Durrant, S.D.; J. Buscall, J.D.; and W. Allen, I.G. The visitors were Bros. Musto, P.M. 1349; W. Hogg, 1349; J. Pinder, 1445; Rivite, 1421; Westfield, 813; King, 1056; W. W. Morgan, 385; L. Lewis, 1426; Bart n. 548; Taplay, 1076; G. Lewis, 1076; Anning, 1304; and Massy ("Freemason"). When the lodge had been duly closed, the brethren present sat down to an excellent banquet, admirably served, and administered by extremely civil and attentive waiters, a feature in the programme which rendered the meal an extremely pleasant one. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and cordially responded to by the brethren present. During his remarks he adverted—as few speakers when they find occasion can withstand the temptation of adverting—to the impressiveness of the ceremony and the spectacle of that

unique occasion, the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He also referred to the zeal displayed at the east end of London in propagating Freemasonry and promoting its interests, and added that he was extremely pleased to find that the M.W.G.M. had recognised this in promoting an east end brother to one of the Grand Offices. The Chairman: Brethren, The toast of the evening on which we assemble to inaugurate the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction, to give éclat to the formation of an institution which we consider to be necessary, and which we hope, by the way in which it shall be conducted, will be found an extremely useful and beneficial institution, is or ought to be "Success to the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction." (Cheers.) Those amongst us who are anxious to see all Freemasons intimately acquainted with the details of the working of Freemasonry—and I think that there are few amongst us who are not desirous of this—must feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to our esteemed Secretary, Bro. Walters, for all the trouble he has been at in getting together the necessary elements for constructing this little institution of ours. The brethren who honour us by being our visitors this evening cannot imagine, unless they have had some similar experience themselves, how great the trouble has been, and how very much in earnest a man has to be who intends to succeed in such a matter. It was by no means the work of a day or of weeks. I believe I am right when I say that it is nearly two years since our Bro. Walters first began "turning over the stones," if I may use the expression, and that during that time he has found it necessary to leave no stone unturned; so great is the amount of determination and persevering plodding work necessary to success in a matter of this kind. As regards the actual establishment of the lodge, nothing could be more auspicious than the opening we have. I cannot think the members could have had a better or more practical teaching of the usefulness of a lodge of instruction than that which has been given by Bro. Terry and Bro. Myers in the way the ceremonies of consecration and installation have been worked by them this evening. For, brethren, it only requires persevering study in a lodge of instruction to enable you one and all to become as familiar with the ceremonies as those two brethren are, whose skill we have so much admired this evening. Brethren, I shall conclude by proposing "Success to the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction," and I shall take the liberty of combining with it "The Health of Bro. G. E. Walters, our esteemed Secretary." He is a young Mason, but a very worthy one. Bro. Walters, in returning thanks for the honour which had been done to him, and his work at the same time, said that it was true it had taken a considerable amount of time and perseverance to enable him to get this lodge formed, but he was happy to say that the work was so far accomplished, and that it only now remained for them to combine to see the work so carried out as to make it a thoroughly useful institution. In thanking the W.M. and brethren for their cordial appreciation of his services, he heartily joined with them all in wishing "Success to the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction." "The Health of Bros. Terry and Myers, the Visitors, and Officers of the Lodge" were proposed from the chair and cordially responded to; and "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Meyers, who, having known him from a boy, could speak as to his excellent qualities. He congratulated the brethren on having so worthy a Master, and trusted that they would one and all endeavour to walk as worthily in the path of Freemasonry as Bro. Barford had done. Bro. Barford having returned thanks, the brethren separated, after a very pleasant evening with expressions of the best wishes for the success of this new lodge of instruction.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. JOHN (No. 31).—This most ancient and prosperous lodge met in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., presiding; Bro. J. B. Young, S.W.; Bro. Brownlie, S.D., acting J.W.; and the remaining officers in their respective places. There were also present—Bros. McMillan, Craig and Park, Past Masters of the lodge; and D. M. Nelson, Depute Master; and as usual a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, both of English and Scotch Constitutions. Representatives of the press—Bros. J. Stewart, G. B. Adams, W. H. Bickerton. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., and the minutes of regular meeting, also that of an emergency meeting, read and confirmed, after which letters of application were read from the following gentlemen for admission into Freemasonry, viz.:—Messrs. John Davidson, John McGill, and Wm. Anderson. There being no objection, the candidates entered and received the E.A. Degree, Bro. Wm. Bell, R.W.M., officiating in his usual impressive manner. The lodge was thereafter called from labour to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts given with great spirit. There were some excellent songs given, enlivened with music, and after a most enjoyable evening had been spent, the lodge was closed.

EDINBURGH.—LODGE JOURNEYMAN (No. 8).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, situated at Blackfriars-street, on the 9th inst. Bro. Peter Sinclair, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. Andrew Kerr, P.M.; George Ronaldson, S.W.; Robt. Kerr, J.W.; W. Stevenson, J.D., &c. The meeting was well attended by the members of the lodge, and a number of visiting brethren were present. The lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, when an amount of business was satisfactorily got through. An application from Mr. William Hurst was then read, asking for admittance into the Order. He was proposed by Bro. James Bryce, and seconded by Bro. James Stevenson. The application was sustained, and he was prepared, and received the First Degree, Bro. Kerr, P.M., officiating in that admirable style so peculiar to himself and satisfactory to the brethren. The case of a brother who had

fallen into adverse circumstances was then brought before the lodge, and after a full explanation of his case was given, it was unanimously agreed to grant him a sum of money from the lodge Benevolent Fund, and also to assist him further in every way in their power. The question of new clothing was then arranged to the satisfaction of the brethren present, and the lodge closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 7th inst., Bro. George McDonald, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. Weston, I.P.M.; John Bannerman, D.M.; W. Macgregor, S.W.; J. Hambridge, J.W.; James Ampliford, Sec.; G. W. Wheeler, Chaplain; W. J. Rac, S.D., and others. The meeting was remarkably well attended. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. J. McInnes, S.W. 408; Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; W. J. Herrin, St. John's Cupar, No. 19; G. Wrenock, Lindores 106, and others. The minutes of previous meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed. An application was read from Mr. J. Bouker craving admittance into the Order. He was proposed by Bro. James Ballantyne, and seconded by Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M. The application found favour with the brethren, and he was prepared and received the First Degree, the R.W.M. officiating. This constituted all the business in this degree, when the lodge was passed to the F.C., and raised to the Sublime Degree. Two brothers of the F.C. Degree were brought forward to receive the M.M., which was given with great effect by the worthy R.W.M. This finished the evening. The brothers who received the Third Degree were Thomas Brown and Joseph Deas. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE THISTLE (No. 87).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 30, Hope-street, on the 7th inst., at 8 o'clock, J. W. Burns, R.W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. Fraser, P.M.; J. Miller, P.M.; James Love, S.M.; James Booth, S.W.; William Wilson, J.W.; D. McDougall, Sec.; D. W. Stewart, S.D., and others. The meeting was exceedingly well attended, among the visiting brethren were Bros. Stark, D.M. 553; P. Hepburn; J.W. 187; S. Sive-wright, J.W. Lodge Dramatic, 571, and others. The R.W.M., with the assistance of his Wardens opened the lodge on the First Degree and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, as were also the minutes of emergency meeting which took place between the two regular meetings. The R.W.M. then said, the members of the lodge were aware that the office of I.G. had become vacant, as this was too important an office to be left unfilled, he would be glad to hear if any of the brethren present had anyone to nominate. Several brethren present were mentioned as having his qualification for the vacant office, among whom were Bro. Barr, who was elected, and also installed into office by Bro. John Fraser, P.M., and P.G. Assist. Director of Ceremonies. An application was then read from Mr. Peter Troup for admission into the Order; he was proposed by Bro. J. Love, S.M., and seconded by Bro. D. McDougall, Sec., his application was approved, and he was initiated into the First Degree by the R.W.M. A letter from the R.W.M. of Lodge Dramatic 571, was then read, asking the favour from Lodge Thistle of giving the F.C. Degree to Bro. A. W. Bales on behalf of the lodge Dramatic, which was at once complied with, Bro. Miller, P.M. of the Thistle Lodge, working the degree with all the full impressive solemnity this beautiful degree calls forth when properly given. There was no further business before the lodge, and it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 6th inst. Bro. Singleton, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Matheson, P.M.; Gardner, S.W.; J. Gilmour, J.W.; and a competent number of well qualified brethren present. The object of the meeting was to initiate, pass, and raise three gentlemen, all of whom were engaged in seafaring pursuits, and consequently their time for attending the regular meeting uncertain. The names of the gentlemen are James Wilson, Fred. Larson, and Antna. West, their proposers and seconders, Bros. Gardner and McAlpine. Bro. Matheson, P.M., officiated in the First Degree, the remaining work before the meeting being ably performed by Bro. Singleton, R.W.M., entrusting the three brothers with the Sublime Degree finished the business of the meeting, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE SCOTIA (No. 178).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. J. Singleton, R.W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Matheson, P.M.; Thomas Russell, D.M.; R. Gardner, S.W.; P. Hepburn, J.W.; W. Higgins, Chaplain; W. King, Treas.; P. Denman, acting Sec.; and others. The meeting was well attended, and the visiting brethren numerous. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. After some business of an ordinary character was arranged, the lodge was passed to the Second Degree, when Bro. R. F. Boyd was entrusted with it, the R.W.M. officiating. It was then announced that Mr. George Pettigrew, whose application for admittance into the Order had been before the lodge and passed, was in the adjacent room. He was proposed by Bro. P. Hepburn, and seconded by Bro. J. Singleton, R.W.M. The lodge was then reduced to the E.A. Degree, and the candidate was initiated, Bro. Matheson, P.M., officiating. The lodge was then called to harmony, when a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent, after which the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE UNION (No. 332).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 6th inst. The R.W.M. (who

was in his own place to open the lodge at the appointed hour) was well supported. There was a large attendance of the members and visiting brethren, and the office-bearers present acted their parts with their usual ability. The R.W.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, took the chair; Bro. Murray, acting S.W.; J. McInnes, the worthy Sec. of the lodge, acting J.W.; J. Law, Treas. The minutes of the lodge were read, considered and confirmed. The case of a brother who had met with adversity was brought up. The members present seemed to take a deep interest in the brother, and his case was met in that true spirit of brotherly love and charity which adorns our order. An application from Bro. Birrell, wishing to become an affiliated member of this lodge, was made. His brother is an old member of the lodge, and has filled various offices in it with great satisfaction to the members, so that, along with Bro. Birrell's known good character as a Mason, gained him admittance into the lodge as a member. There was no further business in this degree, and the lodge was passed to the F.C., and hence to the Sublime Degree, when Bro. Gill was proved and found worthy to receive this, which was given by Bro. Macnair, R.W.M., with his accustomed precision and impressiveness. This finished the business of the evening, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. GEORGE (No. 333).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall (St. Mark's) 213, Buchanan-street, on the 8th inst. In the absence of Bro. Alex. Thomson, R.W.M., Bro. J. Winton, P.M., presided. Bros. J. Findley, S.M.; J. Forsyth, S.W.; R. Anderson, J.W. The meeting was well attended. On the lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and other formal business settled. An application from Mr. David Allan Arnot was read for admittance into the Order, his proposer and seconder being Bros. J. M. Crosher and Edward Crosher. The application was sustained, and the gentleman received the First Degree of Freemasonry, P.M. J. Winton, officiating. The business before the lodge being finished, it was closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—LODGE ST. ANDREW (No. 465).—A large number of the brethren of this lodge met at Bro. Smart's on the 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Andrew Herron, to take farewell of Bro. Andrew Thomson, who is about to leave this country for New Zealand, and to wish him prosperity in the country of his adoption, and to present him with a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren he leaves behind him. The presentation was a very handsome Master Mason's Jewel with suitable inscription. Bro. D. Anderson presented the jewel in a speech of great feeling. A very pleasant evening was spent amidst harmony and kind feeling towards the brother about to leave, and the company broke up much pleased with the night's enjoyment.

PARTICK.—PARTICK CHAPTER (No. 613).—The annual trip of the companions of this chapter took place on Friday week. The chapter, largely represented, left the burgh at an early hour in the morning, and, proceeding to Glasgow, took the train to Dollar, where the party breakfasted at Castle Campbell Hotel. They afterwards had a most enjoyable couple of hours' walk in the romantic and beautiful glen, and were afterwards conveyed to Rumbling Bridge, returning to Dollar about three o'clock, where "mine host" of the Castle Campbell had dinner prepared. Bro. Halket occupied the chair, and Bro. Thomas Granger discharged the duties of Croupier. After a number of toasts had been proposed, the chairman gave a most interesting address on the history and antiquity of the scenery they had just viewed. The party returned to the burgh in the evening, very highly pleased with the day's enjoyment.

ROSSLYN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 119).—The regular monthly meeting of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Robertson-street, on Monday, the 6th inst. A lodge of Mark Masons was opened. Minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, an application from Bro. James Strong, Master Mason of Lodge St. Mango, No. 27, for admission into Royal Arch Masonry was unanimously agreed to. The brother being in attendance was admitted, and received the degree of Mark Master, Bro. George Thallin, Z. of the chapter, officiating in his usual impressive and intelligent manner. There being no further business before the lodge it was closed in due form.

NEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN KILWINNING.

The following circular has been issued by Bro. R. Wylie, Secretary of Mother Kilwinning Lodge:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to inform you that on the invitation of the School Board of Kilwinning, the R.W.P.G. Master, Bro. Colonel Mure, has consented to lay the Memorial Stone of the New Public Schools with Masonic honours, on Saturday, the 25th inst., when your attendance is particularly requested.

The brethren are to assemble in the Kilwinning Temperance Hall, at quarter before three o'clock afternoon.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire will be opened at quarter past four o'clock precisely.

The members and friends will dine in the Eglinton Arms Hall at half-past four o'clock. Dinner ticket 4s.

As only a limited number can be accommodated perhaps you will kindly say before Thursday, the 23rd inst., if we may expect the pleasure of your company.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

ROBERT WYLIE,

Secretary.

Mother Lodge,
Kilwinning, 9th Sept., 1875.

Bro. Robert A. Carleton died on the 10th inst., at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Ventnor, Undercliff, Isle of Wight, aged 49. He was for many years resident in Constantinople, and Grand Secretary of Freemasons for the District of Turkey.—"Standard."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Somerset was invested this year with peculiar interest, the death of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Capt. Bridges, and the elevation of the P.G.S., Bro. Else, having changed two of the chief permanent appointments. As a consequence, there was a large attendance of Masons at the meeting on Monday, and to receive them Lodge 446 had prepared special accommodation by flooring over the Nisi Prius Court on the level of the Grand Jury Gallery. The capacious room thus formed was entirely filled, and when Grand Lodge was assembled, with the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, on the throne, the scene was lively and brilliant. After the usual preliminary Masonic business and a statement of Grand Lodge accounts, showing a direct expenditure upon charity of no less than £136, and a balance of £119 to Grand Lodge funds, the P.G.M. directed Bro. Else to retire, and five of the oldest W.M.'s in the province to introduce him for investment as Deputy Grand Master, in the place of our deceased brother, Capt. Bridges. This having been done, the P.G.M. invested Bro. Else, saying he did so not only with pleasure to himself, but he was sure he might say also with the acquiescence and concurrence of all in that great province. "Under ordinary circumstances," continued the Pro G.M., "I should have closed here, but within the last few minutes a jewel has been placed in my hands, and it affords me great satisfaction that I now hand it you with confidence that it will be worn with credit to the province, and with satisfaction to yourself."

The new Deputy Prov. Grand Master said: Sincerely, very sincerely, do I return thanks to your lordship for the great honour you have been pleased to confer upon me, and also for the kind and graceful manner in which you have been good enough to convey to me the wish that I should succeed our late beloved and distinguished Deputy G.M. I am not insensible to, although I highly appreciate the honour of the position in the duties, the great responsibilities, and the difficulties of the office; I pray that the Great Architect may give me health and strength so to carry out those duties that no shadow of regret will ever pass over your lordship's mind for having placed this collar round my neck. I thank also most heartily my mother lodge, 291, for this beautiful jewel. Although I wear several jewels upon my breast, which I hope I am not wrong in saying I have earned by Masonic work, there is no jewel which I prize like this—there is no reward which any Mason should prize more than the recognition of his services, however humble, by his own mother and parent lodge. I thank you, my lord, and brethren, most sincerely and heartily.

Bro. Turner Payne, of Bath (who was unavoidably detained for an hour), having been heartily re-elected Treasurer, the G.M. proceeded to appoint the P.G.L. Officers as follows:—

Major J. W. Preston, P.M. 41	Prov. G.S.W.
Capt. Alfred T. Perkins, W.M. 446	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. T. Bailey, 261	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. Thomas James Gatehouse, 437	Prov. G. Chaplain.
E. Turner Payne, P.M. 53	Prov. G. Treas.
W. Cox, P.M. 329	Prov. G. Reg.
Francis R. Pridaux, P.M. 291	Prov. G. Sec.
W. H. May, P.M. 135	Prov. G.S.D.
William Bennett, W.M. 976	Prov. G.J.D.
Benjamin Attwell, P.M. 537	Prov. G.S. Wks.
T. S. Lord, P.M. 53	Prov. G.D. Cer.
Robert Baker, P.M. 1197	Prov. G. As. D.C.
Capt. William Long, P.M. 1199	Prov. G.S.B.
Albert Down, P.M. 772	Prov. G. Org.
William Channing, P.M. 261	Prov. G. Purst.
John Thorley Night, P.M. 446	Prov. G.A.P.
W. H. Forty, W.M. 291	Prov. G. Stewd.
George Ricks, W.M. 135	Prov. G. Stewd.
John Fry, W.M. 437	Prov. G. Stewd.
A. W. Butler, S.W. 1222	Prov. G. Stewd.
T. Hyatt, J.W. 285	Prov. G. Stewd.
H. J. Taylor, S.D. 772	Prov. G. Stewd.
William Woodard, Tyler 291	Prov. G. Tyler.
Alfred John Salter, Tyler 53	Prov. G.A. Tyler

The W.M. Pro G.M. then said: On these occasions, as I have often said, I think it is inadvisable to make long speeches, but there are certain events which from time to time pass, which are either matters of congratulation or regret, and which interest all of us as a common body, and it does seem that when such an occasion arises it is not fitting it should be passed over in complete silence. One of those events has just taken place. We have lost in this province one who was not only familiar to us, but was endeared to us by his personal character, his long service, and his great Masonic abilities. For very many years our brother, Captain Bridges, who filled the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, carried through his work with zeal and energy, and with great fidelity. When, a good many years ago now, I received the honour of the high office which I have since held in this province, I found Captain Bridges the Deputy Grand Master. He was then in comparatively full possession of health. Unremitting in work, he never spared himself, I may truly say, any pain or trouble in the discharge of that work. In time, when illness laid its heavy hand upon him, and during the last few years, we all saw with great regret his strength failing; that he was no longer equal to take on himself those duties which he had hitherto discharged with so much facility; not that his interest in them slackened, for to the very last his thoughts were interested in Masonry. If there was any one who was emphatically a true and zealous Mason it was our brother whose death we now deplore, and it does seem to me that when one who has lived so long, held so high an office, discharged, during the days of his health and strength, his work with so much energy and ability; who when sickness incapacitated him from that great work, still followed us with his sympathy and thoughts—it does seem to me we cannot do

less than express our regret in the most deliberate and solemn way at the first of these annual meetings after the melancholy event. Therefore, without using many words, what I would propose to do is to express my own regret, and the extreme regret which I am convinced animates the whole of those present, in the most solemn and deliberate way. I therefore propose a resolution in these terms:—

"That this Prov. G. L. desires to place upon record its great sorrow at the death of its beloved and esteemed V. W. D. G. M., Captain H. Bridges, and deep sense of the loss which Freemasonry has sustained thereby."

I think I shall be interpreting the feelings of this Prov. Grand Lodge if, instead of asking for any seconder or show of hands, without putting it to the vote I ask you to express your concurrence.

The P. G. T., Brother Payne, having entered the hall in the interim, then returned thanks for the honour done him by re-appointment, and then introduced a resolution, which stood in his name, of congratulation to Brother Else as the new D.Prov.G.M. He could not call to mind any brother on whom more worthily could be bestowed or who would more unanimously receive this honour, than Brother Else. He had now for ten years carried on the business of Prov.G.L., and during that time the failing health of the Deputy threw on him, not only all his own duties, but the duties of Deputy Grand Master as well. He need say nothing of the way in which he had done his work—that was shown by the honour that had been bestowed upon him. There was no need to mention his unflagging zeal, his energy, the concentrated interest which he had shown in his work, and which had so well marked him out for further honours. To speak of these things would almost seem to indicate that something need to be said. The appointment was one which in the hands of his Lordship, received the unanimous approval of the province at large. Bro. Payne concluded with the following resolution:—

"That this Prov. G.L. receives with cordial assent and hearty congratulations the appointment by the R.W., the Prov. G.M. of Somerset, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M. of their esteemed Bro. R. C. Else, to be D.Prov.G.M., of Somerset, in the room of their lamented friend and brother, Capt. Henry Bridges, deceased. The labours of Bro. Else on behalf of the Province during many years are thus gracefully acknowledged, and the Prov. G. L. trusts that many years of usefulness may be granted to their valued brother in the more important office to which he has now been promoted."

The Prov. Grand Master said: It is my extremely pleasing duty to put this proposal to the vote, but I shall not be exceeding the limits of the observations which should fall from the chair if I say, confident of the way in which it will be received, I, for one, give it my hearty support. I am not unwilling to say one or two words upon it. In the appointments which are so fully entrusted to the Prov. Grand Master it is always a question of some anxiety to feel assured that the appointments which he has made are ratified by the voice of the province. In more than any other case it is desirable that in the case of the Deputy Grand Master, he should not only confer honour and distinction upon the person most fitting to receive it, but also on whom the province recognises as the most fitting to receive it, and when those two things go together in the mind of the Prov. Grand Master, as directing his choice, it is obviously a very happy and satisfactory feeling, and I do not fail to think it is so upon the present occasion. (Cheers). The province is fully and fairly represented here on this subject to-day. As far as I am concerned, I am quite certain I have placed this day the collar upon the neck of the man who, in the estimation of the Prov. G. Lodge, was most fitted to wear it. But I will not stop here, for I will say, if I had not Bro. Else, there are many men whom I might have selected, with regard to whom my choice would have been a good one, and would have been ratified by you to-day. And it is well for a province when such is the case, and when a single man does not make an irreparable gap. We rejoice that here, as in England generally, no man's life is so valuable that he cannot be spared. But we do rejoice when the choice which it is the privilege of one individual to make, is endorsed promptly and heartily by the full voice of the whole province. (Cheers). I rejoice at this for many reasons. I have been thrown into constant habits of business familiarities with Bro. Else. I know he did his work; how well he did it; how thoroughly he did it—that is not a mere profession of doing the work, but that it is actually done, and nothing has fallen more truly from any one than that which was uttered by Bro. Payne when he said that during the illness of the late Bro. Bridges the principal work of the province fell on the shoulders of our Bro. Else. And he carried it like a second Atlas! He never flinched under it; whatever trouble he might have given him or work imposed upon him, I always found there was an undeveloped capacity for work still latent in him. (Cheers) And my motto in this matter is

"Palmarum qui meruit ferat."

Let the man who does the work bear the honour and distinction. (Loud applause.) Acting upon that principle, I did not for one moment hesitate to confer this distinction upon our Bro. Else, and I hope and trust he will continue to enjoy it for many years to come—that, whilst I have the privilege of presiding over the province as Prov. G. Master, I may still receive from him the same free, full, zealous, unstinted, measure of help which I have had for so many years. (Loud applause.)

The motion having been agreed to with acclamation, Bro. Else again returned thanks, in a suitable speech, for the honour done him.

W. Bro. Captain A. Perkins, W.M. 446, proposed:—"That a subscription be set on foot in the province to provide a memorial to our late V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. H. Bridges, the memorial to take the form of a scholarship at one of the Masonic schools, should the subscription be to a sufficient

amount, or such other form as the Prov. Grand Lodge may decide upon;" and at the suggestion of the M.W.P.G.M. the following words were added:—"And that the Charity Organisation Committee be requested to consider the subject and take any steps they may deem expedient in regard to this object." The resolution was carried. Some other formal business was then disposed of, including sundry charitable grants, and brought the business to a close.

The brethren then proceeded to the banquetting hall, where a splendid repast was served by Bro. F. C. George, 446, of the Swan Hotel, Wells, to which about 140 brethren sat down, the R.W. the P.G.M. presiding, and being supported by the newly-appointed D.P.G.M., W. Bro. R. C. Else, V.W. Bro. S. G. Homfray, A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M. (Monmouth); W. Bro. Major S. H. Clerke, P.G.S.W. (Devon); Bro. H. Lopes, M.P., S.W. 973; General Doherty, C.B., P. Prov. G.S.W. Somt.; W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S. Eng.; W. Bro. W. R. Wood, P.G.S. Eng.; R.W. General Gore Munbee, P. Prov. G.S.W. Somt.; and the newly-appointed G.P. Officers.

The two ends of the horseshoe table were presided over by the Provincial Grand Wardens, W. Bro. Major Preston, and W. Bro. A. T. Perkins.

The haunch of venison at the banquet was sent by Lord Carnarvon.

After the claims of hunger had been appeased, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

General Doherty, P.P.G.S.W., proposed in eloquent terms the health of the R.W. the P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, remarking that this was the first time this province had had the opportunity of personally congratulating him upon the distinction conferred on him by the Prince of Wales on the 28th of April last, by appointing him Pro Grand Master of England, and how cordially every Mason in Somersetshire did so. With his Lordship's health he also coupled the healths of the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present.

His Lordship returned thanks in feeling and suitable terms.

