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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—This lodge met at Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, 24th ult., at four o'clock, Bro. Alfred Partridge, W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and Bro. Capt. Matthew Webb was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The W.M. having been installed in January, this was the first opportunity the brethren had of testing the calibre of their new Master, and they were highly pleased at the manner in which the ceremony was performed. The lodge having been closed down to the First Degree, a donation of twenty pounds was voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to a brother in distress. (late P.M., Neptune, 22), and a committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the lodge and of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Wilcox, P.M., Treas., announced that he and Bro. Harcourt, P.M. Amity, had supported the same case at the recent meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, and had obtained a grant of forty pounds. Bro. Gray, P.M., then reported to the lodge the result of the recent subscriptions, and gave a short history. He said that about the time of the audit meeting he somehow learned that Bro. Secretary Hughes was approaching his silver wedding, and it struck him that it would be a good opportunity for those older members of the lodge, who knew and appreciated Bro. Hughes and esteemed his kindly qualities, and were aware how ready he was to assist a brother in coaching up the ritual, or what not, to present him and his wife with some token of their feeling. At the audit meeting, therefore, he (Bro. Gray) spoke to Bros. Eames, I.P.M., and Wilcox, Treas., who cordially co-operated with him; and having sent out a circular, had obtained forty-three subscriptions, enabling them to present an illuminated vellum, and a silver teapot and cream ewer, to Mrs. and Bro. Edward Hughes. The presentation took place at Bro. Fames's office on Friday, 4th February, in order that Bro. Hughes might have it on the actual day, 5th, in order. As there were only present on the occasion himself and Bro. Eames and Wilcox, and the subscribers would naturally like to see to what purpose their money had been put, Bro. Hughes had kindly consented to bring them all down to the lodge, that the brethren might view them; and having read the vellum and the inscription on the teapot, Bro. Gray concluded by congratulating Bro. Hughes, and wishing him and his wife long life and happiness. The present was very much admired by the members. Bro. Hughes (who suffered from severe hoarseness), in a brief speech thanked the W.M. and subscribers, on behalf of Mrs. Hughes and himself, for his highly flattering presentation. He had been kept in utter ignorance of the matter till about Tuesday, 1st February, when he was asked if it would be convenient for him to attend on Friday at Bros. Eames's office to receive a little present for Saturday from some of the Neptune members; and he must say he was quite taken aback when he discovered the extent which the little present had assumed. He assured them that it was greatly admired by his family, and the feeling which prompted the presentation was duly appreciated. For himself he should prize it, firstly, for its intrinsic value; secondly, as a spontaneous proof of the fraternal esteem and regard in which he was proud to feel so many of the brethren held him, and among those names on the list were many he was indeed happy to number among his personal private friends; and thirdly for that it would become a heirloom in the family, and when it should please the Great Architect to call him from this sublunary scene it would pass to one of his sons, who would cherish the reminiscence of feeling exhibited toward his father. Bro. Hughes again, on behalf of Mrs. Hughes and himself, thanked the brethren, and resumed his seat amid some applause. Fifty-six brethren sat down to the subsequent banquet, among whom were Bros. Fairfax, P.G.P., and Anderson, P.P.G.P. Warwickshire, and sixteen other visitors.

**EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).**—The regular March meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. John Green, W.M., presided, and among other brethren who were present were Bros. Hales, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; H. G. Buss, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Poole, P.M., Sec.; Pattenden, S.D.; Richards, J.D.; T. Maidwell, I.G. Past Masters: Bros. W. H. Libbis, C. B. Payne, J. Lambie, C. Atkins, Sheppard,

D. H. Jacobs, and John Coutts; and visitors: Bros. P. C. Coyser, 23; J. W. Webster, 807; T. H. Pennell, 1227; J. Lyon, 162; R. Roberts, 742 and 209; L. H. Nerwich, J.W. 158 (I.C.); C. R. Wiltshire, 50 (New York); and H. Massey ("Freemason"). Bros. E. Bryer, Howell, and Pattison were raised, and Mr. Frederick C. Chick was initiated, after which the brethren partook of banquet. There was an excellent mofuster brethren, both in lodge and at the banquet table, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The customary toasts succeeded the banquet, and a good flow of musical entertainment was provided in the intervals. The W.M. acquitted himself very ably in the discharge of his duties for the first time since his installation, and his officers efficiently supported him. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Lambie, who said that all the brethren must have been delighted with the way in which he officiated. He had performed his duties, they must all say, most admirably, and it was a great pleasure to them to have him in the chair. The W.M., in reply, said that while thanking the brethren very much for their response to the proposer of this toast, he also was much obliged to them for electing him to the high and honourable position which he then occupied. There was a certain unworthiness he felt for the position, for he had done nothing for the benefit of the lodge except Masonic working; he had never introduced a member, and only a visitor now and then. The reason he had not brought in initiates was that all his friends were already Masons. But as far as his power to do anything for the lodge went he would use it to the utmost, and he was at all times pleased to do anything he could for it. The W.M. proposed "The Initiator," who made a short but effective reply, and trusted he would follow in the steps of the other brother of the same name who had preceded him. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s," for whom Bro. Lambie replied. As the junior P.M. he liked the position of P.M. very well, and no doubt he would like it better as time went on. He thanked the brethren for their kindness in honouring this toast, and begged to assure them the P.M.'s would all do the best they could for the members of the Egyptian Lodge in particular and for Freemasonry generally. (Hear, hear.) The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Walker, Pattenden, Richards, and Maidwell, and the brethren then drank the Tyler's toast and separated. In the list published by the "Freemason" three weeks ago of the subscriptions at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the list carried in by Bro. Green, W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was stated to amount to £78. This was an error, the total amount taken in by this brother having been £91.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).**—The March meeting of the Lodge of Joppa was held on Monday evening, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, and was very numerously attended, no less than 117 brethren being present, among whom were 19 visitors. Bro. Alfred J. Dodson, W.M., presided. The business of the day consisted of the initiation of Messrs. Julius Rohman, Edward Stranskey, and E. I. A. Davey; passing Bros. West and Smith; and raising Bros. Emanuel, Creamer, and Petchell. The officers present were Bros. L. Lazarus, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; L. Auerham, Treas.; E. P. Albert, A.G.P., Sec.; A. Auerham, S.D.; M. Speckel, J.D.; H. Hymans, I.G.; H. P. Isaac and Baker, Stewards; H. Berkowitz, Chap.; P. Van Noorden, Org.; and P.M.'s L. Alexander, J. Phillips, M. Alexander, Obed Roberts, Israel Abrahams, and H. M. Levy. The visitors were Bros. C. Veal, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, 889; A. Wallace, 140; Sonnerberg, 918; S. M. Harris, 406; S. Godfrey, 205; Constable; W. W. Morgan, 1385; J. H. Ross, P.M. 185; G. Pask, 185; Lee, P.M. 1524; Gastrell, 1076; H. E. Francis; Chas. Thompson, 55; S. Levy, 1076; Belfrage, 179; G. South, 19; Rouseby, 1313; C. J. Knight; Cherill, W.M. 534; and H. Massey ("Freemason") Bro. Walters undertook the Stewardship of this lodge for the Boys' School, and the lodge voted ten guineas to the list. An elegant banquet followed the working of the lodge, and the toasts were proposed. The W.M., after the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been proposed and drunk, and the National Anthem sung by the professional brethren and ladies, proposed "The Prince of Wales," to whom he wished a speedy and safe return to this country, an event which all Masons were now anxiously looking forward to. "The Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," which was the next toast, elicited a reply from Bro. E. P. Albert, Secretary of the lodge, which was honoured at the Prince of Wales's installation by that brother being appointed Assistant Grand Pursuivant for the year. The toast having been most cordially received, Bro. Albert replied and said, that the way in which the last Grand Lodge was presided over by Lord Skelmersdale, assisted by the other Grand Officers must have convinced the brethren that they were well served. The W.M. then gave "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," and said it must be pleasing to the brethren to know not only that the fund was in a prosperous state, but that there had been no calls on it lately. He then announced subscriptions to the fund made that evening to the amount of five guineas. He included in the toast the President, Vice-President and Committee of Management of the Fund. Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., responded, and in doing so observed that what the W.M. had said about the prosperity of the fund he was sure that every one would echo. So far as the President, Vice-President, and Committee were concerned he was sure from the very cordial manner in which the toast had been received that the brethren were satisfied that those officers did their duty to the best of their ability. With respect to the Benevolent Fund there was very little for him to say, because they had heard him and his predecessors so often on this topic that he could tell them nothing new; but for the sake of the initiates and some of the visitors he might explain that the fund was established some 25 or 26 years ago for the benefit of such brethren as might fall into decay. From his own certain

knowledge he might say that in numerous cases it had afforded considerable relief, and in no one instance had an applicant gone away dissatisfied. He was happy to say that for some time no application had been made, and he hoped that many years might pass over their heads before any application would be made. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and included the Masonic Press in the toast. Bro. Lee responded for "The Visitors," and congratulated the brethren on having selected Bro. Walters to represent the lodge at the Boys' Festival, and voted ten guineas to his list. He then advised the brethren if they wished to become life governors of the different charities of the Order that there was an easy method open to them by becoming members of the Local Masonic Charitable Associations which were established now in most districts of the metropolis. Bro. H. Massey responded for "The Freemason." The initiates having responded for the toast drunk in their honour, Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom he complimented on his working, and on having made the brethren comfortable both in lodge and at the banquet table. The W.M., in replying, said he was overwhelmed with the brethren's kindness. He was delighted at being selected as their W.M., and he hoped that during his year of office he would have fortitude and strength to adhere to the Book of Constitutions, and carry out the duties of the W.M. according as that book taught. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s," to which toast Bro. Israel Abrahams replied. Bros. H. M. Levy, Obed Roberts, and L. Alexander also responded. Bros. Lazarus and Miller replied for "The Senior Officers," and the other toasts having been honoured, the brethren separated, after spending a delightful evening, which was enlivened by some charming singing by Madame Augusta Roche, Miss Doré, Miss Josephine Reeves (the two latter pupils of Bro. Van Noorden), and Bro. Frank Elmore, under the direction of Bro. Van Noorden, Organist.

**ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 21st ult., at the White Swan Tavern, Deptford. Present: Bros. S. D. Lewin, W.M.; H. J. Tuson, W.M. elect, S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P., Midx. P.M., Sec.; J. B. Langley, J.D.; R. Harman, D.C.; J. G. Vohman, W. Steward; H. J. Fisher, Org.; J. Bavin, P.M. 147; Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. G. Andrews and F. Walters. The visitors were Bros. G. Chzpmn, P.M. 147; G. Whittle, 1155; A. Maers, H. W. F. Fellows, G. Porter, E. Good, T. Horton, J. Ragg, T. H. Burr, J. G. Thomas, R. J. Harvey, J. Rennie, E. James, J. Woollett, G. A. Leighton, W. Simmons, and G. Eve. A ballot was held, which resulted unanimously in favour of the admission of Messrs. G. Eve, G. A. Leighton, and W. Simmons as initiates. Bro. S. O. Lewin, W.M., then initiated Mr. G. Eve, Bro. G. Andrews, I.P.M., initiating Messrs. G. A. Leighton and W. Simmons. The following resolution was passed unanimously.—"That in consequence of the sudden death of Bro. J. Hawker, P.M., which occurred on Friday, 18th ult., at the age of 51, no banquet shall be held at the installation meeting." The work of the lodge was very well done, that by Bro. Andrews, I.P.M., especially meriting commendation.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the White Swan Tavern, Deptford. Present: Bros. S. O. Lewin, W.M.; H. J. Tuson, W.M. elect, S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.P. Mdx., P.M. 871, Sec.; W. Myatt, P.M., S.D.; J. B. Langley, W.M. 1423, J.D.; J. T. Lunin, I.G.; R. Harman, D.C.; J. G. Vohman, W.S.; H. J. Fisher, Org.; J. Bavin, P.M. 147; Tyler; F. Walters, W. Andrews, W.M.; G. Andrews, and J. True-love, Past Masters. The visitors were Bro. H. J. Green, W.M. 1538; E. Debac, W.M. 169; J. T. Tibbals, P.M. 169; J. Patte, P.M. 147; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 147; J. J. West, P.M. 548; H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, and others. The minutes of last meeting were duly read and confirmed. Bro. F. Walters then presented Bro. H. J. Tuson to Bro. G. Andrews for installation, who installed him (Bro. Tuson) W.M. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren to the various offices for the ensuing year: Bro. S. O. Lewin, I.P.M.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas. (re-invested for the 9th time); F. Walters (father of the lodge re-invested for the 16th time), Sec.; J. J. Pakes, S.W.; J. B. Langley, J.W.; H. J. Fisher, (re-invested for the 3rd time) Org.; G. T. Lunin, S.D.; R. Harman, J.D.; J. G. Vohman, I.G.; G. Andrews, D.C.; W. Myatt, W.S.; and J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. G. Andrews for the admirable and painstaking manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A Past Master's jewel of the value of eight guineas (the most valuable ever given in this lodge, the money being raised by means of voluntary subscriptions from some of the members) was presented to Bro. S. O. Lewin. It was also resolved that the sum of ten pounds be paid from the funds of the lodge to the Male Annuity Fund. That a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of Bro. J. Hawker, P.M., deceased, and that in memoriam the name of Bro. J. Hawker be retained as S.W. for the time being.

**MAZAGON.**—Lodge Concord (No. 757).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Tuesday, 4th January, 1876. Present: Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; B. Robinson, I.P.M.; F. Burdett, as S.W.; W. Fearn, as J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; O. Tomlinson, Sec.; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. Luke, D.C.; J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. Seager, Tyler. Members: Bros. W. E. Craddock, S. Needs, T. W. Brownnut, H. Watson, J. A. Da Gama, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Parker, 1100, E.C.; R. Delany, 746, E.C., and others. The summons convening the meeting was read. Bros. S. Needs, J. A. Da Gama, and T. W. Brownnut were raised to the degree of Master Masons. The W.M. then gave a lecture on the Third Degree Tracing Board in his usual masterly style, after which he also explained the uses of the working tools of a M.M.

to the newly-raised brethren. The W.M., W. C. Rowe then proposed, and W. Bro. B. Robinson, P.M., seconded that the usual annual ball take place as early as convenient, in February the date to be decided at the next regular meeting, and the surplus funds, after paying expenses, to be handed over to the Masonic Charity Funds, the Secretary to issue a circular to the members in order to ascertain the number that would support the same, the fee to be fifteen rupees to admit one gentleman and two ladies, and single tickets to admit one gentleman only ten rupees each.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th Jan., the proceedings of which up to the adjournment to the banquet were given in our last week's number. On the removal of the cloth Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson, W.M., proposed "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," which was heartily responded to. The band played the "National Anthem." The W.M. then proposed "The Health of our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was drunk to with the usual Masonic enthusiasm. The band played "God bless the Prince of Wales." Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson then asked the brethren to join him in drinking to the next toast, which was that of "The Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland." Hearty response. The band played "Britannia, the Pride of the Ocean." The W.M. then rose and said: W. Sirs and brethren, the next toast I ask you to join me in is that of our D. G. Master, the Hon. James Gibbs, his Deputy, and his officers, who he was pleased to say have favoured the lodge with their coming this evening, and he assured the D.G.M. it gave the brethren very great pleasure to have him and his officers amongst us on an occasion like the present, the announcement of which elicited the applause of all present. The band played the air of the "Fine Old English Gentleman." The D.G.M., the Hon. James Gibbs, on rising to return thanks was greatly applauded. He said that it gave him great pleasure in being able to be present with his D.G. Officers to pay his official visit on such a night as the present one, more especially so because he found the brethren of the lodge worked so harmoniously and happily together, as he expected they would do, and it also gave him the opportunity of witnessing the able way in which the retiring Master had carried out the installation ceremony; and said he always endeavoured to pay each lodge in his district an official visit once a year, and hoped that the next time he came to Concord he should find the lodge in the same prosperous condition as it was in now. The W.M. then said: Brethren, there is another toast I must now ask you to join me in, and that is "The Health of the M.W.G.M. of Scottish Freemasonry in India, M.W. Bro. Moreland." I need hardly say that we all regret his inability to attend here to-night, also that of his deputy, and as our D.G.M. has informed you he (Rt. Wor. Bro. Balfour) had to attend with the Grand Lodge of Scotland at one of the installations under their own banner. This was received with enthusiasm, the band playing "The Blue Bells of Scotland." The D.G. Master then said: Brethren, I now ask you to join me in a toast that I know you will all respond to very heartily. It is that of your "W.M., Bro. G. R. Henderson." You all know him so well that I need not repeat to you his many good qualities, you have had experience of his excellent working in former years, or you would not have elected him to the post he now holds this evening; but I must say, that I like to see the Wardens elected to the post which I think it is the duty of every Mason to aspire to, but as there are cases where the Wardens do not care to be elected to the Mastership of a lodge, as is the case here in Concord to-night, great care ought to be taken in the selection of brethren for Wardens, that are able and willing to relieve a Master of his duties after he has served his year of office, as a Master of the lodge of which he was a member, as he (the D.G.M.) advocated promotion, and was pleased to see brethren rising to that high position in the Craft, and other degrees with which he was connected in Masonry. Band played, "Come let us be happy together." W. Bro. Henderson then rose, amid loud applause, and said: Right W. Sir, W. Sirs, and brethren, I thank you Right W. Sir for the very kind way you have put the toast of my health before the brethren, and for the hearty way in which they have responded to the same. I assure you all brethren, I shall endeavour to keep up the high standing this lodge has held in this district, and I may say wherever her name is mentioned, and I will still try to merit that good name which the R.W.D.G.M. has just given me. With reference to the advice he has given you, as regards the Wardens aspiring to the high position of Master, I must say that I quite agree with him, brethren, that Wardens ought to work themselves up so as to enable a Master, after he has done a year of hard work to retire on his laurels, and give way to younger brothers to take the place of the veterans, and I should have been pleased had one of the Past Wardens of the lodge been standing here in my place to-night, but as none of them would be persuaded to take the post of course, it fell to the lot of one of the Past Masters, and as the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe, had been appointed to the Mastership of his mother lodge, Truth, No. 944, E.C., of course he could not hold the Mastership of the two lodges for the year, and as he had no option but to be elected, he would do the best he could for the lodge which he had the honour to rule over, and all he asked was the support of the brethren, and the hearty co-operation of his officers, for with the assistance of the Past Masters he had made a very careful selection, and hoped that the choice he had made would be beneficial to the lodge. Thanking them again for the kind way they had received the toast of his health, he resumed his seat, and the band struck up "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow." The W.M. then said: The next toast I wish to bring before your notice is that of the "P.M.'s," and in so doing I shall couple with it the name of your I.P.M., Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe,

who has also been the Installing Master this evening. You have all, I am sure, been much pleased with the admirable way he has carried out that work this evening; not only has he performed his work well to-night, but throughout the whole year of his office, and at our next meeting I hope to be able to give him a more substantial proof of our good wishes. Band played "Cheer, Boys, Cheer." Wor. Bros. Rowe and Robinson, the two Past Masters present, then rose, amid the applause of the brethren. Wor. Bro. Rowe said, on behalf of the P.M.'s he begged to thank the W.M. and brethren for the kind way they had received the toast of their health, and that they (the P.M.'s) were ever ready to do what they could for the good of the lodge, and always willing to render any assistance that lay in their power, and as regarded himself, he could assure the brethren he had always felt a pleasure in carrying out the work that had been entrusted to him during the year, and would still try to merit the high eulogies that had been passed on him that evening, and the only thing he coveted in recognition of his past services to the lodge was the good wishes of the brethren, and that he could see by the way they had responded to the propositions of their Worshipful Master he had, and he hoped Lodge Concord would still continue to flourish. Band played "Happy are we to-night, Boys." W.M. then said: Brethren, I now ask you to join me in a toast which is always well received in this lodge, it is that of "The Visitors," and in doing so I shall couple with it the name of Wor. Bro. Barrow and Wor. Bro. McKenzie. I need hardly say how pleased all the members of this lodge are to receive visitors, both at their working upstairs and at their festive board, especially on the present occasion, and he could assure them of a hearty welcome whenever it was their pleasure to favour the lodge with a visit. I have coupled the names of Wor. Bro. Barrow and Wor. Bro. McKenzie with this toast because I am sure they are very much esteemed by you all, and because they have always come forward to assist us at any time we may have required help. The band played, "Tis our duty to help one another." Wor. Bros. Barrow and McKenzie then rose, amid the applause of the brethren. Wor. Bro. Barrow said that he must thank the W.M. and brethren for their very kind response to the toast which the W.M. had just put before them, and for the cordial way they had received the same, and he could assure them one and all appreciated the kindness they always receive whenever they attend a meeting of Lodge Concord, and was sure, as their I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Rowe, had told them up in the lodge, "the principle illustrated by the name of Lodge Concord" had been carried out to the letter, and was also sure in so saying he reciprocated the feelings of all the visitors present. Wor. Bro. McKenzie then said he quite concurred with all Wor. Bro. Barrow had said, and that he always felt great pleasure in attending the meetings of Concord, as the working of the lodge was second to none, and whenever any visitor might come he could always find some instructive work going on, and he was sure this would not be his last visit if spared, and thanked all for the kind way they had received the visitors on this and many other occasions. Band played "Life let us cherish." The W.M. then said: Brethren, I now ask you to join me in drinking to the health of those that have entered into new duties to-night, also to those who have done such good service to the lodge during the past year—I mean the newly-appointed officers, and those officers that have so faithfully served the lodge in the offices they were entrusted with by your I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Rowe, during the past year. I did not think, brethren, it was requisite for me to make two separate toasts of the present and past officers, because so many of the past officers are the present ones for the ensuing year. My advice to you who have entered on your duties to-night is to attend to your special parts, and be punctual in your attendance, as I may tell you that it is impossible for a Master to carry out his work in that efficient way unless he has the assistance of his officers. Bro. O. Tomlinson, S.W., rose and said: Wor. Sir, Wor. Sir, and brethren, on behalf of myself and brother officers newly appointed to-night I beg to return sincere thanks for the honours conferred on us this evening, and also for the kind manner in which you have drunk to our health and future success. I beg especially to thank you for myself, for I must submit I have been especially honoured in being appointed to the office I now hold, and I assure you all, brethren, I shall use my best endeavours to merit your approbation, and for my brother officers I must say I feel sure they will all do their best in assisting to maintain the high standard of working that this good old lodge is noted for. Bro. J. Spiers, J.W., also said he would endeavour to merit the office the W.M. had appointed him to, and assist in keeping up the name of the lodge, and thanked them all for the kind way they had received the toast of their (the present officers') health. The band played "Auld Lang Syne." The rest of the evening was spent in singing many good songs, amongst which was Bro. F. Burdett's noted song, "Noah's Ark," which is always received with great applause, and at 11.20 p.m. the W.M. closed, after giving the usual last toast.