Major Shadwell H. Clerke, P.P.G.S.W., Devon, proposed the next toast, which was "The newly-installed D.P.G.M. of Somerset, and the rest of the P.G. Officers past and present." He congratulated the province on the appointment of Bro. Else, as D.P.G.M.; a brother whose merits were so well known in the province, that any repetition of them would appear at the present moment to be superfluous. He would therefore content himself with saying that Bro. Else's name and character, as an enthusiastic and untiring worker for the Craft, was widely known, and highly respected in every province in England. Major Clerke continued to remark that it afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present on this occasion, to witness the investment into the high and honourable office of Junior Grand Warden of the Province, of a very old friend and brother officer of his, namely, Captain Alfred Perkins, and who had, by exertions in the province, so worthily earned the honour he had now received. In conclusion, he said that although unfortunately he was a stranger to many of the new Provincial Grand Officers, still, he was fully aware that they were brethren who had well deserved the position to which they had just attained, and in wishing the province every success in the future, he begged to congratulate W. Bro. Else on the high appointment he had that day received, and the province of Somerset on having so true and trusty a brother as their new D.P.G.M.

Bro. Else, in responding to the toast, thanked Bro. Clerke for the kind and flattering remarks he had made, and said that the services he had rendered the province for the last ten years as P.G. Secretary, would still be continued with even greater pleasure as D.P.G.M. and for himself and his fellow officers he returned his sincere and hearty thanks for the reception which had that day been accorded him.

Lord Carnarvon being obliged to leave the chair, it was assumed by W. Bro. Else, who proceeded to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of the D.P.G.M., of Monmouth, who had come strongly supported by the brethren of his province, and had rendered great assistance in the proceedings of the day. Bro. Homfray was one of those brethren who had been especially singled out for distinction on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and on that occasion had been appointed A.G.D.C. Bro. Else congratulated him on his well-earned honours, and assured him and the brethren of his province, of the hearty welcome they would at all times receive in the neighbouring Province of Somerset.

Bro. S. George Homfray responded, and thanked the D.P.G.M., for the compliment paid his province by the special notice taken of them. Although unknown to most of the Province of Somerset, still their late D.P.G.M., Bro. Bridges, was his father in Masonry, and had trained him in the Craft, and his loss was not only a serious one to the Province of Somerset, but also to the G.L. of England, which he had the honour to represent. Bro. Homfray congratulated the province on Bro. Else's appointment, and, as the D.P.G.M. of a neighbouring province, could promise him every support and assistance, if required.

W. Bro. Else next proposed "The Health of Bro. H. G. Lopes, S.W., of No. 973, and M.P. for Frome," who responded in suitable terms.

The next toast was "The W.M. of No. 446, W. Bro. Capt. A. S. Perkins, and the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge." The D.P.G.M. in giving this toast, said that it gave the brethren of the province great pleasure to visit the Benevolent Lodge, and he took this opportunity of thanking the W.M. and brethren for their reception of the Prov. G.L., and for the hospitality they had shewn them on this occasion. He felt especially glad that Lord Carnarvon had selected their W.M. for the office of P.G.J.W., as he could see by the reception given to the province by his lodge

this day, that the appointment was a most appropriate one, and he felt sure that at the end of W. Bro. Perkins's term of office, he would hand over his lodge in the same efficient state to which he had now brought it.

W. Bro. Capt. Perkins, in returning thanks, said that he was proud and glad to see the large number of brethren of the province who had come to visit his lodge this day, and in the name of his lodge he offered them a hearty welcome to the ancient City of Wells. He specially welcomed those distinguished visitors who he saw supporting the D.G. Master, and would now take this opportunity of returning thanks for the high office to which he had been this day appointed, and to his old friend and comrade, Major Clerke, for the very kind way he had spoken of him, when proposing the health of the P.G. Officers. He was happy to state that his lodge was in a most flourishing condition, and he hoped that he had been able to keep up its ancient fame during his term as Master, and trusted to hand it over in as good a state as he had himself received it.

W. Bro. E. Turner Payne, P.G. Treasurer, proposed "The W.M.'s and Officers of the other Lodges in the Province," which was replied to by W. Bro. M. Messier, W.M. of the Frome Lodge.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was given by W. Bro. Else, and W. Bro. Wood replied in a humorous and amusing speech.

The D.P.G.M. proposed as the next toast "Those Institutions which were the pride of every Mason; those Charitable Schools and Asylums which were supported by the Craft, and which afforded a home for so many aged men and women and education for their children." He was pleased to see Bro. Binckes here to-day. He was one who had given up much of his time to these institutions, and as the Secretary of the Boys' School he would call upon him to return thanks.

Bro. Binckes, in returning thanks, said he was glad to have this opportunity of speaking in this province. At the last festival their P.G.M. presided, and it was owing to his exertions, that the magnificent sum of £12,000 had been subscribed on that occasion, the largest sum that had ever been brought up at one meeting, and the province of Somerset alone brought, through their stewards, Bros. Else, Doherty, and Gagne, the handsome sum of £500, the largest sum subscribed by one province. Bro. Binckes proceeded to give some account of the working, &c., of the Boys' School, and expressed a hope that its present prosperity might long continue.

After the Tyler's toast had been given and responded to, the brethren broke up, having enjoyed a most pleasant and successful meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSETSHIRE.

The Grand Lodge of the Province of Dorsetshire assembled on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Wareham, when there was a large attendance of past and present provincial officers, and representatives from nearly all the thirteen lodges in the county. The inhabitants of Dorset have frequently been held up to a great disadvantage when compared with the residents of larger counties, and though often the criticisms have been unfair, yet, by the local press they have been often allowed to pass for what they are worth. Masonry boasts of being an universal institution. On members of the Craft the sun ever shines with noon-tide splendour, because in every part of the habitable globe Masonic lodges are to be found. Whilst this is the case it is also a fact that nowhere have the principles of true Masonry been better carried out than in the little county of Dorset with its thirteen lodges and five Royal Arch Chapters. If proof is demanded we may cite the fact that the sum taken up by the Masonic Institution for Boys last year, by the two Dorset Stewards was over £1000, being nearly one-twelfth of the whole collected in the country; and of this large contribution Bro. H. C. Burt, P.M. 622, Wimborne, collected £633 3s., an amount only exceeded by the West Riding of Yorkshire as the result of the labours of its twenty-seven stewards. The amount taken in by Bro. Montague, D.P.G.M., was £368 11s. All the lodges in the province are in good working order, and yearly increasing in numerical strength and Masonic activity. This happy condition of the province is very largely owing to the zealous exertions of Bro. T. Coombs, of Dorchester, who for years has made Freemasonry his relaxation from professional work. The incident of the present annual meeting has been the retirement of Bro. T. Coombs from the secretarial office he has held with so much advantage to the Craft and to those objects of benevolence with which Masonry is so particularly identified. Nothing could exceed the kind feeling shown by the brethren when mention of Bro. Coombs' retirement was made, and better fortune, better health, and a renewal at no distant time of his active participation in the direction of the province was the hearty wish of both Provincial Chapter and Provincial Lodge.

The lodge having been opened in ample form, Bro. the Rev. H. Pix, Prov. G. Chaplain, delivered an address. He remarked in the outset that their obligations as English Masons were not opposed to or inconsistent with their obligations as Christians; and proceeded to enlarge on the advantage of making known as widely as possible their Masonic principles so far as that was not inconsistent with Masonic vows. The common idea of Masonry was that it was a secret society, whose transactions in lodge would not bear the light, and, in other countries, that their meetings were frequently held for factious purposes, and even plots and conspiracies. They knew how untrue were these notions; that religion and politics were not named in their meetings, but he thought they would be acting wisely by ventilating the principles embodied in the published Book of Constitutions. The ancient charges were not to be kept secret, but to be read and studied, and he thought if they were more widely known they would silence

many of the objections put forward by those of the outer world. He concluded by commending the brethren not only to study for themselves this book, but to spread among the uninitiated its lofty maxims as a means of warding off the accusations of ignorant men.

On the motion of the Prov. Grand Master, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Pix by acclamation.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master then addressed the brethren on the state of the province, congratulating them that the improvement in regard to the charities reported last year had been continued, for a larger amount had been contributed to the Masonic Charities in the past twelve months than in any previous year (applause) not only that, but the subscriptions to the Boys' Institution, carried up by Bro. H. C. Burt, of Wimborne, amounted to more than any other list, excepting that for the western division of Yorkshire. The fact spoke strongly for the popularity of Bro. H. C. Burt in the province and for the liberality of the Craft. Bro. Montagu took up a large sum on the same occasion, and the two lists combined made considerably more than even the Yorkshire contributions of which he had spoken. They must all feel very grateful to those two Stewards, and might well be proud of their province proving not only capable but willing to subscribe so handsomely. It showed that the true spirit of Masonry was vivid amongst them, and indicated the strength of their position in regard to the charities. In illustration he mentioned the triumphant election of a son of the late Captain Barrett, and the failure only to secure young Green's election through the bad faith of a person who had borrowed votes to be returned at that election, but which were used against our candidates. He referred in congratulatory terms to the resuscitation of Wareham Lodge, 386, by the exertions of Bros. Budden and Wyndham and the brethren of Wimborne Lodge, and hoped that it would become one of the most flourishing in the province. After referring to other topics of purely Masonic interest, he concluded by speaking of the success which had attended the concentration of the voting power of the province and to advocate its closer application. The good management of the province had been largely due to the eminent abilities and zealous exertions of their Bro. T. Coombs, and he was much grieved that circumstances had arisen which had let him to relinquish the position of P.G.S. which he had so ably and devotedly filled. He should have an opportunity of alluding to the subject presently, but he could not allow it to pass without mention in his address to the lodge.

The Acting Secretary (Bro. R. Case) then read a letter from W. Bro. T. Coombs resigning the Secretaryship, and it was received with very deep regret by the entire lodge:—

The P.G. Master said he was sure they all joined with him in his feelings of sympathy and regret on the resignation of Bro. Coombs. Through his abilities and exertions the province had been raised to its present eminent position, and he was sure they all greatly deplored that circumstances, over which to a great extent he believed Bro. Coombs had no control, should have rendered it necessary—for a time at least—that he should sever his active connection with the province. (Applause.) He had kept them in a state of order and prosperity, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to fill his place. Personally Bro. Coombs had been of very great assistance to himself as G.M., advising and aiding in all the questions that necessarily arose. He proposed—"That a very cordial and heartfelt vote of thanks be given to W. Bro. Thomas Coombs on his retiring from the office of Grand Secretary to this province after sixteen years of unremitting services, during which time by his untiring energy and zeal for Masonry, he brought both the old and the new lodges of the province into regular working order, and conducted the important duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of this P.G. Lodge; and that this P.G. Lodge whilst sincerely regretting that in deference to the wishes of his friends and medical advisers Bro. Coombs has resigned his office, would record their earnest hope that his absence from amongst them may be but of temporary duration, and beg to express their firm belief that for the benefit of Freemasonry in general and of this P.G.L. in particular, his presence at future meetings will be of great importance (Applause)."

W. Bro. Montagu, D.P.G.M., seconded the motion.

At the suggestion of Bro. Crickmay, supported by Bro. W. Smith, it was added to the motion that the resolution be engrossed on vellum and forwarded to Bro. Coombs.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

The G. Master announced that the annual P.G. Lodge would be held at Shaftesbury.

Bro. the Rev. W.M. Heath seconded, and it was carried.

W. Bro. Montagu proposed "That the thanks of this Prov. G.L. be rendered to W. Bro. Wm. Smith, P.M., 170, Pfov. G.J.W., and W. Bro. H. C. Burt, P.M. 622, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., for undertaking and executing the office of Stewards from this province on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. on the 28th April last, and that for this and their other constant, ready, and good services to the Craft in general, and this province in particular, and as a token of appreciation thereof, the Prov. G.L. do present these brethren with the commemorative jewels sanctioned to be worn by those who acted as Stewards on that occasion, and that a sum not exceeding £10 be expended out of the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge for that purpose."

Bro. the Rev. H. Pix seconded, and it was carried.

The G.M. affixed the jewels amid the applause of the brethren.

The Pro G. Master proposed—"Thanks of this Prov. G. Lodge are pre-eminently due and are hereby rendered to W. Bro. H. C. Burt, P.M. 622 for his exertions as Steward from this Province, for the R.M. Institution for Boys, which enabled him to present a list at the festival of that charity in July last, with donations amounting to £633 3s., an amount only exceeded by that from West Yorkshire, the result of the labours of 17 Stewards. That the thanks of

the province are also due to W. Bro. Montagu, D. Prov. G.M., who attended the festival as Steward from the Lodge of Friends in Council, 1383, London, carrying in a list of donations and subscriptions amounting to £368 11s. in the whole, whereof the sum of £194 5s. was from Dorset contributors, and the thanks of the province are rendered to him accordingly."

Bro. M. Guest, S.W., seconded.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' Institution, personally, and on the part of the trustees, members, and committee of that charity, expressed heartfelt thanks for the large amount of support those brethren had obtained for it.

The motion was cordially adopted.

Bro. Montagu, responding, stated that in 1864, in the province of Dorset, they only had 22 votes for the Girls' Institution, and 10 of them belonged to Bro. Vernon, who was not a member of this province, and now they had 216 votes. (Applause). For the Boys' Institution in 1865, Dorset had 42 votes, this year 904. (Applause). In 1873 they had for the Benevolent Institution 181 votes, and now they were 224. Good progress had been made, and he hoped they should go on till they were able to carry at each election an old man, a woman, a girl, and a boy. (Applause).

Bro. H. C. Burt also replied, and expressed thanks for the support he received.

The Prov. G. Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows. A dispensation had been received from the Grand Lodge for the appointment of Bro. Fane Bennet-Stanford, M.P., as that gentleman resides out of the province.