**ROTHERHAM.**—The Phoenix Lodge (No. 904).—The brethren of this prosperous lodge held their anniversary meeting at the Ship Hotel, Rotherham, on the evening of Thursday, the 24th of February. Bro. John Fawcett, W.M., opened the lodge, when the minutes of an emergency, as well as of the last regular lodge, were read and confirmed; after which Bro. Oxley, P.M., and P.P.G.R. West Yorks, very ably installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Clement Hamill Perrot (who is a Past Master of his lodge). The customary homage having been paid, Bro. Perrot appointed as his officers:—Bros. John Fawcett, I.P.M.; Benjamin Saville, S.W.; Henry J. Bingham, J.W.; Thomas W. Roome, Secretary; J. W. Wrag, S.D.; Charles Harvey, J.D.; and Wilfrid Badger, I.G. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Thomas William Tew,

Deputy P.G.M. West Yorks; Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary; Rev. A. W. Hamilton, W.M. 139, Prov. Grand Chaplain; and William Short, P.M. 139, Past Prov. G.D. Apologies were also received from Bros. Henry Seebohm and John Francis Moss, Past Masters of Lodge 296, &c. Bro. Walter Charles Smith, P.M., proposed Bro. James G. Needham, P.M., as Almoner, and he was elected. Hearty good wishes were presented by officers representing Lodges 108, 139, 241, 296, and 1239. The brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Perrot, who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were accompanied by Masonic honours. Bro. Fawcett gave the toast of "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was eloquently responded to by Bro. Perrot, who proposed "The Visiting Brethren," in reply to which Bro. Ecroyd, W.M. 296, thanked the Worshipful Master and his officers for the kind reception the visiting brethren had received, and for the sumptuous banquet they had partaken of. The toast of "The Officers of the Phoenix Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Wilfrid Badger, I.G., in a neat Masonic speech, which shows that, although young in years and but newly fledged as a Master Mason, he may be expected to fill the various offices of his lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. His appointment, together with the other appointments made that evening, augurs well for the future prosperity of the Phoenix Lodge. The Worshipful Master supplemented his address to his officers by calling attention to the historical and artistic record of the Installation of the Prince of Wales, which is now being engraved, and by recommending those brethren of his lodge who were present on that most memorable occasion to send their cartes at once to Bro. Edward James Harty, No. 213, Regent-street, London, so that their portraits may be included in the engraving. The Worshipful Master further called attention to a circular he had just received from Bro. Captain Lathbury, the Secretary of the London Masonic Club, and suggested that those of the brethren who desire to join should send in their applications prior to the 1st of March, when the next ballot will be taken. In reference to this club, Bro. Marsh (solicitor), an old and much respected member of the Rotherham Lodge, asked that further information should be given as to the liability of members joining this club before he could advise his brethren to become subscribers. Bro. Henry Ecroyd (of Sheffield) replied that the application forms issued by the Secretary distinctly stated that the club, being proprietary, "members incurred no liability whatever beyond their subscriptions." Bro. Marsh was, however, of opinion that proprietary clubs are, as a rule, unsafe adventures; and he still desires more certain information regarding the constitution of this club before he will give it his support. As the scruples of Bro. Marsh are doubtless shared by others, it would be well if the worthy Secretary would kindly satisfy these scruples (as doubtless he can), and thus insure the hearty co-operation of country Freemasons in the successful management of this much needed club. During the evening songs were given by Bros. Ridal, Mason, Badger, and others, the accompaniments being played by Bro. Harvey, J.D. Amongst the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. John Cobham, P.M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool; Thomas Jefferson, S.W. of the London Lodge, No. 108, London; William Jervis, S.W., and John Arthur Binney, of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield; Henry Ecroyd, W.M., and John Ridal, S.W., of the Royal Brunswick, No. 296, Sheffield; William White, W.M., and Samuel Bramhall Ellis, S.W., of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, Sheffield.

**PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 45).—The resuscitation of this lodge took place at Bro. Fysh's, Southgate-road, on Saturday last. A very large number of brethren attended for the purpose of assisting at the rehearsal of the consecration and installation ceremonies by Bro. J. Terry. The ceremonies were rendered in that faultless manner for which Bro. Terry has long been famous, and elicited the warmest marks of approbation from the assembled brethren. Bro. Whaley, 813, conducted the musical parts. Bro. Heath, P.M. and Sec. 198, having been installed, appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Cooper, S.W.; Main, J.W.; Halford, Treas.; Killick, Sec.; Percy, S.D.; Stock, J.D.; and Saul, I.G., which important office he had filled the whole evening with his well-known zeal and ability. Sixty new members were elected. A vote of thanks (unanimously accorded to Bro. Terry was duly acknowledged. Bro. Cooper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge closed. Nearly forty of the members sat down to supper, at which Bro. Heath presided. After the usual loyal toasts, that of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Terry. The W.M., in response, said that he felt the greatest gratification at being present and satisfaction at the prospects of the lodge, which he said was one of the oldest, and had in past times afforded instruction to many who had made a name in Masonry. "The Percy Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of Bro. Percy, the newly-appointed Preceptor, was duly acknowledged, and that of "The Officers" by the Treasurer and Secretary. The name of Bro. Terry was received with acclamations of pleasure, who said that it was a particular pleasure to him to assist at the resuscitation of the lodge, for in it he had received some of his first instruction in Masonry, and that for several years he had been a constant attendant, also that it was in this lodge he had first worked the Fifteen Sections; and amongst the members he numbered some of his dearest personal friends, and that he would attend as often as possible to aid and instruct the officers in their duties, and hoped that the mother lodge would be proud of their newly-resuscitated offspring, and would aid and encourage them in the future more than they had done in the past. Bros. Hook, Read, Milord, and several other brethren added to the harmony of the evening by singing some excellent songs.

## Scotland.

**GLASGOW.**—Chapter Cathedral (No. 67).—The annual festival of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., Comp. J. Duthie, M.E.Z., presiding; Comp. Wood, Treas., as Croupier. A most ample repast, excellently purveyed by Comp. J. Malcolm, 26, Struthers-st., was put upon the table at about 8 p.m., and most heartily enjoyed by all present. The first toast was "The Queen and the Craft," "Grand Chapters," and "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," which was most heartily responded to, after which Comp. Wood in a most telling speech, though brief, replied to the last named toast. Then came the toast of the evening, that of "The Cathedral Royal Arch Chapter," by the Chairman. Comp. Duthie said it was very cheering, and gave him very much pleasure, to propose this toast, as the chapter was in as good a position as he could wish; and having so many noble companions present on this occasion, if there was one meeting happier than another it was the one of their annual festival. Every companion present, I think, will agree with me that we have had a bountiful supply of good things laid before us, and if we fail to enjoy ourselves I think we have only ourselves to blame, and while I am engaged in proposing this toast I trust that every companion present will charge, and prepare to do justice to it, as I wish Royal Arch chapters to succeed everywhere, and continue to succeed, as well, if not better, for the future as it has done for the past in the Cathedral—that her house may continue to be the best imitation of a Masonic Temple, as the Temple of Zerubbabel was a copy of that of Solomon, and the Temple of Herod a copy of Zerubbabel, except it was larger in size, of nobler material, and higher art, wrought by the hands of Masons of Athens, and Antioch, and was divided, as in the days of Solomon, into a holy place, and a holy of holies, by a veil or curtain of the finest work, so may this Cathedral Royal Arch Chapter try and excel in the noble work, having at all times within her veils the three lesser and the three greater lights of Masonry, that the companions may at all times see to work well, and that many Gentiles and Jews from all nations will come and rally round our standard. This toast met with a very able reply from Comp. Campbell. The toasts of "Sister Chapters," "The Ladies" and "The Masonic Press," severally followed, and were replied to—that of "The Sister Chapters," by Comp. J. Miller, M.E.Z., Chapter 50, Glasgow; that of "The Ladies" by Comp. Campbell, and "The Masonic Press" by Comp. Bickerton ("Freemason"). The harmonium was most ably presided over by Comp. Miller.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73).—This lodge celebrated its 122nd anniversary by a supper and assembly at Bro. Wallace's Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday evening, 23rd ult. There was a large attendance of members and their friends. R.W.M. Bro. G. McDonald presided, Bros. J. F. Hanbridge and J. Ballantine acting as Croupiers. The very excellent menu of Bro. J. Carmichael gave great satisfaction. After the toasts of "The Queen" and "Prince of Wales and rest of the Royal Family" had been duly honoured, the Chairman gave "The Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland." Bro. G. W. Wheeler, in replying, called attention to the large sums disbursed in charity by the Grand Lodge of England, and the three benevolent institutions, namely, those for old men and women and the Girls' and Boys' Schools, amounting together to upwards of £30,000 last year. The Croupier gave "The P.G.L.," and Bro. J. Kinaird replied. Bro. G. Innis proposed the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Thistle and Rose, No. 73," highly eulogising its Master and other office-bearers, most of whom he had known for many years. The Chairman, in his reply, stated that in the century and a quarter they had been now in existence they had had seasons of adversity as well as of prosperity, but he was proud to say they never stood in a better position than now. This was the fifth time he had filled the chair at their festivals, and he was glad to think they still acted up to their name, blending the rose with the thistle by appointing a fair proportion of their officers from Englishmen. They found that the union of the two conducted to true prosperity. An assembly followed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Star (No. 219).—On Friday, the 25th ult., about 90, including their wives and sweethearts and friends, met in the hall, Trongate, to celebrate the 77th anniversary of the lodge. The meeting was opened with prayer by the worthy Chaplain of the lodge, after which the company sat down to a most excellent menu, the chair being occupied by Bro. J. Morgan, R.W.M., supported by Bro. J. Martin, D.M.; A. Bain, P.M. 103; Wilson, 27; J. Wood, R.W.M. 441; Singleton, R.W.M. 178; J. Wilson, P.M. 219; and W. H. Bickerton ("Freemason"), 972, E.C., 32, 87, 27, 219, and 360, S.C. Croupiers, Bros. Horn and Mearns. After the cloth had been removed, the Chairman arose, amid applause, and said: Ladies, Croupiers, and brethren, it gives me great pleasure to occupy the chair at all times, but more especially on this particular occasion in having so many ladies present with us. We have at all times beauty adorning our lodges, but on this occasion we have beauty in nature, beauty in presence, and beauty of sex. I am glad to congratulate you on your appearance, and ourselves, brethren, in being honoured by their fair presence on this occasion, and, I trust, on many others. To you, ladies, much of Freemasonry must ever remain a secret, and our business meetings cannot admit of your presence. Therefore, on occasions such as these we are happy to be adorned with your bright and cheering presence, and I hope each and all of you may enjoy yourselves on this our annual festival. Freemasonry, with its principles, has been handed down to us

from time immemorial, and nothing is more pure and unselfish than that which springs from it in our sister country, England. About two years ago it was thought that a great blow of a destructive character was dealt against our Order by the resignation of their G.M., the Marquis of Ripon, on his joining the Church of Rome. It is true that his resignation was most keenly felt, but the principles of our noble Order were based upon too pure and bright a character to lose one step of our stronghold. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales came to the rescue, was elected, and installed as Grand Master, and since that time Freemasonry has flourished more than ever and shall flourish onward. Their R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold have joined our Order, and on reading the "Freemason" I am delighted to see that Prince Leopold has been elected Master of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, and Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. Surely this augurs well for the Order, surely must show the neutral world that there is something in Freemasonry more than a name if its principles are acted up to. Masonry knows no distinction; we have kings, princes, and noblemen of every rank adorning our ranks, and the king in our eyes is no more than the humblest subject. We all meet on a level. Freemasonry is founded on the purest of principles, that of faith, hope, and charity, though there are many join our ranks, I am sorry to say, who do not act up to the principles, but be assured ladies that a true Mason will make a good husband and a loving father, and you must forbear a little when we absent ourselves from our ain fire side and your bright presence. Rest assured that while in our lodges we are endeavouring to do some noble act in accordance with the landmarks of our noble Order. I was sorry to say that we, as Freemasons in Scotland, have not much to speak of in the way of benevolence; we have nothing to show for Freemasonry, not an institution of any kind; all that we can boast of is two or three pounds from our lodges, and four or five pounds from our Provincial Benevolent Fund, in all not exceeding £12. What is that to the decayed Freemason, or to the widow left with a family of five or six young children unprovided for? Think of the widows and orphans deprived of their bread winners, having been reduced from comparative comfort to misery and want. What can ten pounds do for a case of this kind? This relief that we boast of may do for immediate assistance, but nothing more—it is not equal to the demand. Look what they are doing for the widows, orphans, and decayed Freemasons in other countries. I read in the "Freemason" last Saturday of the anniversary of the Benevolent Institution for Widows and Aged Freemasons in England; what a glorious result, the sums collected on this occasion being over £9000, and lists yet to come in. This, I say, is doing and carrying out what we profess. I regret to say that we, as Scotch Masons, are not doing our duty, and that Freemasonry with us is but a name; let us put our shoulders to the wheel and show that we are doing our duty. The toast list was then proceeded with from the chair: "The Queen and Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," coupled with their respective Grand Masters, which was most enthusiastically responded to, "The P.G.L. of Glasgow," by the Croupier, Bro. Horn, coupled with the name of Bro. Singleton, R.W.M. Lodge Scotia, No. 178. Bro. Singleton, in reply, said he had much pleasure in responding to this toast, as the P.G.L. of Glasgow was a credit to the province to which it belonged; the office-bearers were doing their duty well; they had a benevolent fund with funds to the extent of £400; and were in the position to do a good deal in the way of charity, and with such a worthy brother as W.M. Neilson, their present Grand Master, they were sure to do well. "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," by Bro. J. Wilson, I.P.M., responded to by Bro. Wood, R.W.M. Lodge 441. Then came the toast of the evening, that of "Lodge Star, No. 219," by Bro. Bain, P.M. Union and Crown, No. 103, coupled with the name of their respected Master, Bro. Morgan. This toast met with continuous cheering, and was heartily drunk. Bro. Bain said it gave him much pleasure to propose this toast, for very few lodges in this province were in a more healthy condition than Lodge Star was at the present. They had seen their ups and downs, but he was glad to say were now prospering, and under the guidance of their present R.W.M. and office-bearers they were bound to succeed, for very few could perform the ceremonies of the Order more correctly than Bro. Morgan; in fact, it was a pleasure for any one to be present when he was working, which accounted for the very large attendance they had on the nights of their meetings. Bro. Morgan thanked Bro. Bain for the very kind manner he had proposed the toast of Lodge Star, which he had the honour to preside over. He had always done his duty to the best of his ability since he had been connected with the lodge, and should endeavour to do so, and if he gave satisfaction that is all he wished for. He could say, as Bro. Bain said, the lodge had had its ups and downs, but now was in a prosperous condition, for the hall they now sat in was their own, and they had now formed a benevolent fund in connection with the lodge, and with the present office-bearers he had to support him success was certain. The toasts of "The Sister Lodges," "The Ladies," "The Press," Strangers and the Chair" were severally given and suitably replied to—"Sister Lodges" by Bro. Wilson, Lodge 27; "The Ladies," Bro. Duthie; "The Press" by Bro. Bickerton ("Freemason"); and "The Chair" by Bro. Morgan. During the evening, between the toasts, the company was much delighted with some most excellent songs, enlivened by the harmonium. A most excellent quadrille band having been engaged, dancing commenced with unflagging spirit until about 5 a.m., which brought to a close one of the most happy meetings of this lodge.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Union (No. 332).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Monday evening, 21st ult., in Kilwinning Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street.

In the absence of the W.M., Bro. D. McKirdy, the I.P.M., Bro. J. B. Macnair, occupied the chair; J. McInnes, S.W.; J. McInnes, S.M. 408, acting J.W. Present: Bros. W. Murray, S.M.; J. Laird, Treas.; J. H. Gill, Sec.; J. Findlay, S.D.; J. Mitchell, J.D.; J. Balfour, P.G. D.C.; S. Milne, 8; R. Barr, J.W. 87; A. Bain, P.M. 103; G. McKean, 117; J. Wilson, 169; J. Findlay, S.M. 233; J. Stewart, 360; M. Fox, J.D. 362; W. Barr, 543; and W. Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason.") The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. G. Dickson was initiated by Bro. J. B. Macnair, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. A. Bain, P.M. 103, Acting Chaplain.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their own hall, 30, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, 22nd ult., Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., presiding; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; T. Graham, J.W.; W. Findlay, S.M.; W. Keiller, S.D.; Reid, J.D.; Jamieson, I.G.; and Minnoch, Tyler. Bro. Lamb said he was sorry that Bro. J. Monro, the respected W.M., would not be present that night, on account of being called unexpectedly from home on business of importance. Present: Bros. E. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning; D. Peacock, 85; R. Barr, J.W. 87; J. M. Duncan, 116; D. Mather, 116; P. McWilliam, 202; A. Rae, 262; J. Hamilton, 399; G. Kilgour, 419; and W. Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"), Messrs. G. J. Adams and G. Coult were duly accepted and initiated into the First Degree by Bro. Oliver, S.W., and Bros. H. E. Pearce, W. B. McDougall, and R. Wylie were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. D. Lamb.

**DALMUIR.**—Lodge St. John's (No. 543).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 22nd ult., in the Masonic Hall, Dalmeir, Bro. S. Leckie, W.M., in the chair; A. McNaughton, jun., D.M.; J. Barrie, S.M.; J. F. Wilson, S.W.; J. Stairs, J.D., acting J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Muirhead); T. Haggart, Sec.; M. Watson, Treas.; J. McClure, S.B.; J. Morrison, S.S.; R. Hunter, J.S.; A. Smith, I.G.; and Adair, Tyler. The minutes of last meetings were read and adopted, and other business of minor importance disposed of. Mr. J. Thompson was initiated by Bro. Leckie, W.M.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCA-SHIRE.