Vere Fane Bennet-Stanford, W.M. 472	Prov. G.S.W.
H. C. Burt, 622	Prov. G.W.
Rev. W. J. E. Percy, P.G. 472	Prov. G. Chap.
J. T. Davies, 1168	Prov. G. Reg.
Cam Sykes, 477	Prov. G. Treas.
R. Case, 417	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Soppitt, P.M. 472	Prov. G.S.D.
C. Yearsley, P.M. 386	Prov. G.J.D.
T. B. Miles, 472	Prov. G. S. Wks.
William Smith, P.M. 170	Prov. G.D.C.
R. G. Gilman, 386	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. Tucker Geen, 472	Prov. G.S.B.
Whitehead Smith, P.M. 622	Prov. G. Organist.
T. Hunter, 386, as	Prov. G. Purst.
R. Hooper, J. Beer, sen., 386, W. C.	
Usher, J. Tanswell, T. Imber,	
and J. Foot, 472	Prov. G. Stewards.
John Lovelace, 417	Prov. G. Tyler.

Prov. Grand lodge was then closed.

The annual banquet took place in the Corn Exchange, and the Stewards, with Bro. Yearsley, the caterer, are to be congratulated on the admirable arrangements made for the comfort of the party. The room was tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems and mottoes and fern leaves. A cold collation was provided, and the waiting was all that could be desired. A waiter was provided for each eight persons, and to prevent mistake each chair was numbered and the staff of waiters wore badges indicating the number they had to serve. Thus arranged the dinner passed off without a hitch and with comfort to all. After dinner, which was bountiful and excellent, a good dessert was placed on the tables, a contribution from the Pro.G.M. The usual loyal, craft, and complimentary toasts were given and responded to, and brought to a close a very successful gathering.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET-SHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Dorchester, on Wednesday, 1st inst., M.E. Comp. J. Grundy, Prov. G. Supt. of Bridport, presiding, and there was a numerous attendance of companions. The Prov. G. S. E. reported the province to be in a progressive state, Chapter St. Cuthberga, Wimborne, having made the most additions to its roll. The G. Supt. congratulated the companions on the position of Royal Arch Masonry in Dorset, and offered some words of counsel to the chapter. The Treasurer's report showed a balance to the credit of P.G.C. Chapter of £46 9s. 7d. The announcement of the resignation of the duties of Prov. G. Ser. by E. Comp. T. Coombs elicited very hearty and unanimous demonstrations of fraternal sympathy and regard, and hopes were fervently expressed that he might soon return to that position in the chapter with renewed health and brighter fortune. The Prov. G. Supt. appointed his officers for the year ensuing as follows:—

J. M. P. Montagu, P.Z. 170 and 707	Prov. G.H.
Rev. W. M. Heath, 622	Prov. G.J.
W. Chick, P.Z. 417	Prov. G.S.E.
W. J. Fletcher, 622	Prov. G.S.N.
C. Tucker, Z. 707	Prov. G.P.S.
J. Jesty, 170	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
C. Parsons, H. 417	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
J. Jacob, 170	Prov. G. Treas.
W. P. Cockeram, J. 417	Prov. G. Reg.
J. H. Boyt, J. 137	Prov. G. Swd. B.
J. B. Cole, J. 170	Prov. G. Std. B.
Wm. Smith, P.Z. 170	Prov. G.D. of Cers.
Jas. Smith, 622	Prov. G. Org.
John Lovelace	Prov. G. Jan.

After the closing of the Prov. Chapter the companions supped together by invitation of E. Comp. H. Ling, Z. of Chapter 417. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and the Prov. G. Supt., taking a hint from E. Comp. Ling, said he would endeavour in turn to visit during the year the various chapters and lodges throughout the province.

Bro. S. C. Hadley, P.A.G.D.C., of the City Flour Mills, will probably succeed Sir S. J. Gibbons as Alderman for the Ward of Castle Baynard.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A new lodge, and also a new chapter, are talked of in Toxteth-park, Liverpool.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will hold their next meeting in Brighton on the 30th inst.

The Burdett Courts Lodge (No. 1278) met on Thursday last, the 16th inst. A full report will appear in our next.

The Sixth anniversary Banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction No. 1275, will take place on the 5th October.

Bro. Major John Tanner Davy of Rose Ash, South Molton, P.G.M. of Mark Masons of Devon, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Devon.

The Earl of Leicester and Lord Waveney, two of the land-owners asked by the labour league to sell them land, have written stating that they are ready to treat with the League for the sale of land, to be farmed by its members.

The annual banquet of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, will be held at the Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Hand-court, Holborn, on Tuesday the 28th inst., at seven o'clock. Bro. Robertson, S.W. 55, will preside.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Cheshire will be held on the 23rd inst., at Hyde, near Manchester, and the annual gathering in connection with the Province of West Lancashire will take place at Preston, Oct. 6th.

Mr. Senior will represent the "Daily News" in India during the Prince of Wales's visit to that country, and Mr. Gay the "Daily Telegraph." By the absence from England of Mr. Gay the editorship of the "Home News" will pass into other hands. The "Central News" will be represented by Mr. George Wheeler.

The volumes of the unpublished letters and documents belonging to Michael Angelo are to be exhibited at the approaching Centenary in Florence in glass cases. Our correspondent in the city has had a private view of the volumes in question. There are nine in all, quarto size; six contain letters addressed to Michael Angelo by celebrated contemporaries, and the remaining three are his own letters to members of his family and friends. The first was written in 1497, and the last 66 years afterwards, but the handwriting is throughout almost the same, there having been little change in it during Michael Angelo's life.

THE FREEMASONS AND THE POLICE.—At the great assembly of the Freemasons of England on April 28th, at the Royal Albert Hall, for the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, the force of Metropolitan police in attendance was under the command of Mr. Superintendent Mott. Its duty was most efficiently performed to the convenience and satisfaction of the Freemasons, and as Mr. James Mott is one of their fraternity, the Grand Lodge has voted him a testimonial gift in the shape of a Steward's jewel, the pattern of which is shown in our engraving.—"Illustrated London News."

The next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at Sheffield, on Wednesday, October 20th, 1875, under the banner of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 11239. There are now 61 lodges in West Yorkshire, in consequence of which the provincial meetings are numerous attended; so with a view to insuring comfort, the rooms of the famed Cutlers' Hall have been secured. The Wentworth Lodge will be ably supported by the two sister lodges, Britannia, No. 139, and Royal Brunswick, No. 296, also its immediate neighbour, Phoenix, No. 904, (Rotherham), so a most successful meeting is anticipated.

THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND.—A new edition is announced of "Cassell's History of England," in monthly parts. This is the history of which Lord Brougham said, "The soundest principles are laid down in almost every instance. The interests of virtue, of liberty, and of peace—the best interests of mankind—are faithfully and ably maintained throughout." It will be illustrated with upwards of two thousand engravings, and a new portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, produced in the best form of art, and printed on imperial paper, 2 ft. 6 in. by 1 ft. 10 in., will be issued as a presentation plate with the first monthly part, which will be published on September 27th.

At Lathom House, Ormskirk, the first sale of shorthorns from the fashionable herd of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., P.G.M. W.L., took place on Tuesday week. The sale was well attended, among those present being the Earl of Bective, Earl Clarendon, Lord Calthorpe, Marquis of Blandford, Lord Moreton, Colonel Gunter, Rev. J. Lomax, and Messrs. Sheldon, Bowley, Villiers, Beauford, Magniac, Holford, Longman, and others; a number of American gentlemen, including Mr. J. H. Pickrell, President of the American Shorthorn Society; also representatives from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the continent. After luncheon, at which Lord Wimarleigh presided, Mr. Thornton, the well-known and excellent auctioneer, was engaged for more than three hours in dispersing the herd catalogued for sale, and obtained famous prices, the total amount realised being nearly 5700 guineas for 40 head, or an average of over 140 guineas each.

PROPOSED COMPLIMENT TO A WORTHY BROTHER.—An influential committee was appointed on Friday last at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of

organising and carrying out a complimentary concert to Bro. J. Skeaf, P.M. 216, P.G. Organist West Lancashire, which will take place in the course of the year. Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec., was appointed Chairman of the committee. No compliment has been more worthily earned than that which is intended to pay to Bro. Skeaf, as he has for a long series of years not only been ready to lend a helping hand in the working of Masonry, but he has been especially ready to give hearty aid in connection with any and every true work of charity, Masonic and otherwise, even at considerable sacrifice to his own personal interests. His fame as a musician is known in all the lodges, and it is to be hoped the brethren of West Lancashire (as well as neighbouring provinces) will show their appreciation of his services and talents by making the forthcoming concert a complete success and a substantial gain.

AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION.—Bro. Yelland, W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, very recently had an addition to his family, and following the example of municipal bodies in reference to their mayors under similar circumstances, the members of the lodge determined to present him, if not with a silver cradle, at least with some token of their esteem on the interesting occasion. The presentation took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the ordinary meeting of the lodge, when Bro. Washington, I.P.M., in the name of the members, handed to Bro. Yelland a very handsome case containing solid silver knife, fork, and spoon for the little stranger. In doing so, he conveyed the heartiest wishes of the members for the prosperity and welfare of parents and little one. The W.M., in acknowledging the present, said he had never been more surprised in his life than by this unexpected presentation, and he thanked the brethren very cordially for their handsome gift.

MASONRY IN EAST LANCASHIRE.—Those "brethren of the mystic tie" who are resident in Ramsbottom and the immediate neighbourhood labour under the disadvantage of being located about four miles from any lodge—the nearest meeting places being Bury on the one hand and Haslingden on the other—and with a view to remove this difficulty a meeting was held at the Railway Hotel on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. S. Porritt, S.W., of Lodge 215, (Haslingden), when it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. Peak, P.M., seconded by Mr. John Schofield, that a petition be drawn up praying the Provincial Grand Master (Colonel Le Gendre Starkie) to issue a warrant for the holding of a lodge at the Railway Hotel. It is not improbable that the new lodge will be named "The Cheeryble Brothers"—the late Mr. John Grant of Ramsbottom, one of the brothers made famous in Dickens's "Nicholas Nickleby," having been a member of the Masonic Order.—"Bury Times," Sept. 11th.

THE MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON AT PRESTEIGN.—A branch railway connecting Presteign, the county town of Radnorshire, with the Leominster and Kington, and the Cardisley and Kington lines, and by them with the Shrewsbury and Hereford, and the Herefordshire and Brecon Railways, was opened recently with great rejoicings. A procession, headed by a regimental band, with waggons filled with oxen, sheep, bread, and coal, was marched from the town to the station, the articles being distributed to the poor. A luncheon was afterwards held, over which the High Sheriff of the county presided. There were athletic sports, and at night a brilliant display of fireworks. At the luncheon, the Marquis of Hartington, responding to the toast of "The Borough Member," after referring to the importance of the district of the new railway, said the celebration had offered him one of those opportunities which he had of coming among them in some other than a political capacity. It gave him great pleasure to see his Radnorshire friends in a non-political way. His visits to them had on former occasions been almost exclusively connected with politics, and they must come to look upon him as a man who could talk on no other subject. He had had no opportunities of forming an opinion of the borough except during a contested election, therefore he was very glad to see, by what had transpired that day, that there were other subjects and other interests which could occupy their minds, and on which they could meet without differing so widely as they had on former occasions when he had been among them. He should follow the example of Mr. Wash (who had preceded him) in avoiding political subjects. He was aware that he had friends in the borough who were anxious to testify their kind feelings with regard to him, and wished to take the opportunity of hearing from him a political speech; but he would rather postpone that to future opportunities in the desire that politics should be excluded from what took place that day. There was another reason why he was unwilling to make a political speech. It was not long since the termination of the session. There might be difference of opinion about the work of the session, but whether they thought that much was done or little was done, and whether they thought it was well done, there could be no doubt that with the Government and the opposition it had been an arduous session, and they were now engaged in a rest. Up to the present time very few political speeches had been made in the country since Parliament adjourned, and he should be sorry prematurely to excite political discussion, and to begin a new political campaign. They would, no doubt, soon be engaged in a new political campaign; but he was enjoying his holiday when he could, and wished to protract it as long as he could, therefore he hoped his friends would abstain from asking him to give them any account of the proceedings of the past session. The noble Marquis subsequently gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the Presteign Railway."

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

SHAW.—PICKUP.—On the 9th inst., at the Church of St. John the Divine, Fairfield, Liverpool, by the Rev. H. S. Maye, Vicar, Bro. James Shaw, General Superintendent of the London and North Western Railway Co., Fairfield Grove, Lockerby Road, to Mrs. N. Pickup, of Springhill, Accrington.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18, 1875.