By command of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, a special Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, 2nd inst., for the purpose of considering and adopting a vote of sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Callender and her family on their sad bereavement by the death of the lamented Bro. W. Romaine Callender, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

A numerous attendance of the brethren from all parts of the province testified to the feeling of respect with which the late Bro. Callender was universally regarded. The lodge was suitably draped in black, and the brethren also conformed to the regulation as to mourning recently issued to the province.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Col. Le G. N. Starkie) occupied the chair, and amongst others present were Bros. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W., as Dep. Prov. G. Master; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P. Prov. G.W., as Prov. S.G. Warden; Charles H. Coates, Prov. J.G. Warden; Robt. Hopwood Hutchinson, P. Prov. G.W.; Geo. Mellor, P. Prov. G.W.; James A. Birch, P. Prov. G.W.; John Barker, P. Prov. G. Treas.; R. Mc D. Smith, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Chorlton, Prov. G. Reg.; Wm. Harrison, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Chas. Heywood, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; Peter Royle, M.D., Prov. S.G. Deacon; Geo. Wood, Prov. J.G. Deacon; Jno. Chadwick, P. Prov. G. Deacon; Wm. Almond, Prov. G. Sup. of Works; Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Sup. of Wks.; W. H. Hopkins, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Robt. Whittaker, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Hy. Maiden, P. Prov. G. Swd. Bearer; Wm. Barlow, P. Prov. G. Swd. Bearer; Jas. Holroyd, P. Prov. G. Swd. Bearer; Thos. Law, P. Prov. G. Org.; John Taylor, Prov. G. Purst.; Albert Wolstenholm, Asst. Prov. G. Purst.; C. F. Matier, Past G. W. Greece, and representatives from 65 of the 82 lodges in the province.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened in due form, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master referred in earnest and impressive terms to the loss which the province and the whole of the Craft had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Callender, and intimated that a form of address of sympathy and condolence, with Mrs. Callender and her family had been drawn up, of which he approved and which the Prov. Grand Secretary would read to the brethren.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the proposed address as follows:—

"To Mrs. Romaine Callender,—We, the Freemasons of the Eastern Division of the County Palatine of Lancaster, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, are affectionately moved to express our sympathy and condolence with you and your family, under the grievous bereavement you have sustained by the lamented death of your late husband, and our beloved friend and associate, William Romaine Callender, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of our Order in the said division. We feel that in expressing our sympathy with you and your family on this melancholy occasion, we must forbear to enter the sanctuary of our late brother's private virtues, where as a husband and father the exercise of those qualities so deeply endeared him, or to dilate upon the distinguished career he pursued, and the honourable character he maintained in his native city and county, as a magistrate as well as in other positions of eminence and distinction, and as a representative of his native city in the legislative assembly



of this nation. But as a brother Freemason we can speak of him as one of the brightest ornaments of the Order, and as excelling in those gifts and attainments which so eminently qualify him to inculcate the virtuous precept, and to exemplify the beneficent principles of the Order. Considering that the present is not an appropriate opportunity for lengthened observations which might not be congenial to the minds of those with whom we seek to sympathise, we will only assure you that we fervently pray that you may be sustained in your bereavement by divine aid, and your grief alleviated by heavenly consolation, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, 2nd March, 1876."

Bro. J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G. Warden, proposed that the address as now read be adopted, and that it be signed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master on behalf of this province, and be forwarded by the Provincial Grand Secretary to Mrs. Callender.

Bro. James A. Bird, P. Prov. G. Warden, in seconding the motion, referred in a touching manner to the late Bro. Callender's many public and private virtues, and to the closing moments of a life sacrificed to the welfare of his fellow creatures.

The motion was submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Provincial G. Lodge was then closed in due form.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this institution was held on Wednesday, in the library, Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, Griffiths Smith, W. Hale, Hyde Pullen, R. Wentworth Little, C. A. Cottebrune, William Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Lacey, Dr. Hogg, John Constable, W. Hilton, J. Newton, John Bellerby, C. F. Hogard, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, John Dennison (Architect of the Institution); H. Massey ("Freemason"); James Terry (Secretary); and William Lane (Collector).

Bro. Terry reported the result of the last festival of the institution. To this festival there were 214 Stewards, and the amount announced was £9174 10s. 6d., with eight lists to come in. Of these six had been sent in, and the total amount subscribed to the present time was £9274 18s. 6d. Bro. Terry also reported that he had communicated to Lord Skelmersdale, who then presided, the vote of thanks accorded to him by the committee at last meeting for presiding on the occasion of the festival. He had not however, yet received an acknowledgment.

Bro. Terry also reported the death of Bro. W. Farnfield, late Secretary of the Institution.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart then rose and said: I rise with very deep regret to propose that we should communicate our feelings to the widow and family of Bro. Farnfield. I knew Bro. Farnfield many years ago, in fact, Bro. Farnfield was the first brother that introduced to my notice our noble Masonic Institutions. The first Stewardship I ever stood was connected with Bro. Farnfield. I had the greatest respect and regard for Bro. Farnfield, and I do not believe that there is a brother round this table who knew him who has not the same feeling. However, he is gone from us, but at a ripe old age. He has done good suit and service in his time, and I believe he and Bro. Barrett were the founders of the Aged Institution, which is, however, the youngest of the three Masonic Institutions. He did suit and service while God spared him with health and strength; and I am very glad to know that we had the means at our disposal of doing our duty to him by making the last of his years happy and comfortable. I therefore rise with very deep regret on hearing of his death to move "That this committee, having been informed of the decease of Bro. William Farnfield, late Secretary of this Institution, desires to convey to his widow and family its heartfelt sympathy and warmest condolence in the bereavement they have sustained. Profoundly sensible of the long and valuable services rendered by him to Freemasonry generally, and notably to this institution, the committee bears vividly in recollection the interest manifested by him during the many years he was so intimately associated with it, and is anxious to place on record its high sense and appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of his position, and in so doing to pay a fitting and merited tribute of admiration and regard for the memory of one whose loss it so deeply deploras." Brethren, I ask you to pass that vote, and in asking you again I would still refer to the very noble services, the great kindness, and good feeling our Bro. Farnfield has always shewn to us when he filled a higher position than our Secretary in Grand Secretary's office. I am sure there were none of us who ever applied to Bro. Farnfield there for information who did not receive it. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. W. Hale, P.M. St. Clement Danes, seconded the motion.

The Chairman said: I will not put the motion in the usual formal way, because I am quite sure it will be unanimously carried. Therefore, I hope you will allow me to have recorded that it is unanimous without putting it to the vote.

This was agreed to, and the motion was declared to be unanimous.

Bro. Terry reported three deaths among the annuitants, after receiving respectively £27, £49, and £4 10s.

The Warden's report for the last month recorded among other things a visit paid by the inmates of the Asylum to the Crystal Palace, with which they were much delighted. One inmate of the building desired to give up his apartments to go to live with his friends.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart then said that on the occasion of the festival of 1875 he moved that the Stewards of that festival should be invited to pay a visit to the institution at Croydon. It was accepted, and a great many went, and he was quite certain that it did a great deal of good to the institution, because many of the brethren had never seen

and never heard of it before. The committee were deeply indebted to the exertions of Bro. Terry and to the brethren who assisted at that inspection of a building which really was a credit to the Craft. He therefore moved that the Stewards for 1876 be invited down to the institution at Croydon, and that the expenses be paid, the same as was done on the Stewards' visits to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. They would be doing that which was serving the interests of the institution, and also which caused great pleasure to the inmates or those who had taken up their cause.

Bro. S. Rawson seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

An addition was made to the wages of the gardener, who devotes all his time to the grounds of the institution, and Bro. Terry reported that all the repairs to the institution had been completed. This was confirmed by Bro. Dennison, the Architect, and a cheque for the amount was signed on the spot. Permission was granted to one lady to have half her late husband's annuity, and permission was granted to one annuitant to reside in the asylum. Some small matters were afterwards disposed of, and the committee adjourned.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of subscribers to this institution met on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. William Roebuck in the chair. The other members present were Bros. Benj. Head, John Symonds, H. Browne, J. C. Dwarber, Raynham W. Stewart, Henry W. Hunt, Jesse Turner, J. M. Stedwell, Hyde Pullen, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, F. Adlard, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

An addition of £10 and £5 a year to the salaries of the fourth and fifth masters of the school, recommended by the House Committee, was confirmed; and the purchase of Kent House for £2000 was approved of, and remitted to the Quarterly Court in April next for final authorisation. This was moved by Bro. Jesse Turner and seconded by Bro. John Symonds; and it was the general feeling of the committee that the purchase was a most valuable one in the interests of the institution.

In the course of the reading of the minutes of the House Committee for information, the General Committee were informed of the receipt of a letter from Mr. Du Plat Taylor, secretary to the East and West India Dock Company, stating the company's willingness to take properly qualified boys from this institution into the offices of the company as junior clerks. The minutes also recorded directions given to the Secretary to write to Mr. Du Plat Taylor, thanking him and accepting the offer.

The gift of 14 volumes by Bro. Benj. Head to the library of the school, the third presentation of the same kind by that brother, was also recorded, as well as the thanks of the committee for the gift.

The total number of boys to be admitted at next election was fixed at 16, and a conversation ensued on the special topic of purchase cases, Bros. Browne and Symonds leading. Bro. Browne was not in favour of admission by purchase, but thought if the building was extended the admission of purchase boys might be extended also.

The committee then adjourned.

#### RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of Knights of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday evening last, after the assembling of the Premier Conclave, at which some formal business was performed. At the General Grand Conclave Sir F. M. Williams, Grand Sovereign, presided; Col. Burdett, Grand Viceroy Eusebius and Lord Skelmersdale, Past Grand Viceroy, also attending. The other Sir Knights present were John Boyd, G.H.P.; J. Percy Leith, P.G.V.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, H. C. Levander, G.H.C.; Angelo Lewis, G.C.; Thos. W. White, G.H.; Thos. Cubitt; H. A. Dubois, G.A.T.; J. T. Moss; Fred. Keily, G. Swd. B.; Wm. Roebuck; E. H. Thiellay, G. Stand. B.; Henry Parker, G. Org.; C. F. Hogard; J. G. Marsh, P.G.S.G. and P.G.A.; A. C. Pendlebury, Jas. Lewis Thomas, Bernard Sharp, P.S. Conclave, 7, Guernsey; John Gilbert, Sentinel; George Harrison, Deputy Sentinel; John B. Mercer, J. Clark, Geo. Moren, Whitney Wilkinson, Chas. Knott, M.L. Gen. Hants; Chas. Groom, 35; Col. Peters, W. T. Howe, Joshua Nunn, W. H. Scott, P.S. 101; H. Ramsden, John Mason, John M. Levick, S. Rosenthal, Hyde Pullen, H. H. Shirley, W. H. Hubbard, P.G. Treas.; Frank Green, Samuel Love Green, Frederick Binckes, Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Kingston, Charles Hammerton, George Kenning, Rev. P. M. Holden, C. W. Gray, Alfred Williams, F. D. Rasboytrick, Edward Veare, H. Amor, E. C. Mather, Henry Venn, J. F. Attergill, H. W. Lane, H. M. Carter, E. Letchworth, W. E. Jameson, Alf Moore, Thomas Brooke, 17; W. Winn, H. Massey ("Freemason"); and Dr. Woodman. The Province of Bristol sent up a strong contingent, there being from this province alone the Deputy Intendant General of the Province of Bristol, Sir Knt. G. F. Tuckey; the Past Sovereign of the William D'Irwin Conclave, 17, Sir Knts. W. Hodges; the Sovereign of No. 17, J. T. Hallam; the Viceroy of No. 17, Sir Knt. W. Munro; Sir Knts. Lane, Amor, Williams, Ware, Brooke, and W. A. Scott, Past Sovereign of No. 101, Bristol.

After the formal opening of the conclave Sir Knight R. Wentworth Little, Grand Treasurer, read the report for the year, which showed the Order to be in a condition of steady progress; several new conclaves having been opened and new members coming into them in considerable numbers.

At the conclusion of the reading of this report it was put to the meeting and unanimously adopted.

Lord Skelmersdale then rose to move that a vote of condolence with the family of the late Sir Knt. W. Romaine Callender on their recent bereavement be passed. He was sure that those who knew the late Sir Knight well, and many present knew him even better than he (Lord Skelmersdale) himself, would bear him out in saying that a truer Mason, or a brother more devoted to the different Orders to which he belonged, never lived. No man more acted up to the Orders to which he belonged; he was a great supporter of all charities, and he had left behind him a reputation which would prove a bright example to all who followed him.

Col. Burdett, in seconding the motion, said he could add nothing to what the noble lord had said. The late Sir Knight was an excellent Mason; he was a great supporter of all charitable institutions; and he was happy to say his efforts were thoroughly appreciated by all who knew him, and by none more than Masons, and in Lancashire, where he was so well known.

Sir F. M. Williams most thoroughly endorsed all that had been said by the Sir Knights who had preceded him with respect to the late lamented Sir Knt. W. Romaine Callender.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Sir Knt. John Mason, seconded by Sir Knt. H. A. Dubois, the sum of thirty guineas was unanimously voted from the Grand Almoner's Fund to be placed on the list of Sir Knt. H. C. Levander, as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The election of Senators then took place, and resulted as follows:—Sir Knts. John Mason, with 46 votes, E. H. Thiellay, 43; T. B. Yeoman, 43; W. T. Howe, 40; Keily, 40; C. F. Hogard, 37; Macartney, 37; Rev. P.M. Holden, 36; A. A. Pendlebury, 36; and Herbert Dicketts, 34.

The conclave was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which had been admirably provided by the City Terminus Hotel authorities under Bro. C. F. Lord, and for the excellent arrangements of which the Sir Knights were indebted to Sir Knt. George Kenning. Col. Burdett presided, having Lord Skelmersdale on his right, and Sir Knt. Percy Leith on his left. Most of the Sir Knights named above attended, and after the banquet had been disposed of Col. Burdett proposed the toasts. After that of "The Queen" had been duly honoured,

Col. Burdett again rose, and said the next toast would be received with the greatest pleasure and enthusiasm. It was the toast of a member of the Order whom they had long delighted to see amongst them, and he hoped it would be still many years that he might be among them and reign over them. The Prince of Wales, to whom he alluded, was now in a distant land, but we were able by means of the wires to know how he was going on; and it gave us great pleasure to read of his progress and exploits. He hoped his Royal Highness would soon be back with us again. (Hear, hear.) The Princess of Wales was deservedly popular and very much liked by the people of this country. The longer she was among us the better she would be loved and liked. The rest of the Royal Family were also very popular. We had in a short time had introduced into Masonry Prince Leopold, who formed another link which united the Order with the Royal Family. In the last generation the Royal Family were members of the Order, as almost every male member of that family belonged to it. Now, many members of the reigning family were joining, and he hoped before many years were over all of them would be members of the Craft. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Burdett then proposed "The Grand Sovereign, Sir F. M. Williams," who had not been able to stop to the banquet on account of a severe domestic affliction. He also coupled with this toast the name of the Earl of Bective, whom the Sir Knights had not had an opportunity of seeing lately.

Lord Skelmersdale proposed the next toast. It was one, he said, which he was sure they would all receive with the greatest enthusiasm, "The Health of the Most Eminent the Grand Viceroy, Col. Francis Burdett." (Cheers.) He felt sure when he said it that this toast would be well received, for it had been his lot now to meet Col. Francis Burdett several times in the metropolitan district, and it had given him the greatest pleasure to witness the increasing enthusiasm with which his name was as time went on received. He did not wish to flatter Col. Burdett, but it gave him the greatest pleasure to find him presiding over the Sir Knights that evening. Col. Burdett was, he believed, the Grand Sovereign elect of Scotland, and he was glad there was a representative of Scotland present to welcome him into the bosom of that conclave. He proposed Col. Burdett's health, and wished him long life and health.

Col. Burdett said he sincerely thanked the Sir Knights for the very kind manner in which they had responded to this toast, but he must say he wished he could return thanks in as few words, comprising such a large subject, as Lord Skelmersdale had used. He feared he must fail in doing so as he would wish. It was true that he and Lord Skelmersdale had had the pleasure of meeting together frequently, and he trusted they might long have that pleasure in future. He felt very much gratified indeed to see around him so many Sir Knights whom he had been in the habit of meeting for years—he might say for some considerable number of years. Lord Skelmersdale had kindly alluded to his (Col. Burdett's) election for the Grand Conclave of Scotland, as their first Sovereign, and he assured the Sir Knights, proud as he must feel of having obtained that position, he felt not only proud now, but it gave him great pleasure to be at the head of a Grand Conclave in Scotland, where he might say he was partially naturalised, having a son-in-law and daughter-in-law there. To him it must be a matter of great pleasure to be at the head of the Red Cross Order in Scotland, as it did to be at the head of the Order in England. (Hear.) It was a great honour, and he highly appreciated it. (Applause.)

Col. Burdett, in proposing "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale," said that all the Sir Knights were pleased to have his lordship present as a guest that evening. His lordship was well known, not only by the whole of his Province of Lancashire, but by the whole of the Freemasons of London and England. His lordship was not only present that evening among the Sir Knights for the first time, but he was constantly among them, whenever he had an opportunity of going out and performing his duties, which he did so ably and so well. They had seen him lately in different phases. On Wednesday previous he presided in Grand Lodge of England; a few days before he was at Oxford, installing Prince Leopold; and he had recently been in Lancashire, as well as other places, acting in Masonry. He had always performed his duties with satisfaction to Freemasons, had been most thoroughly welcomed by all wherever he has gone, and was beloved in all circles. If his lordship were not present he would be able to say more of him. His lordship was always available whenever his services were required.

Lord Skelmersdale, in reply, said that he thanked the brethren very heartily for the most kind way in which they had received his name, and Colonel Burdett for the extremely flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast. He assured the brethren that it never gave him greater pleasure than when he had to perform his duties in his Masonic life. If he was ever found wanting it was not from not having the inclination or not wishing to do his duty, but because he had duties elsewhere, and those were falling upon him pretty thickly now. He would, however, endeavour to perform his Masonic duties in a way entirely satisfactory to the brethren. He hoped he would always be worthy of the brethren's confidence.

Col. Burdett then proposed "Earl Ferrers, Senior Grand General, and the rest of the Grand Council." All the Sir Knights were aware that the Grand Council was the moving and head part of this Order, who did the administrative work, and he must say they did it most satisfactorily. With this toast he begged to couple the name of Sir Knt. Percy Leith, who did his work so well that it was the admiration of the whole of the Order.

Sir Knt. Percy Leith replied: It was a great compliment to him as well as to the other officers to have such complimentary remarks as had just been used by Col. Burdett. The officers and past officers of the Grand Conclave were always ready to do their duty, and on their behalf he would say, if any work should be required of them after their year of office had expired they would always be ready to do it. He had devoted a great portion of his time and attention to the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and he was happy to say he had done signal service, as far as he was concerned, and he had been well supported by his friends. He felt deeply indebted to those who had come forward in the council to assist, and he would always do the Order the greatest good he could. On behalf of the officers of the Grand Council he returned his most hearty and sincere thanks for the kind way in which his health had been drunk, and he sincerely trusted on future occasions the Grand Officers would be ready to support and assist at any ceremony where their services might be required.

Col. Burdett afterwards proposed "The Intendants General," and said, that all the Sir Knights were very much indebted to them for the success of the Orders. They were in fact, Generals in their districts, and had different conclaves under their command. They carried out their duties in a most efficient manner. One of them was present that evening, one who had been recently inducted in the office of Intendant General. He was the youngest, but though the youngest he was not the least, and he hoped he would not be the last. He had entered most enthusiastically upon his duties, and in Cambridgeshire he had introduced a large amount of vigour into the province. He alluded to Sir Knight Amphlett, who, though a young Mason, was very well known among Masons. They were all glad to see him, and he hoped they would have many opportunities of seeing him and hearing the good reports he had to make of those conclaves under his control. (Hear, hear.)

Sir Knight Amphlett responded. He was struck from the first moment he entered the Red Cross Degree by the beauty of its ritual, especially as given in the Premier Conclave. He was a very young man to be so honoured by having such a high office as that of Intendant General conferred upon him; but he hoped he would be as energetic in promoting the interests of the Red Cross in the province over which he was called to rule as others had shown who had been appointed before him. He looked upon himself as a very insignificant individual, but he hoped to make great efforts on behalf of the Order. He hoped to start a conclave at Oxford, which would be an offshoot from Cambridge, and he also hoped that there would soon be more conclaves in Cambridgeshire itself. He would feel it incumbent on him to start one or two more. He thanked Col. Burdett and the Sir Knights very much, and he would assure them that if they paid a visit to Cambridge, to see how the work was done there, he could promise them a hearty welcome. (Cheers.)

Sir Knt. Little proposed "The Grand Senate." This body was constituted on a democratic and an aristocratic basis, it being in the hands of the general body of Sir Knights to place members on the Grand Council. They performed very great service, and under Sir Knt. J. C. Parkinson, who was the senior officer, had done excellent work. Unfortunately, he was not then present; but they must not forget that they had among them Sir Knight Baird Mercer, from Scotland. The English Order was always glad to find that the Scottish knights stood upon their own ground, although the English Grand Conclave was very sorry to lose them. English Grand Conclave, however, would not be weakened by the fact of there be-

ing a separate Grand Conclave for Scotland, and the Grand Conclave of England would do all they could to promote the interests of the Grand Conclave of Scotland.

Sir Knt. W. Roebuck was the first to reply. All the members of the Senate had done their duty during the last twelve months to the best of their ability, and he was pleased to know the Senate was elected from the general body of Sir Knights, and in rotation they formed the council and so worked up to the governing body. He believed it was the right way, and the way all Orders should be supported. (Hear, hear.)

Sir Knight J. Baird Mercer also replied. He felt the honour that had been conferred upon the Scottish Sir Knights, more especially on the rather peculiar event that the Sovereign then sitting in the chair was the Sovereign elect of Scotland. This event was one which would not only tend to strengthen the bonds between the two countries, but to keep them together and to give them greater power. He was pleased to find that Sir Knt. Col. Burdett had relations with Scotland; and he hoped they would continue, so that the relations between the two bodies might have an additional bond of union. When Col. Burdett should go down to Scotland, and the members of the Grand Council accompanied him, they would find that they would receive a cordial welcome, and one that would satisfy them. He could assure the Sir Knights that the hearts of the Scottish Knights were warm to them, and that the allegiance which they had avowed to the Grand Council of England would continue as intact as it was at the present moment. In Scotland the Order had taken a ground that the Sir Knights had not expected at first. It began in a very small and humble way, but now it was beginning to start in the north, south, east, and west. Before long he hoped they would all be satisfied with the progress which the Order had made. Four years ago it was started in Edinburgh, and there were now six conclaves there. Shortly he expected they would ask for additional constitutional powers. (Cheers.)