POSSIBLE ENLARGEMENT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Bro. R. W. Little, the energetic Secretary of the Girls' School, in a speech which we published last week, alluded to the present position of the Girls' School. He stated that it now held 150 girls, but could not be enlarged, and was "not capable of receiving a greater number of children than it at present contained." Neither was it possible, Bro. Little went on to say, "to purchase more land contiguous to the existing site," and, "although the grounds were extensive, they were merely sufficient for the number of the children." "It would therefore be incumbent on the managers," said Bro. Little in conclusion, "to find land elsewhere to keep pace with the growing claims of the Craft, and a scheme would shortly be placed before the subscribers with that object. A notice of motion for the enlargement of the establishment had already been given in committee by a member, Bro. Joshua Nunn, and in that shape the matter would come before the brethren." They say "Tempus omnia monstrat," so we must wait for some little space, before we hear what the exact proposal is. Bro. Little's words are a little, not intentionally enigmatical, as it is not quite clear whether the "land" to be found elsewhere was required for a new building altogether, or only for a supplementary institution. In the need for accommodation, all will agree, the only question on which a good many may have something to say, is the where and how. It is possible that the present site might sell for sufficient to cover the purchase of a new one, and the building of a school, and if

so, the committee, in our opinion, if they can make a good bargain, would be fully justified in the step, on the ground of the exigencies of the Craft. But we feel bound to express our hope, that if such a step is taken, all caution and circumspection will be shown, so as not to make the Royal Masonic Girls' School a petitioner to the Craft for a large sum for building purposes, nor to necessitate the sacrifice of all its funded capital. We have learned, as a body, some experience from the contracts for the Boys' School, and such reminiscences render us anxious, lest we should have similar difficulties to contend with again, though we have no doubt, but that Bro. Little and the House Committee will exercise every care, and practice every economy. We are ourselves quite convinced of the absolute need of an enlarged school, looking at our lists of applicants, but we think it right to offer a few friendly words of fraternal caution, as we know that just now for many reasons, the Craft is a little indisposed to re-commence large building transactions. We have no doubt that when our worthy Bro. Nunn's motion is made, it will be found to be alike practical and business like, in entire keeping with that prudent and sensible management which has ever marked the onward progress of that most admirable Institution, our Girls' School.

FREEMASONRY IN RECESS.

Though the rule of "Recess," as it may be termed, is not such a "Law of the Medes and Persians" in the provinces as in the metropolis, yet we may fairly say that nine-tenths of our London lodges, and a large number of our provincial lodges are just now enjoying their Masonic "Siesta," a little relaxation after many and severe labours. Lodges of instruction still abound, as our notices evidence, but even they, we fancy, are marked by reduced attendances, for the season and the heat are both against the most eloquent explanation, the most lucid development of our time-honoured ritual. On the whole we think the "Recess" is a good institution, and ever needful for the refreshing, the vitality of a lodge. Human nature is still human nature, and in these hot months to be pent up in close rooms, when we might be inhaling the reviving ozone, or basking amid refreshing breezes, savours neither of Masonic wisdom nor profane hygiene. And the fact that our lodge is in recess,—the brethren scattered north, south, east, and west, the faithful Tyler with his wife and olive branches at Ramsgate, is after all only a foreshadowing of an after reunion. That some of our friendly "Caterva" are on the top of the Rhigi, some at Llandudno, some at Windermere, and some at Killarney, only points after all to the universality of Freemasonry, and is suggestive of a goodly muster again, when our admirable Secretary summons his brethren to meet once more, and to open the Masonic season. After a short "retreat" we ardent members of the mystic tie return to the "charge" with the courage and discipline of Britons and Freemasons. The little pause in our Masonic toils has given us fresh breath and new zeal. We hasten to put in an appearance, and to listen approvingly to well-known words we have heard not unfrequently before. We are not indisposed to take our wonted seat at the festive board. We enjoy a very good dinner, we greet some very old friends, we loudly applaud the W.M., and we do hearty honour to the Tyler's toast. Ours has been a pleasant hour, and flow of cheery gossip. Bro. Jones tells us how Brown and Robinson and himself have been to Norway, and he is full of salmon fishing, and the "Fiords." Higgins has come back from Kissingen quite "rajeuni," and declares that "it has done him a world of good." Tomkinson has been in Brittany, and is full of Brittany cows and butter, and that most romantic of districts. While old Horace Hill, P.M. and Treasurer, says, offering you his snuff box (a very bad habit, sir), "I could not afford a foreign trip, so I took Emma and the little Hills to Sandgate, where they have been as merry as grigs." And so the chat runs on, if a little disjointed at times, through whirling hours and cooling liquids, until coffee and liqueurs are ushered in, the lights of fuzees, and the

odours of the soothing weed. Well, life has many weaknesses and many follies, its sunshine and its storms, its greatness and its bitterness, its smiles and its tears accompany us all along its dusty and dirty high way, and we should not be mortal, and life would not be life without these lights and shadows of the road. But despite the ridicule of the ignorant, notwithstanding the animadversions of the unjust, Masonic sociality is a good thing, and affords a very pleasant hour of alleviating companionship for many a weary and harassed brother. When our lodges meet again after the recess, if we miss some honest heart, or some pleasant face, if the voice is hushed which once could delight, and the jest is ended which once could raise the honest smile, there will still rally round each W.M. a "band of brothers," proud of their good old Order, loyal to its teaching, and tender-hearted and loving to one another.

MASONIC GOOD MANNERS.

In old days it was customary to send our "young men of family" on what was called the "Grand Tour," to polish up under a fitting companion some heir of many acres, or some hereditary legislator, and to give him a fashionable "tournure," and "good manners." Those of us who have read Lord Chesterfield's Letters to his Son will remember how constantly he tried to teach that uninteresting youth the same important characteristic, though, as we know, in vain. Still, the necessity of good manners is admitted by us all, and is inculcated forcibly by Freemasonry. In its symbolical and often mystical language it would demonstrate to us the advantages of civilised over barbarous life, the reforming influences of the study of the arts and sciences, of moral culture and intellectual development over the rough mass of unpolished and inert humanity. Hence, one of the great benefits of Freemasonry really and truly is, that it is in one sense a school of good manners, a very important educational institution, be it remembered, for us all alike. And there can be no reasonable doubt that, as Freemasons, we are ourselves greatly improved by this much needed teaching in our lodge assemblies. The contrasts of rank and humble station, the severances of mere earthly society, are all transfused, so to say, into the amalgam of the spiritual equality of Freemasonry. We meet all upon one level within the lodge, as brethren one and all, having due regard to those necessary distinctions of rank and grade which, as in earthly society, constitute alike the safety and the welfare of us all. So that a Freemason's Lodge is an academy of good manners, as well as of sound morals and tolerant teaching. It is strange, indeed, and somewhat saddening for us to realize what a struggle in all things now, physiological as well as personal, mental as well as material, the onward life of man is for us, the inhabitants of earth for a little season. One should have thought, à priori, that good manners and courteous address would be a self-evident duty and need for all human beings. But not so. The inborn selfishness of Ego comes in from the first development of precocious youth, to the last babblings of maundering old age, to taint and to mar all our relations towards our fellow creatures. Nay, even more than this. There is a love of singularity, a tendency to idiosyncrasy, more or less in all, which leads us sometimes to the belief that "brusquerie" of manner, the unconciliating address, the ungenial tone, the assertion of superiority, the "hauteur" of ill suppressed selfishness, are not undesirable accompaniments of our rank, Masonic or profane, our position, our post, our standing in society. We actually, sometimes affect to think that such amiable traits raise us in the eyes of our fellow creatures, and constitute us "swells," laudable ambition, in the esteem of less flourishing compeers. Though all this be a mistake, it is a mistake we many of us daily and hourly make, forgetting good old Wykeham's immortal proverb, "Manners makyth man." Now Masonry teaches us from first to last the same goodly lesson. It would bid us repress the self-assertion of individual conceit, and the display of personal egotism. It would require us to look kindly, considerately, courteously on all. It would warn us against the

hasty utterance, and the unreflecting opinion. It would point out to us that others have feelings as well as ourselves, and that our fellow creatures have sensitive sensations and tender hearts. So that when we annoy them by our rudeness, or hurt them by our want of good feeling, when we seek to wound, to irritate a brother or fellow creatures by unamiable words, unfriendly acts, bad manners, we are committing alike a breach of humanitarian morals, to take no higher ground, and are evidencing the ignorance of our own Masonic principles. For good manners would lead us always to forget our own individuality in that of our brethren and our Order. If we are exalted in rank or grade, good manners would bid us to extend a friendly hand to, and look with a kindly face on any humbler member of our Order. Good manners would urge us to be courteous and genial to all, neither foppish nor priggish, but always natural, open, and honest, ready to do a good turn, and be not only a "buon camarado," but a true Freemason, whenever we meet our brethren in lodge or out of lodge. There is nothing so odious in our opinion, as the overbearing ill manners of a little brief authority, that vulgarity which, arising from a mistaken estimate of wealth or position, renders us pompous and pretentious, tyrannical, and even insolent. We do not say that such a state of things is common to Freemasons or Freemasonry; happily it is not so. On the contrary, Freemasonry does succeed in educing in a wonderful way a great amount of true-hearted sympathy, and generous feelings, and good manners amongst us all. But as we are writing didactically to improve and to impress and to elevate, we have necessarily to deal with what is possible and probable, as well as with what is actual and in presentia. We trust that our humble, if warning words, will be appreciated by all who, like ourselves, deeply value Freemasonry, especially under the conditions in which, as it appears to us, it ever looks most most fair, namely, in its genial inculcation of true fraternal sympathies, cultured gracefulness, good manners, loving memories, and honest hearts.

THE COLLISION IN THE SOLENT.

The jury at Portsmouth have made their "deliverance" in the second inquest to the effect, that the collision was accidental, but they have added a "rider," that the collision took place through an "error of judgment" on the part of the "navigating officer of the Alberta," that "a slower rate of speed, during the holiday months especially, would be more conducive to public safety," and that, "also there should be a more efficient look out." In England we wisely accept always the verdicts of juries, even when we do not agree them, and we think it would be very bad taste, to say nothing of waste of time, to cavil at a free expression of opinion like that of a jury at a Coroner's inquisition. We are, however, writing in the interest always of truth, absolute truth, and matter of fact, and we are a little inclined to think, that under the guise of a factitious public opinion, some injustice may be shewn, and has already been manifested by our impulsive English feeling, towards the members of a very gallant service. Let us here recapitulate the actual and proved realities of this no doubt most distressing case, "ab initio." The Alberta Royal Yacht, followed by a tender, Commander Sullivan, is on its voyage to Gosport, the Queen being "en route" for Scotland. The Alberta is running, as they say, free at 15 knots an hour. The yacht Mistletoe is on its way to Ryde, but yet is sailing, for a time, parallel to the Royal Yacht. But here begins the usual contradictions of a "running-down case," which is generally considered in the profession, as to have as its inevitable condition, "hard swearing on both sides." The officers and others of the Royal Yacht state distinctly, that they had seen the Mistletoe before the accident, and that she was running abeam of the Alberta. Some of the surviving crew of the Mistletoe, as well as Mr. Heywood the owner, declare that this is incorrect, and that the Alberta ran down and on to the Mistletoe. Something no doubt was said on board the Mistletoe, though not apparently by Mr. Heywood, about running in close

to have a look at the Queen; a discussion arose as to which vessel carried Her Majesty, (the Royal Standard ought to have indicated that), and preparations were made for "dipping the ensign." This evidence hardly squares with the assertion, that the Alberta ran straight down to them. In this position, as there is this great and startling contradiction, we must next look at the acts of the two crews. Captain Welch on the Alberta sees the Mistletoe on his port side, but apparently in no danger of a collision, and crosses over to the starboard side of the bridge to have a look at another yacht. When he turns to the port side again, he sees the bowsprit of the Mistletoe close to the bows of the Alberta; a Quartermaster tells him at the same moment, that the yacht is put about, and he gives the order to starboard the helm, meaning, according to the rule of the road at sea, to give way, and go astern of the Mistletoe. But in a few seconds, and as Captain Welch well says, accidents happen at sea in seconds, comes the collision. The yacht is stopped, and then ordered to go slowly astern. And then that most lamentable and saddening loss of life occurs, and the yacht goes down. This statement seems perfectly plain and correct, and a sailor's unvarnished tale, and we cannot but regret the tone that was introduced into the cross examination at the first inquest. What has happened in the interim on board the yacht? Mr. Heywood did not give the order to put the helm down to port, and to send the yacht up into the wind, but he says that Captain Stokes did so, and fastened down the helm. Brown, the steward and cook, here appears on the scene, unusually, as the coroner, Mr. Garrington, forcibly observes, and seems alike to have advised and aided in the act. But why did the Mistletoe port her helm? What good could possibly come of such a proceeding then? The only effect, humanly speaking, could be, to bring the Mistletoe across the bows of the Alberta, and we cannot help thinking and fearing, that Stokes, the captain of the yacht, though no doubt a good sailor, lost his head in the emergency; put down his helm because he did not know what else to do, and left it, and went "forrard," as there is evidence of in the first inquest. If that be so, we have the real explanation of the unfortunate collision in the Solent. We are inclined to think that the Quartermaster's evidence in the first inquest was true when he said, that owing to the position a collision was unavoidable, that is to say, owing to the porting of the Mistletoe's helm. Had the Alberta's helm been ported, as has been hastily suggested, we cannot understand what possible good could come of it, or how, as it then was, a collision, could have been avoided. When Captain Welch starboarded the Alberta's helm, he did, though probably the case was desperate then, all that could possibly and nautically be done. There is an interesting chart in a recent number of our contemporary, "The Graphic," which gives the actual position of the vessels at sea, and is, we think, decisive of the case, namely, that the real cause of the collision was the porting of the Mistletoe's helm. There is one ingredient in the case which has been but little attended to, the comparative speed of the two vessels, one running at 15 knots, the other, it is surmised, at 5, which we do not profess to be able to explain. But the surmise may be incorrect, and if so, "cadit questio." We feel naturally the deepest commiseration for Mr. Heywood and his sorrowing family, as well as for the friends and relatives of the captain and mate of the yacht. But as we write, and always ought to write, in the grave interests of truth and right, and fair play to all, we feel that in this as in all other things, whether Masonic or profane, the abiding importance of the good old axiom, "Fiat justitia ruat cælum."

THE CHEQUE BANK.

We have had our attention called to this new and useful banking establishment, and are glad to commend it to the notice of our readers. Though not of any long existence, it seems to be, and is likely we think to become a very useful means of accommodation to business houses of various kinds. It is often inconvenient to remit sums, it is loss of time often to run to the nearest

Post-office for a money order, and with many of our readers time is money. One or two peculiarities of the Cheque Bank deserve attention. The cheques we may observe are good, however long they remain in circulation, so that those who hold them need not hurry to cash them, as with common cheques, but they can keep them as long as they like, without any risk, and use them with the houses they do business with, as a "circulating medium." And another point is, that these Cheque Bank drafts can be paid away from hand to hand, and be used almost as bank notes in the common transactions of mercantile business. They may pass through hundreds of holders, until some day they are paid into an account at a bankers', and then they return to the head office for clearing. There are many of our readers who have daily to send small sums in letters, and as postage stamps are sometimes troublesome, and coin is decidedly dangerous, and time is too valuable to go to the Post Office, the Cheque Bank affords a ready means of convenience to many, and a safe payment for all. Many persons object to keep much small cash in the counting office, and these Cheques are a convenient substitute. In all that we have said, we do not wish to be supposed to undervalue our great postal system, with its admirable adaptation to the wants of all classes alike, but we simply mention one or two points for the calm consideration of our readers, in which, as it appears to us, the Cheque Bank affords to many business men and firms, the maximum of convenience and of easy payments. We wish the experiment every success.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE POWERS OF W. MASTERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sorry to read that "An Absent W.M." thinks that I was unkind in presuming that there was more in his question than met the eye. I was glad to hear that I was wrong. The fact that "An Absent W.M." found it necessary to ask whether he could require to have the lodge summons and a record of its proceedings sent to him, appeared to me to be so unusual a circumstance, that I imagined, and I hope not unjustly, that there must be something behind the question. I have not the least notion who "An Absent W.M." is, but I unfeignedly express my regret that anything which I wrote should have annoyed him. P.G.W.

THE POSITION OF MASONRY IN GREAT BRITAIN IN 1875 AND ITS NOBLE CHARITIES.

SECOND ARTICLE.

Sorry am I to find that another "Breaker ahead has arisen." I had hoped that in my last article I had exhausted all but solitary instances; but the ultimatum from Grand Lodge respecting the wearing the jewel authorized by our Royal Grand Master, shows that a more extended ground for complaint has arisen, "self conceit, self thinking" must have largely increased even in England to call forth this severe rebuke, which could never have happened without good cause, especially so soon after the installation that occurred this spring.

All who have studied the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England know that all processions, all means for display, are strictly prohibited, save on special occasions, and then only by special dispensation. How then can this inordinate vanity have arisen. Brethren, you well know we meet as equals, our jewels of office point out the superiority of those who are worthy, does the newly initiated know the meaning of our jewels? We ourselves who know the meaning require no further information! Let the P.M. who has worthily filled his chair receive decoration, but only in one case. If he has served the chair in one or more lodges (to their satisfaction), let him put on bars for each successive holding of office. Let the P.M. be for life a member of Grand Lodge so long as he pays his dues, but not entitled to vote or speak in Grand Lodge or in his own lodge, during any period that he may be in arrears, or after taking his name off the books of his lodge until he shall have replaced it in the books of Grand Lodge by rejoining his own or another lodge as a subscribing member. This would clearly define the high position of P.M. But I would go further, I would even propose the following method of recognising a worthy P.M. in lieu of giving him a jewel commemorative of esteem by his brethren: Remember brethren the Mason's apron is a higher distinction "amongst us" than any other decoration. The emblems of a P.M. emblazoned as they are on his apron sufficiently prove him worthy! Let these emblems suffice! Believe me, brethren, I am not bigoted, but display begets display.

Vanity, self seeking, personal aggrandisement are all repugnant to the true spirit of Masonry; our highest aim is to do our work well and to be "Primus inter Pares."

The good and great Duke of Wellington, the finest soldier of his age—as I know full well from my father (a good and high Mason), who was in the staff corps under him in the Peninsular war—utterly repudiated all decorations; he truly maintained that it was for every British soldier “to do his duty.” If the soldier did his duty he only did that which he had been called on to do, the Duke looked on all men as equals in their several stations and capacities, he considered it nothing beyond his (the soldier's) duty for him to succeed, to fail was disgrace.

Let us consider Masonry in this light. What do we each and all of us engage ourselves to do when we enter Masonry? To devote our abilities (if we have any) to acquire a true knowledge of our subject, to discharge to the best of our power the offices entrusted to our care, to instruct those not so well informed as ourselves, in fact, whether we rule or whether we serve, to remember that we are all equals in Masonry, and to endeavour who can best work and who can best excel. We do nothing, therefore, in doing our duty but what we engage ourselves to do on admission to our glorious Order—to fail is disgrace. Would to God this was the rule duly carried out. Think not that all can excel, that all are gifted with equal abilities, some must rule, the rest must obey, but while saying this, I contend that the brother who serves to the utmost of his power, is as good (as a Mason) as him who rules; the Great Architect has not gifted all men alike. Those who fail in their duties, those who are disgraced, are those timeserving, those negligent, those half-hearted brethren, who do not busy themselves with the cares and troubles of the Order, who look listlessly on while others are doing their work, who failed in all essentials.

I would now show you how I think a brother who has done his duty might be adequately rewarded, and in a manner more conducive to the good of the Order.

We do not want display. The good Mason seeks no gewgaws to prove himself to the world at large. How can we then recompense the brother who knows and does his duty?

The proposition I am now going to make for the consideration of the Craft in general is not entirely my own. We read in Scripture “By their deeds ye shall know them.” This we can do, but by other good deeds we can commemorate theirs. It has been proposed and read in the Masonic papers that all W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and those who deserve well of the Craft should be presented Life Governorships or more by their brethren. Surely this is a more fitting reward for good deeds, a more fitting recompense for a worthy brother. If this proposal comes to be adopted, and those hitherto callous and half-hearted respond to our call, if due supervision is exercised in admitting true and worthy brethren, if the duties of our Order are duly impressed on the minds of our candidates, if they are duly instructed in and urged to respond to our great characteristic “charity,” the amounts subscribed to our three several institutions will in future years be twenty-fold—aye, fifty-fold—increased.

Seeing then that Masonry is in such a flourishing state, something more must, and can be done, to help the orphans, the widows, and the aged; what more fitting time can there be than this? in what more fitting manner can we inaugurate our Royal Grand Master's elevation to the throne of Grand Lodge? than by a large addition to the donations to our charities, thus laying down a precedent to be followed by all lodges in doing honour to those who have well and worthily discharged the duties of office.

I would offer one more idea for general consideration by which we might extend our sphere of usefulness! Oxford I know, and Cambridge, I believe, have opened their several universities to unattached students; our orphans who have received good education (primary and secondary) from our Order, are most of them the children of parents in a better class of life, who, through no fault of their own, have fallen into difficulties and distress, they have been well brought up under our auspices; cannot something then be done in establishing exhibitions at each of the universities for unattached students from our Boys' School, the exhibitions would enable the young men to live, not in luxury perhaps, but in some comfort, during their sojourn there; smaller exhibitions of a second class might be established for boys and girls for the middle class examinations; thus an opening in life could be made for those who have passed through our schools; these exhibitions to be tenable for definite periods, say three or four years, and with due regard to character and conduct.

Having placed my case before you, brethren, think the matter over carefully, those amongst you who are skilled in the matter, you who are ever seeking to do good.

Of course the first increase of donations must be applied to our schools; it takes large sums of money to endow exhibitions; all these points, however, can be compassed if the tide of prosperity flows, as I trust it may.

Here then, brethren, is a new field open to you, Grand Lodge of Benevolence can, and will help you; if our support is given to it, England may well say that it has striven to do its duty.

I have heard on good authority that in Sweden and Norway they have an orphanage containing 800 children; if such is really the case, and I do not doubt it, England has yet much to do to hold its own in the field of charity.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These remedies have stood the test of time, and opposition has proved fruitless, in consequence of their sterling qualities of efficacy, mildness, and certainty. They are unfailing in their operation on the causes of disease, and in that common-class of disease, throat and chest complaints, are invaluable. The Ointment rubbed perseveringly over the seat of disorder, causes the irritation to subside, and the congestive condition to be arrested, so that the difficulty of breathing, which is so distressing an accompaniment of these diseases, is soon relieved, and the tendency to the development of Diphtheria, Ulcerated Tonsils, Mumps, Pleurisy, Bronchitis, and other alarming and dangerous diseases of these parts is at once checked and relief obtained. —*Adv.*

UNVEILING THE MAYO STATUE AT COCKERMOUTH.

The long-anticipated and deeply interesting ceremony of uncovering the Memorial Statue of the late Earl of Mayo at Cocker-mouth came off on Thursday, August 19, under circumstances of a most gratifying and auspicious character. There was a large gathering of the nobility and gentry of the county and of the inhabitants of the town and district, amongst whom the most tender memories of the late Earl will ever survive. The principal duty of the day devolved upon Lord Napier and Ettrick, who it will be remembered, being then Governor of Madras, assumed the chief direction of affairs in India when Lord Mayo was suddenly cut off by an assassin.

The history of the Memorial may soon be told. It was on the 13th of February, 1872, that the news of Lord Mayo's assassination reached this country. In no place was the sad impression produced deeper than in Cocker-mouth, for in that place Lord Mayo had endeared himself to men of all shades of political opinion by the genial frankness of his manner and his kindness of heart. A public meeting was held in the Court-house, which was presided over by Mr. William Wood, the High Bailiff of the borough, and attended as numerous by Liberals as Conservatives. At that meeting Mr. Isaac Fletcher, M.P., paid an eloquent tribute to the worth and ability of the deceased nobleman. Mr. Fletcher said: “I believe that everybody in this room will admit that at no former period in the history of our borough have the inhabitants been called together upon a more melancholy or a more appalling occasion. A nobleman who for eleven years represented this borough in Parliament, who never had a contest, who three times had held office under the Crown, who had been a cabinet Minister, and who was selected by her Majesty's advisers as Viceroy of India, who for three years had discharged the duties of that most important office to the entire satisfaction of his Queen and of his country, has in one fearful moment been struck down by the blow of a base and cowardly assassin. Lord Mayo's career has been a somewhat remarkable one. Three times he had held the same office under the Crown, and on all of those occasions he distinguished himself chiefly by an entire devotion to the duties of his office, by a conscientious industry, and proving to demonstration that he possessed all the high qualities of an administrator. When, in the autumn of 1868, the Governor-Generalship of India became vacant, Mr. Disraeli, with that keen appreciation of character which I may say has always distinguished him in his selections for high office in the State, conferred the office of Viceroy and Governor-General of India upon Lord Mayo, I need not remind you that that appointment provoked much hostile, and perhaps I might almost say unfriendly, criticism. Although Lord Mayo's talents were universally admitted, there were undoubtedly very many who held the opinion that he was hardly possessed of those superior qualities of mind and of intellect which is essential in any one who undertakes such a gigantic task as the government of 150 millions of the natives of an empire who are more or less disloyal to the rule of this country. But Lord Mayo had been but a very short time in India when he amply proved that if he had not on former occasions displayed those great qualities it was because the opportunity had never been afforded him. For three years he had held that office; and he had grasped that problem of India Government more completely than any of his predecessors. He at once, by an intuitive perception, saw that the only mode of our permanently retaining our Empire in the East was by improving the means of communication, to develop the internal resources of India, by opening out railways and communication through the various parts of the country, and by endeavouring in every way to alleviate the physical and moral condition of those under his sway. I do not know that I need say very much more in praise of Lord Mayo. He amply justified the choice of Her Majesty; and the Duke of Argyll, in the House of Lords, and Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons, both of whom were hostile to him in politics, have admitted that he has conducted the government of India to the entire satisfaction both of Her Majesty and of themselves. (Applause.) It is, indeed, sad to think that a man like Lord Mayo, in the meridian of life, and in the midst of a great career, should have met so terrible and tragic an end. Many, I believe, looked forward to his fulfilling his high office for some time to come, and the qualities which he there displayed seemed to mark him out for high office if Providence had permitted that he should ever return to this country; but, alas, all these expectations have come to an end, and I may quote these lines:

Now is the stately column broke,

The beacon fire is quenched in smoke.