Col. Burdett next proposed "The Sovereigns and Past Sovereigns" who were present, selecting Sir Knts. Yeoman, Hammerton, Pullen and Dubois, all of whom were thorough good working Masons and performed their duties whenever called upon.

Sir Knts. T. B. Yeoman, Charles Hammerton, Hyde Pullen, and H. A. Dubois respectively replied.

Sir Knt. Little proposed "The Stewards," of whom there were 45.

Sir Knts. J. W. Cubitt, Col. Peters, and W. T. Howe responded.

Col. Burdett then proposed "The Masonic Press," and complimented it on the great accuracy with which Masonic proceedings were reported. He referred particularly to the "Freemason," whose pages he had read for many years, and he had always found great accuracy displayed in its records of meetings, besides very great ability in the improvement of speeches which were delivered. It was very creditable to the Order to have such an organ, and the enterprise of the proprietor deserved every encouragement which could be given. (Hear, hear.)

Sir Knight H. Massey replied, and said that seeing that the "Freemason" was the only real Masonic organ, and he had been its reporter from the beginning, he took Col. Burdett's remarks as a compliment personal to himself. He might however say that though he felt very much flattered by the compliment, he did not look for it, as he simply performed his duty without fear, favour, or affection for any one.

Dr. Woodman proposed "Sir Knight Little," to whom he thought the great success of the evening was due.

Sir Knt. Little in reply, said that Lord Skelmersdale had informed him that he would be willing to take the Grand Viceroyship next year. Both his lordship and Sir F. M. Williams would attend next meeting of the conclave. Sir Knt. Percy Leith had been appointed to the post of inspector of foreign and colonial correspondences the duties of which, he knew he would thoroughly discharge. Sir Kt. Knott had been appointed for Hampshire, and Capt. Bartlett for Dorsetshire. This must be satisfactory to all the Knights, and he hoped that if he were spared many years he should witness a very great prosperity in the Order. He had been Grand Treasurer, and if next year the confidence of the Sir Knights should again place that important office on his shoulders he would again discharge it with the same faithfulness as hitherto.

Sir Knight Binckes proposed "Dr. Woodman," who replied.

Sir Knt. Levander replied for "The Charities," and thanked Grand Conclave for having given 30 guineas to his list as Steward for the Girls' School. He impressed upon the Sir Knights the fact that he was Steward on the occasion of the next festival, and solicited their support, as he wanted to take up a large amount on his list. (Cheers.)

Some other toasts followed and the Sir Knights separated, after having spent a charming and most successful evening.

A beautiful selection of music was performed by Bro. Seymour Smith, Bro. Stedman, Miss Annie Sinclair, and Lucie Hann.

The election of Grand Senators resulted in favour of the undermentioned Sir Knights:—

John Mason, G. Inspector of Regalia; Eugene H. Thielay and T. Burdett Yeoman, G. Standard Bearers; William Thomas Howe, G. Sword Bearer; Frederick Keily, G. Organist; Charles Frederick Hogard, G. Assist. Marshal; J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., G. V. Chamberlain; Rev. P. McLanethon Holden and Alfred A. Pendlebury, G. Herald; and Herbert Dickets, G. Usher.

The Birmingham Town Council has decided to erect assize courts for the borough, at a cost of from £100,000 to £150,000.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Arthur, travelling incognito, has arrived at Algiers in the yacht Vega, and will make a few days' stay. The English residents intend giving fêtes in his honour.

The consecration of the Musgrave Lodge, No. 1597, takes place this day (Saturday). The officers designate are Bros. John Musgrave Levick, W.M.; Frederick Keily, S.W.; Edward Amphlett, J.W. The Consecrating Officers are R. W. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. M. Middlesex, and R. Wentworth Little, Prov. S.G. Warden Middlesex. A full report will appear in our next.

The Empress of Austria is now staying at Emtou Neston in Northamptonshire for the purpose of hunting, in which Her Majesty is a great proficient. Her sister, the Queen of Naples, is living in retirement close by. The two fair sisters will have a hearty reception from all in the district.

Bro. James Hamilton Townend (formerly solicitor, of 86, Queen-street) has been elected clerk to the Haberdashers' Company.

Bro. Sir John Bennett presided at Dr. Martin Duncan's science lecture at the Foresters' Hall, Earl Granville, who was to have presided, having to be in his place in the House of Lords.

His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, K.G., has joined the St. Stephen's Club. The Dukes of Montrose, Abercorn, K.G., Rutland, K.G., and Richmond and Gordon, K.G., have been members of the same club for a considerable time.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa, 30<sup>o</sup>, had sufficiently recovered from his recent severe indisposition to be able to conduct the rehearsal of "Samson" at the Sacred Harmonic Society on Friday, 3rd inst.

Mr. Coles, an undergraduate of Magdalene College, Cambridge, died suddenly while at breakfast with a friend in the college rooms.

Dr. Von Sybel has proposed in the Berlin Academy of Science the complete publication of the political correspondence of Frederick the Great. The Emperor is said to approve the undertaking. The work will comprise about thirty volumes.

The City of London Bonus Tea should certainly become an article of universal consumption, when it is known that it is entirely selected by an eminent firm of some forty years' standing, who for the greater part of that time have been practical tea tasters, which enables them to guarantee the purity and excellence of the article they supply. The firm referred to is that of Messrs. Murray and Dean, of 41, Ludgate-hill, who, in addition to supplying teas of the choicest growths at the lowest prices, have also successfully introduced a system by which every purchaser receives a bonus cheque representing the discount for cash, which cheques on amounting to one shilling or upwards are paid to the persons presenting them. This novel principle has none of the risks inseparable from lotteries; for there is no chance or uncertainty whatever, as every package of the City of London Bonus Tea contains a cheque in proportion to the sum expended. The largely increased sale of their teas has led the firm to adopt this system, on the principle of small profits and quick returns due to the spirit of the age, and is one which may be followed with advantage. Alderman Sidney, who was Lord Mayor some years ago, and whose eminent public services in saving the City funds to the extent of several thousands were duly acknowledged by the Corporation, may be remembered as formerly the head of this firm, which since his retirement has maintained its high reputation, and his remaining partners well deserve the support and co-operation of the public in more widely diffusing the benefits of the system they have so happily instituted.

Our Brussels correspondent telegraphs that two splendid saloon carriages have been built in that city for the Continental travels of her Majesty Queen Victoria, at a cost of eight thousand pounds.

Amongst the visitors to the new and handsome show-rooms recently opened by Mr. Goode, South Audley-street, may be mentioned their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Mary and the Duke of Teck, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), and the Marquis of Lorne.

Bro. E. J. Harty is very anxious for it to be generally known that the period for receiving portraits for insertion in the Official and Historical Engraving of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been prolonged for a short time longer, there being still space for a limited number. It is very necessary that these few should be sent in at once, to enable the artist to proceed towards completion.

According to a report read at the annual meeting of the Royal Literary Fund, held on Wednesday, Lord Houghton in the chair, it appeared that during the past year fifty authors had been relieved by the fund at a cost of £2100.

THE ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—A report of the installation meeting on Tuesday last will appear in our next.

The annual convocation of the Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, Warrington, will be held at the chapter-rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, when the Principals elect will be installed by E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B., &c.

The name of our distinguished brother, J. M. P. Montagu, 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Chancellor A. and A., D.P.G.M. Dorset, and P. Sub Prior Dorset, was omitted in the list of subscribers to the Historical Steel Engraving of the Installation of the M.W.G.M., published in the "Freemason" of the 26th ult.

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The following stand over:—A P.M. Alfred Lodge, "Master Masons' Jewels," G. R. Harriott, "Masonic Tokens"; Obituary, Bro. B. Thorpe. Reports of Lodges: Royal Cumberland, 41; Doric, 96; Friendship, 100; Affability, 317; Star, 1175; Royal Standard, 1298; Acacia, 1309; Kennington, 1381; Langthorne, 1421; Truth, 1451; Chaucer, 1540; Caveac Chapter, 176; Mark Lodge, 139; Panmure; Rose Croix Chapter, Phillips; Masonic Balls in Burnley and Liverpool.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Die Bauhütte," "Der Freimaurer," "Bulletin der G. Orient de France," "Calendar for the Province of Dorset."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTH.

KENT.—On the 2nd inst., the wife of Frederick Hunt, Esq., Binfield Lodge, Clapham, S.W., and Cannon-street, E.C., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

PAINTER—AGGLETON.—At Christ Church, Brixton-road, Mr. Alfred B. Painter, to Ann, daughter of Mr. Thomas J. Aggleton, March 2.

## DEATHS.

MAPLE.—On the 7th inst., at 8, Clarence-terrace, Regents-park, the wife of John Blundell Maple, of a daughter.

DUNSC.—On the 7th inst., at Myddleton-square, H. Dubosc, on his 61st birthday. R.I.P.

MAJOR.—The Rev. John R. Major, D.D., Vicar of Arrington, Cambs., and some time Head Master of King's College School, London, at Twickenham, aged 79, Feb. 28.

BARROW.—Mr. William Barrow, at Hastings, aged 76, March 1.

ROBINSON.—Julia, daughter of Mr. John Robinson, Easingwold, Yorkshire, aged 21, Feb. 29.

GABB.—Mr. John B. Gabb, of Highbury-place, aged 64, Feb. 28.

THORPE.—On Friday, 18th ult., Bro. Benjamin Thorpe, after a few days illness.

TOMKINS.—After a lengthened illness, Bro. John Newton Tomkins, P.G.D.

HAWKER.—On the 18th ult., Bro. J. Hawker, P.M. 871, aged 51.

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SATURDAY, MAR. 11, 1876.

## HER MAJESTY'S VISIT TO WHITE-CHAPEL.

We have gladly to chronicle another visit of the Queen to the City, and to the London Hospital. Such visits of personal interest and sympathy will always be greatly appreciated by the loyal subjects of this great country, and are episodes on which the philanthropist and Freemason will ever look with approval and gratification. The Queen's reception by all classes was most enthusiastic, and the arrangements for the occasion seem to have been very well conceived

and admirably carried out. The greatest good humour prevailed, no accidents are reported, and the loyalty of the citizens and of all classes were very warmly exhibited. We give from the "Times" a touching little incident which occurred at the hospital, as it will deeply affect and please all our readers. "Her Majesty now went through an accident ward (the Gloucester Ward), as had been arranged, and showed her lively interest in the unfortunate men who were lying there by many inquiries addressed to the President and to Mr. Rowsell, the Deputy Chairman, concerning the patients. Afterwards, she paid an unarranged visit to the Buxton Ward for little children, in the Alexandra Wing. A little girl of four, Kate Ambler, who was brought into the hospital on January 14th, with a burnt side and thigh, had previously said to Mr. Rowsell, 'If I could only see the Queen I should get well.' This remark was repeated to Her Majesty, who determined to gratify the child's innocent wish. 'My darling,' said the Queen to this little girl, 'I hope you will be a little better now.'"