But I believe that both the present generation and posterity will admit that among the illustrious roll of Indian rulers there are few who have left behind them a brighter and more stainless life.” Mr. Fletcher concluded his address by moving a vote of sympathy and condolence with Lady Mayo, which concluded thus:—“And the meeting takes leave to add to this the assurance that throughout Lord Mayo's long connection with the borough, as one of its representatives in Parliament, he never failed to command, in a remarkable degree, the honour and regard of all classes of the constituency, as well by his noble personal qualities as by the able and faithful discharge of his public duties.” At the meeting referred to, addresses were also delivered by Colonel Green Thompson, the Rev. Canon Hoskins, the Rev. W. Williams, Mr. Ferdinand James, and others, it was resolved that, in consideration of Lord Mayo's former connection with the borough, and as a memento of the local appreciation of his personal virtues no less than of his public worth, steps be taken to erect a suitable and abiding memorial of the lamented statesman. All ranks and classes joined cordially in the movement, and

in a short time an eminent firm of sculptors, Messrs. Wills, of Euston-road, London, were commissioned to execute a statue in marble. A committee, consisting of a number of influential gentlemen, was formed, and of that committee Mr. Jonathan Mitchell was appointed the Honorary Secretary. A better man could not have been selected for the office, for Mr. Mitchell has laboured hard and indefatigably to make the movement, which culminated in the proceedings of Thursday, worthy of the man whose memory it was designed to honour, and the success which has crowned it is due in a very great measure to his exertions, which have certainly been ably seconded by his colleagues. The appeal for subscriptions was heartily responded to, and in a short time between £800 and £900 were collected. At first it was suggested that the memorial should take the form of a public hall, but this idea was quickly abandoned, and it was finally decided that the memorial should be a statue of Lord Mayo. Accordingly, on the 14th of November, 1872, an agreement was entered into by Mr. Bowerbank and Mr. Jonathan Mitchell, on behalf of the Mayo Memorial Committee, with Messrs. W. and T. Wills, sculptors, of 172, Euston-road, London, to make and complete the statue by the month of June, 1874, for the sum of £800. The statue was not, however, finished till the beginning of the present month. At one time it was in contemplation to place it at the end of Station-street, but the Committee finally resolved that the site for it should be the centre of Main-street, near the Bush Inn, and when the pedestal arrived at Cocker-mouth it was placed in its position by workmen, superintended by Mr. Phillips, the contractor for the Whitehaven Wet Dock, acting for Messrs. Wills, and Mr. Pickering, of the firm of Pickering and Crompton, of Whitehaven, engineers, acting on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

There were 144 subscribers to the memorial, in sums ranging from 5s. to £50. Lord Leonfield, the Hon. P. S. Wyndham, and the Earl of Lonsdale each subscribed £50, and the two former added £25 each to their first subscription, to aid in defraying the expenses connected with the unveiling ceremony and the alterations to the street. Among the other principal subscribers were Colonel Green-Thompson, £40; R. Senhouse, Esq., £30; George Moore, Esq., £25; George Mawson, Esq., £25; H. Bell, Esq., £23; John Sterling, Esq., £20; Trustee of the late J. Harris, Esq., £19 19s.; Mrs. Ann. Thornburn, £20; Sir Wilfrid Lawson, £20; H. Henhouse, Esq., £20; W. Fletcher, Esq., £20; I. Fletcher, Esq., M.P., £20; W. Wood, Esq., £20; T. A. Hoskins, Esq., £15; His Grace the Bishop of Carlisle, £10 10s.; the late J. Wybergh, Esq., £10; W. L. Alexander, Esq., £10 10s.; Lord Mun-caster, £10 10s.; Messrs. S. and S. G. Saul, Carlisle, £10 10s.; Mr. W. Banks, Highmoor House, £10; Mr. Joseph Bowerbank, £10 10s.; Rev. J. Wordsworth, £10; Mr. D. Rapley, £10 10s.; Mr. John Ashley, £10 10s.; Mr. Joshua Jenkinson, £10 10s.; and W. N. Hodgson, Esq., M.P., £10 10s. The contract with Messrs. Wills, the sculptors, was signed in November, 1872, by Messrs. Mitchell and Bowerbank, on behalf of the Committee.

The statue reached Cocker-mouth on Friday week, and was placed on the pedestal on Monday. We can congratulate the artists upon the success of the work which has now left their hands. It is nine feet in height, and is carved from a block of fine Sicilian marble. The form, like that of him whose counterfeit presentment it is, is noble and commanding; and the attitude is imposing, as befits one who held a beneficent and almost regal sway over two hundred millions of his fellow creatures. He is represented in his robes as Viceroy, which are very effectively arranged. The left hand rests on the hip; the right grasps a scroll. The likeness is admirable; it would have been impossible to render the manly and vigorous countenance with more fidelity. The massive pedestal of Cornish granite, twelve feet high, bears but one word—“Mayo.” In modelling the likeness, the sculptors were much assisted by suggestions from Lady Mayo and the Hon. Percy Wyndham, M.P., both of whom visited the studio on several occasions, and took great interest in the progress of the work. The whole structure will be surrounded by iron rails, at each corner of which a lamp is to be placed. The total expenditure will amount to £1000. The position of the statue has been well chosen in the most central and broadest part of the Main-street.

The proceedings were remarkably favoured by the weather. It was a glorious day of early autumn, a grateful breeze tempering the rays of an almost Indian sun. From early morning the streets of the town presented a busy and animated appearance, and a considerable number of visitors from the neighbouring towns and villages proceeded to Cocker-mouth by the early trains. This number was largely increased on the arrival of the trains from the east and west about noon. There was no attempt made to decorate the town, as it was thought by the Memorial Committee that such a proceeding would be out of keeping with an event which partook of a sad and solemn character, and one calculated to awaken very painful recollections. The whole of the tradesmen's shops and places of business were closed at twelve o'clock, and from that hour till three in the afternoon the traffic in Main-street, between Station-street and Sullart-street, was stopped by order of the Local Board of Health. In front of the statue a platform was erected for those who had to take part in the ceremony of unveiling, and running in the line of the street on each side was a stand, with seats rising one above another, for the accommodation of the subscribers to the Memorial Fund and the ladies. The space between the stands and within the enclosure was reserved for the officers and members of the Eighth Cumberland Rifle Volunteers and the Friendly Societies. Upon the rifle corps, in the first instance, however, devolved the duty of keeping the line of procession clear. About half-past twelve o'clock the spectators began to take their places in the street, upon the grand stands, and at the windows. The band of the Rifles was in its appointed position in

front of the central platform, and a detachment of police, placed at the service of the committee by the Chief-Constable, carried out the regulations under the directions of Mr. Superintendent Spencer, admitting none within the barricades except those who were privileged to enter. While the procession approached, the band played the "Dead March" (Saul). At a quarter before one o'clock the head of the procession of Friendly Societies appeared at the head of the street with a banner waving in front.

The Freemasons had mustered in strong force, a large number of brethren from neighbouring lodges visiting Skiddaw Lodge on the occasion. The members of the "Mystic Craft," it may be mentioned, had a peculiar interest in the proceedings, for the late Earl of Mayo, when Lord Naas, M.P. for the borough, and representative of the Grand Lodge of Irish Freemasons at the English Grand Lodge, became a joining member of Skiddaw Lodge, Cockermouth, on the 6th September, 1864, and continued a subscribing member till the day of his melancholy death, February 8th, 1872, at which time he also held the honour of Patron of the Masonic Order in the Indian dependencies of the British Crown. The Freemasons had met at Skiddaw Lodge-room, in the Market-place, at noon, and had luncheon at Bro. Stephen Thwaite's, Old Hall Inn. As they marched down the street they appeared in full Masonic Craft clothing and jewels, the Provincial Grand Officers present taking the head of the procession, led by the Tyler of Skiddaw Lodge, with their banner, and Bros. Evening and Ferguson with their wands as Stewards. The W.M., with the officers and brethren of Skiddaw Lodge, followed the Provincial Officers, and to these succeeded the deputations from other lodges. We give the names of the brethren who took part in the ceremony:—Among the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge 1092, present were:—Bros. W. F. Lamonty, W.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, I.P.M. and Org., P.G.S.; C. Morton, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas., P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. Shilton, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Pearson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; Jos. Allison, S.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, J.W. and Chaplain; Jas. Black, Sec.; Jos. Kerr, S.D.; J. Raine, J.D.; I. Evening, S.S.; S. Ferguson, J.S.; T. Bird, I.G.; W. Potts, Tyler; J. Halloway, J. Robinson, W. Taylor, R. Bailey, H. Moncrieff, J. Pearson, Jon. Musgrove, Stephen Thwaite, Jas. Bolton, and Joseph Graham. The visiting brethren, who signed their names in the Tyler's book, were as follows:—Scientific Lodge, 88, Cambridge: Bro. Jackson Gilbanks. Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, 119, Whitehaven: Bro. J. Rothery, Sec.; and E. Tyson. United Strength Lodge, 228, London: Bro. Joshua Lewis. Union Lodge, 310, Carlisle: Bro. William Robson. St. John's Lodge, 327, Wigton: Bro. John Lemon, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., P.G. Treas.; John Gate, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John Harris. Lodge of Perseverance, 371, Maryport: Bros. Rev. W. Beeby, W.M., P.G. Chaplain; J. R. Banks, S.W.; J. Crerar, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, Treas., P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Thos. Carey, S.D.; J. Fulton, I.G.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M.; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; J. R. Tickle, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D.; G. M. Tickle, P.M.; J. M. Gill, Thomas Milburn, D. Bell, W. Walker, J. W. Robinson, Thos. Mandale, R. Tucker, G. Goodall. Zetland Lodge, 525, Hong Kong, China: George Glasce. Lewis Lodge, 872, Whitehaven: G. Nicholson. Sun and Sector Lodge, 962, Worthington: G. T. Archibald, W.M.; N. Topping, J.W.; Reece Thomas, S.D.; G. M'Mullin, J.D.; Rowland Hill, I.G.; J. J. Beattie, P.M.; G. Brooker, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; S. S. Briggs, B. Clark, W. Yates, J. Guy, Joseph Troughear, H. Irving, W. Jackson, T. Wilkinson, G. Ostle, R. Hullock, G. Kirkwood, D. Reece, W. Wagg, J. Blackburn, T. B. Roxby, W. S. Sands, G. Topping. Greta Lodge, 1073, Keswick: Rev. R. Rutherford, P.M., P.P.G.A. Chaplain; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. Lamonty, P.G. Tyler; R. J. Hunter, A. Wilson. Witton Lodge, 1077, Blackley, Lancashire. G. Kay. Kenlis Lodge, 1267, Egremont: W. Miller and John Nelson. Curwen Lodge, 1400, Harrington: James Dick, S.W.; Tom Dixon, Sec.; J. Young, P.M.; W. Waite, W. Carlyle, D. Dickinson, R. Wattleworth, H. Halliday. Bective Lodge, 1532, Carlisle: G. Potter, S.W.; R. Orman. Thistle Lodge, 62, Dumfries, Scotch Constitution: Bro. W. Rome.

Following the members of the Masonic body came the Loyal Cocker Lodge of Oddfellows, with their gorgeous new banner floating on the breeze, emblazoned with the arms of the Order and the motto *Amicitia, Amor, et Veritas*. These were succeeded by the Derwent Lodge of Mechanics, and the Good Intent Friendly Society. The procession marched down the Main-street, through the open ranks of the Volunteers, to the inclosure round the statue, where places had been assigned for each body. The whole of the brethren would muster between 200 and 300 strong. At a brief interval came the members of the Memorial Committee, namely, Mr. Jonathan Mitchell (honorary secretary, who had the principal direction of the arrangements), Mr. Joseph Bowerbank, Mr. David Canley, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. John Naisbit, the Rev. Canon Hoskins, M. W. Faulder, Mr. R. Senhouse, and the sculptors, Messrs. Wills.

At ten minutes past one o'clock the Earl of Lonsdale, in opening the proceedings, said: Ladies and gentlemen, I beg to introduce to you a gentleman who was next in rank in India at the time of Lord Mayo's death, and who has kindly consented to come here and perform the ceremony of unveiling the statue which has been erected to his memory. I beg to introduce to you Lord Napier.

Lord Napier and Ettrick then stepped forward and addressed the assemblage, and afterwards performed the ceremony of unveiling. The statue was greatly admired as a work of art, and as a likeness there could be no doubt as to its fidelity. It had been requested that there should be no cheering on the occasion, but several passages of Lord Napier's speech were applauded, and when at thirty-five minutes past one o'clock the drapery, which till that moment had shrouded the statue from the

public view, was withdrawn, there was a general outburst of applause, and most of the spectators took their hats off. The band performed the National Anthem, and the assembly quietly dispersed.

A YEAR'S MASONIC WORK IN ROUMANIA.

Bro. Caubet, the editor of the "Monde Maconique," gives us in the number for August, at page 162, a most interesting account of the labours of the Lodge "Les Sages d'Heliopolis," under the French Constitution at Bucharest.

This lodge, which has only been in existence a year and some months, has shown so much Masonic energy and life as to deserve recognition and preservation in our pages. Though Bro. Caubet's account is a little too long for our limited space, yet we have thought well to give a "precis" of his valuable article for the information and appreciation of our many readers.

We are not told the actual strength of the lodge, though it is doubtless very numerous. It has held in twelve months, ending February, 1875, sixty-five meetings, two lodges of emergency, a funeral service, and eleven conferences of instruction. It has, as is the foreign custom often, a sanitary section, composed of medical men, a juridical section composed of lawyers, and a Committee of Instruction.

The medical section has assisted, with gratuitous advice and medicine, 774 sick persons at the lodge itself, has visited 111 at their own homes, has placed in the civil hospitals 14 serious cases, so that in all 874 sufferers have received affectionate and zealous care, belonging as they do to all religions and nationalities. This seems to us very "good Samaritan" work.

Nothing is said about a Lodge Dispensary, though that probably exists, and in a town like Bucharest must be a great blessing. If the lodge has not one, it will probably soon establish one.

The juridical section has done a good deal of work, and in a way to slightly startle our Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. Remembering the old proverb, to the effect that legal advice gratis is good for nothing, "will it surprise" our readers to be told that the lawyers of the Lodge "Les Sages, &c., have given numerous gratuitous consultations at the lodge, have pleaded gratuitously in a certain number of suits for some who did not belong to the lodge, and who sued in "forma pauperis;" have rendered signal services to two foreign Freemasons, and have saved the widow of a member of the lodge from ruin.

The Committee of Instruction has endeavoured to establish a school of "arts et metiers," which we usually term technical instruction, and have raised, in one way or other, 6000 francs, £240, so far for that purpose, a sum they hope soon materially to increase.

The same committee has sought to aid all the Roumanian Schools, as we understand, in Bucharest, and to that end have given 456 volumes as prizes at the general examination in 1874.

The same committee inaugurated a series of "Scientific Conferences," which Bro. Caubet tells us were "very remarkable and very worthy of interest."

The "Mistria," a Bucharest Masonic paper, which we have seen, has been established by this same lodge, and is flourishing, while the lodge has also laid the foundation of a good library.

The financial position of the lodge is also very good. It has received independently of the School Fund to which it has contributed, from its formation a year and a few months ago, the sum of 51,709 francs 91 centimes—in English money, in round numbers, very nearly £2080. It has 6500 francs, in round numbers, or £245, balance to credit, on the general purposes funds, July 28, 1875, and 5283 francs—a little over £200—in its hospitable chest, the fund of benevolence.

We leave this simple statement of facts and figures to the consideration and approval of our brethren in Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry.

Ireland.

We call attention to this interesting Masonic intelligence from Ireland, for which we are indebted to a distinguished member of the Order:—

I ZINGARI IN IRELAND.

"We always wish to see them here,
We see them go with many a tear,
And Ireland always pipes her eye,
When she loses her jolly Zingari.

Now, all you lads and lasses all,
Sing in good chorus to our call,
May the black, red, and gold flag ever fly,
High o'er the heads of I Zingari."

The above stanzas form part of a poem composed by his grace our brother the Lord Lieutenant, in honour of I Zingari; and I am sure that if saw I Zingari go with many a tear, the tears were mutual, for regret at parting (with those whose never failing kindness had rendered the vice-regal a paradise for the weary cricketer) was uppermost in the breasts of all. Old Ireland is, indeed, blessed in its Lord and Lady Lieutenant. There exists a peculiar charm in the way everything is managed. During the whole of the cricket week all who came were welcomed on the ground with kindly hospitality, and not only was the welcome extended to the world by day, but the most attractive dances, the best of music, and the best of suppers made the nights equally enjoyable. "God bless his grace, his whole family, and long life to them!" is the Zingari parting prayer; nor let those who tasted the hospitality of Abbotstown forget to give three cheers in honour of their old friend and entertainer, Mr. Hamilton, M.P. And now about the cricket. Out of the three matches played, I Zingari only won the military match. For three years in succession they had been beaten by the gentlemen of Ire-

land, and it is no use disguising the fact that they were beaten on their merits. Year by year Ireland becomes stronger in its cricket, and I.Z. must find better bowling and safer batting if they hope ever to win again. The Viceregal team of fifteen was much too strong, and Byrne's bowling most destructive. There is no doubt that the reverend gentleman is one of the few good amateur bowlers of the day; his pace about the same as old Hillyer's, his style a great deal like that of Mr. Charles Hazrene. A rival cleric was asked what Byrne's bowling was remarkable for. We give his answer—it was jealousy that prompted that answer? No, our professor was never jealous; it was, we imagine, to bring in his jocular learning. "It is remarkable," he said, for what Aristotle calls *eultheia*, or simplicity." If he was right I Zingari must hide their diminished head, but for once the professor made a mistake. But whilst we are on the subject of jokes we cannot omit to mention a ready answer of a gallant Hussar. During the vice-regal match the best bat in Ireland was playing in his very best form. "It is a shame," said some captious Zingari, "to play that man in your fifteen; he has nothing to do with the Viceregal." "Honi soi qui mal y pense" was the witty response of the popular owner of Caramel and Chimney Sweep. The Lord-Lieutenant played a real good innings, and caused a change in the bowling. Having mastered the fasts, he fell a victim to the slows. Defeated Zingari, you all tried to do your duty, but if the club were to revive an old custom, and give a dinner to the most worthy, you would all agree that "Bay Middleton" should be the guest of the evening. A timely hint, which may be worthy for future consideration. And now farewell to all. Though your old leader has left you to fight your southern battles without him, he is still present in spirit, and wishes you all the success that your good cricket, your untiring energy, and your good humour richly deserve.

I ZINGARI V. VICEGERAL.

Played Aug. 25 and 26. Score:—

I ZINGARI		1st inn.	2nd inn.
C. Marriott, run out	.....	1	c L. Hone, b Byrne 5
Capt. Middleton, b Kempster	.....	25	run out
R. Crawford, b Byrne	.....	44	c Mahaffy, b Byrne 9
A. J. Webbe, c Bernard, b Roberts	.....	10	b Byrne
W. C. Higgins, b Byrne	.....	10	b Byrne
E. Lubbock, b Byrne	.....	14	c L. Horn, b Byrne 31
Lord W. de Broke, b Mahaffy	.....	8	b Mahaffy
G. Macan, c Kempster, b Byrne	.....	6	c Roberts, b Byrne 7
A. H. Smith-Barry, b Byrne	.....	0	not out
A. J. McNeile, c W. Hone, b Beecher	.....	15	c L. Hone, b Byrne 4
W. Law, not out	.....	15	c Beresford, b Byrne 12
H. B. Sutherland, b Byrne	.....	0	b Kempster
B 19, 1 b 2, w b 2, n b 1	.....	24	B 14, 1 b 2, w b 2 18
Total	.....	172	Total

VICEREGAL.

W. Forbes, b McNeile	.....	40	L. Hone, b Sutherland	.....	8
D. N. Trotter, c McNeile	.....	28	H.G. the Lord-Lieut., c Smith-Barry, b Crawford	.....	7
J. R. Roberts, c Lubbock	.....	10	Rev. J. P. Mahaffy, run out	.....	4
b Middleton	.....	96	Capt. P. Bernard, b Lubbock	.....	5
W. Hone, jun., c Lubbock, b Marriott	.....	3	Lord M. Beresford, b Middleton	.....	0
Lord E. Hamilton, b Middleton	.....	0	Rev. J. Byrne, b Middleton	.....	0
C. A. G. Beecher, c Sutherland, b Middleton	.....	92	R. H. Flood, not out	.....	19
F. Kempster, c Law, b Middleton	.....	4	B 7, 1 b 7, w b 5	.....	316
Vicount Bernard, c Marriott, b Higgins	.....	4	Total	.....	316

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S INTENDED VISIT TO INDIA AND CEYLON.

The official intelligence that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales intends to visit Ceylon in December has been received with the utmost enthusiasm by all classes in the Colony. The press, both English and vernacular, has expressed its anticipations of the good feeling which the Prince's visit will excite toward the Crown and the Home Government, and all classes are prepared to give his Royal Highness a most hearty reception. So far are the natives from grudging the expenses of his Royal Highness's visit, that the two leading vernacular journals, the *Prodecpoya* and the *Kirra*, have both earnestly urged that the reception given by the Government to its Royal visitor should be such as will do honour to the island and at the same time make his Royal Highness carry away with him pleasant impressions of it.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of Colombo was held in the Town Hall, and was well attended by representatives of all races. A committee was appointed, with Mr. C. P. Layard, C.M.G., Government Agent of the Western Province, as chairman, to organize the fêtes and illuminations which are to be given in honour of the Prince. An address is to be presented by the Colombo Municipality, and the ratepayers have requested that £5000 should be voted from the town funds for a casket of native workmanship in which the address is to be enclosed.

The Prince's movements during his Ceylon tour have been arranged as follows:—His Royal Highness will steam across from Tuticorin to Colombo, a voyage of 86 hours, and will land here on Saturday, the 11th of December. He will be received by the Governor, the chief officials, and a number of the leading colonists, and on landing will step into the train and proceed at once to Kandy, the beautiful mountain capital of the island. Here he will spend Sunday quietly, and will have an opportunity of seeing the beautiful glimpses of Ceylon mountain scenery from the hills

which overhang the Governor's pavilion, and also of visiting the fine Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya. On Monday, the 14th of December, his Royal Highness will return to Colombo, where the Governor will hold a levee, and an out-door entertainment of some sort will be given. The foundation stone of the new breakwater will be laid by his Royal Highness the same afternoon, and in the evening a grand ball is to be given, the town will be illuminated, and a display of fireworks will be made. On the 15th the Prince will again embark and sail round the island to Tricomalee, where he will enjoy a few days' sport among the elephants.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On Monday, 6th inst., the newly appointed Head Master, Rev. Dr. Morris, before the assembled pupils, at their request, presented to the Matron, Miss Hall, a handsome musical album, at a cost of four guineas and a-half, spontaneously contributed by the entire school. The presentation was intended to mark the boys' appreciation of Miss Hall's long and constant kindness in the discharge of her duties, her care for their comfort and welfare, and her attention to their daily requirements, so far as her sphere of domestic management is concerned. In acting as the spokesman of his pupils, and, on their behalf, making this presentation Dr. Morris expressed himself in most suitable terms, and in reply Miss Hall most warmly thanked her young friends for so valuable a mark of their regard and esteem.

Obituary.

BRO. D. MITCHELL, P.M. 54.

On Monday night, the 6th inst., between eight and nine o'clock, Bro. Dan Mitchell, P.M., Hope Lodge, 54, departed this life at his residence in River-street, after a short sickness. Those brethren who saw Bro. Mitchell a few days before death did not think for a moment that his departure from among us was so near at hand. As each brother was informed of his death they felt deeply affected at so sudden and unexpected news. Bro. Mitchell was initiated into Masonry about twelve or thirteen years ago, and became distinguished among the brethren for his good attendance, steady working, and ever zealous in promoting the harmony and prosperity of the lodge, which gained the esteem and confidence of the brethren, and he was unanimously elected to the important office of W.M., and was installed accordingly in 1870, and discharged the duties of that office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. He was interred in the Rochdale Cemetery on Friday afternoon, and the brethren, in order to pay the last tribute of respect to our much lamented brother, attended in white ties and gloves. Brethren present—Bros. James Clegg, John Jones, Henry Chadwick, John Wild, Cockroft Smith, Ed. T. Fletcher, James Hutchinson, James Burnish, J.W.; A. Barker, S.W.; John Ashworth, W.M.; Edmund Lord, W.M.; Rd. Simpson, W.M.; David Buckley, P.M.; James Holt, P.M.; Ralph Rawstron, P.M.; Sam. Lord, P.M.; Wm. Briggs, P.M.; James Midgley, P.M.; Wm. Davies, P.M.; and a number of brethren, mostly P.M.'s, attended as private friends.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1876.

A form has been forwarded within the last twelve or fourteen days to the W.M. of every London lodge, respectfully requesting that the name and number of the lodge, place, day and months of meeting might be filled in and returned as speedily as possible, in order that corrections, where needed, may be made in the Diary and Pocket Book for 1876, which will be ready about October 1st. As many lodges do not re-assemble until October and November, a large number of the applications will not unfortunately reach the W.M. until too late for the publication. The publisher will therefore be very thankful to any W.M. or other officer, or members, who will favour him by forwarding the above information as early as possible to the Office, 108, Fleet Street, London. A regular form will be sent, when required, on receipt of name and address.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 24, 1875.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Lodge 1320, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
Red Cross Conclave 9, Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.
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, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lodge 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
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. Gottlieb, 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, SEPTEMBER 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
" 857, St. Mark's, Half-Moon Tavern, Herne Hill.
" 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-road.
Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Sydney Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood; Bro. H. Frances, Preceptor.
Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction (No. 1360), Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8; Bro. G. King, P.M., Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's-terrace, St. John's Wood.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
Red Cross Conclave, 15, St. Andrews, Regent Masonic Hall 68, Regent-st., W.
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.
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 Edgumbe Lodge of Instruction (1446), 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's, at 8; Bro. Mander, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland.
Egyptian Lodge of Instruction (27), Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., at 7.30; J. Crawley, Preceptor.
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.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, (898), George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar, at 8; Bro. S. T. Finch, 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, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction (13), Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 8; Bros. Davis and Macdonald, Preceptors.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), 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.
Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, 6 to 8 p.m.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd., at 8; Comp. W. Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (1056), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 269, Pentonville-road, at 7; Bro. T. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 7; Bro. M. S. Larham, Preceptor.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M. 765, 879, Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. P. M. Austin, Preceptor.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Prec.
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 Coutts 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, September 25, 1875.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lodge 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
" 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, at 6.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), M. H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, at 4.30.
" 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.
Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 25, 1875.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose Street.
St. Mungo Encampment, Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.