## THE JOURNEY OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was at Allahabad on March 7th, having come from Bareilly. He was received by the Viceroy, the Commander-in-Chief, the Lieut. Governor of the N.W. Provinces, the Judges, and other high officials. He received an address from the municipality. He held a chapter of the Star of India, and invested Major General Probyn and others. He was to proceed to Indore on the night of the 7th. He is perfectly well.

## IS PIO NONO A FREEMASON?

We had thought that the question was settled in the negative, and that it was now pretty clear, whatever his connection with the secret societies in his Liberal days might have been, that he was not a Freemason. For thus far all the evidence adduced appears to us to be unreliable altogether, all the facts; indubitable fiction. The only importance attached to the fact itself is as a fact of history, beyond that it has no special importance, nor perhaps interest even, whether for Freemasons or profanes. But the "Il Precursore di Palermo" of January 31st, 1876, not only boldly states "au contraire," that everybody knows that the Pope is a Freemason, but publishes a certificate as a "traduzione originale" an "original translation" of a document which is "approved by the representative of Germany," and which seems at first sight to settle the question. For it certainly does appear to "constate" the fact, that on the 15th of August, 1831, at Palermo, in the Lodge "Eterna Catena," "Eternal Chain," Giovanni Mastai Ferretti, native of the Pontifical States, was initiated a Freemason. Indeed, the certificate professes to be a lodge certificate, and is signed by Giovanni Ferretti Mastai himself, (sic), by Matteo Chiava, the W. Master, by Paoli Duplessi, the Secretary, is countersigned by "Sisto Calano," Grand Master of the "R. Loggia di Napoli," and this remarkable document is "viséd," so to say, by Guglielmo de Willelsborh, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Bavaria. This document possesses to be found in the archives of the Lodge "Fidela Germanica," Oriente di Noremburg, (Nuremberg), a daughter lodge of the Grand Mother Lodge, the Three Globes of Berlin. This certificate, the "Precursore" says, is in the archives numbered 13,715, is certified and authenticated in the usual manner, written in Italian, and sealed with the seal of the Grand Lodge "Luci Perpetua" of Naples, and owned by the Masonic Lodge "Eterna Catena" in Palermo. But the "Freimaurer" of Vienna for February, 1876, a new illustrated Masonic paper, to which we elsewhere allude, gives us an entirely different version of the whole affair. According to that paper the "Neue Freie Presse" of a few days previously had published a document, by which it seemed that in 1833 the Pope had been made a Freemason in the Lodge "Eterna Catena" at Palermo. This document seems to have originated with the "Gazetta di Napoli," January 16th, 1876, which declares that in the archives of the Lodge "Luci Perpetua," at Naples, a certificate, numbered 13,715, is to be found, de-

claring that on the night of August, 15th, 1839, Giovanni Mastai Ferritti was received as a Freemason in the Lodge "Eterna Catena," Palermo. This certificate is signed as before by the newly-initiated brother the Pope himself, the W.M., and the Secretary, whose names have already been given. This certificate is countersigned by "Sisto Calano," as was before said, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Naples, and has the visé of Prince Wm. von Wittelsbach, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Bavaria. Such are the facts of the case. In the first place, we should like to know whether this certificate is to be found at Naples or at Nuremberg, whether the date is 1833 or 1839, and what Guglielmo, M. Willelsborh, or William Von Wittelsbach has to do with it? The fact is one way or the other, and let us first ascertain that, and then will come the secondary question, who is the attesting G.M. of Bavaria, and what that attestation means? We must look at the matter as an historical fact without political prepossessions or sentimental considerations. Is the statement true or untrue? And if it is true, of what value is the document, quâ an historical document? These are questions many brethren in Germany can answer critically, honestly, and well, and we await their reply before expressing our own opinion on the subject. We will, however, say this, we ought to have no sensational literature in Freemasonry; every statement should be tested and proved, and based alone on archaeological accuracy and historical truth.

## WHAT NEXT, INDEED?

Such, we fancy, will be the almost involuntary outburst of wonder and alarm on the part of many a good old brother up and down the land on reading the letter from New York in our last with reference to the installation meeting of the Montgomery Lodge, No. 69, on the 23rd December, 1875. For it seems "horribile dictu" that "at the installation ceremony ladies were admitted." Well, our American brethren are going ahead with a vengeance! What, we hear old Past Master Dobbin say, "admit women to an installation, it's scandalous! never heard of such a thing in my life before; it will ruin Freemasonry altogether," &c., &c., &c. Now while we do not, we confess, ourselves see our way to go as far as these bold brethren in the Montgomery Lodge, we yet do not think that any good old brother need be alarmed amongst ourselves. We quite confess we cannot comprehend how the ceremonies of installation were performed if all were gone through in the presence of ladies, but so it would seem from the programme subjoined to the letter in question. We presume, however, that our able brethren in New York found some means of squaring Masonic ritual with the presence of their fair sisters which does not appear in the programme. At the same time we say this, we feel bound to admit that the general feeling in Great Britain will be that it is going a little too far, even though in a right direction. We are quite sensible of the great advantages which would accrue to our Order by a more frequent admission of ladies to our greater gatherings. We see no reason whatever why ladies should not be invited to our great educational and benevolent festivals, to special soirees, to organized banquets, and to agreeable reunions. Much more might be made of the female element, no doubt, by us than is made, but there is such a thing as overdoing it. With all deference to our good brethren in New York, we cannot say that we approve of so great a variation from established customs, perhaps our insular prejudices and old world notions may have something to do with this hesitation on our part. But so it is, and it is better frankly to say so, because we fancy that our humble opinion will be the same as that of ninety-nine out of every hundred brethren in Great Britain. We wish the "fairy beings," the "dear creatures," as Bro. Simmons enthusiastically calls them (he is young and inexperienced, and in love, and may be excused), all enjoyment on all occasions, and especially desiderate their halcyon smiles and pleasant voices in our Masonic gatherings at fitting times and seasons. We know how much they add to the happiness of life, the "agremens" of society, how greatly their kind, and pure, and high thoughts elevate



our often grovelling manhood, and therefore, within due limits none will welcome our well dressed and gentle, and sympathetic, and graceful sisters more heartily than ourselves. But we feel bound to say, that the movement, though good in itself, will be gravely impeded amongst us, if instead of gradually improving our habits in this respect, we hastily sweep away all barriers which Masonic prudence would suggest, or Masonic ritual would demand. We go a long way for the "rights" of our Masonic sisters, knowing well their worth, their truth, their virtues and their importance to us all; but we do not think it well to initiate even the best of movements, with a wrong both to Masonic feeling, and the ancient laws of our excellent Order. It is unwise, in our opinion, to rush from one extreme to the other, and we in Great Britain, shall prefer to make the pleasant presence of the ladies, the exception, if even a most agreeable exception, to the sterner law of Masonic ritualism, and the unchanged requirements of ceremonial secrecy!

#### DER FREIMAURER OF VIENNA.

We welcome a new illustrated Masonic paper, "Der Freimaurer of Vienna," as a very promising and creditable production of the Viennese Masonic Press. We wish it all success, and trust that it may have a large circle of readers, and of fraternal supporters. It has reached its second number, and appears to be carefully edited, and well got up. Bro. Carl Fischer—we presume a relation of the well-known and able Brother Robert Fischer—is the editor, and we beg to assure our latest and not least worthy confrere, that from us he will always receive all fraternal courtesy, interest, and sympathy.

#### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We have received the last bulletin of the Grand Orient de France, and though space does not permit us to call attention to it this week, we shall do so next, as we think that our worthy Bro. St. Jean, and the Conseil de L'Ordre deserve great credit for their loyal endeavours to uphold the Constitutions coute qui coute.

#### P.G. LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

We have received the printed report from the D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, with reference to the Boys' School, but as we are clearly of opinion that the appointment of such a Committee was "ultra vires," and have grave doubts of the legality of the Committee's appointment which has made this report, we decline to take any further notice of it. The whole of these unfortunate proceedings have a personal and partizan hue, and are in our opinion subversive of every true principle of the Craft to which we profess to belong.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

At the Cambridge Local Examination, Christmas, 1875, three boys from this school passed with first-class honours—the only ones in this class of those examined at the London Main Centre. Of these one was distinguished for mathematics and one for English. In the second and third classes there was one; and nine satisfied the examiners. Total passed, 14, out of 18 candidates sent up for examination. In all London and suburbs there were two schools ahead of the Royal Masonic School.—Mill Hill School, Hendon, passed eight; and Christ's College, Finchley, four.—In all England, three, Mill Hill School, eight; Finchley, Christ's College, four; and Brighton Grammar School, four. Four schools were equal—University School, Hastings, three; Huddersfield College, three; Wolverhampton Grammar School, three; and Framlingham Middle Class School, three.

#### THE WILSON MS. CONSTITUTION.

I give to-day the commencement and the close of the Wilson MS. Constitution.

"PHILLIPS MSS. 6,351.

"The Book of Constitutions.

"The might of the Father of Heaven and the wisdom of the glorious Sone, through the grace and goodness of the Holy Ghost, yt. bene three persons and one God, be with

us at our beginning and give us grace soe to govern us here in our livinge, that we may come to his blisse; that never shall have endinge. Amen.

"Theis charges that we have nowe rehersed unto yon, and all other that belonge to Masons yee shall keepe, so helpe your God and your Halli lome."

I believe that the Wilson and Edinburgh Kilwinning are "replicas," so to say, from one common original, or the Edinburgh Kilwinning may be a transcript of the Wilson, MS. which, as Preston knew about so distinctly, may have had something to do originally with York.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

#### ALLEGED CERTIFICATE OF THE POPE'S ADMISSION INTO FREEMASONRY.

This document has been published by "Il Precursore di Palermo," January 31, 1876.

O. di Nuromberg.

Loggia—*Fedeltà Germanica*, figlia della Gran Loggia di Baviera—con costituzioni della Gran Loggia Madre—*I tre Globi* di Berlino.

Consta nell'Archivio con il N. 13715 il seguente documento, certificato ed autenticato in debita e voluta forma, scritto in Italiano, munito con il gran Sigillo della Gran Loggia *Luce Perpetua* di Napoli.

"Loggia Mass.: *Eterna Calena* in Palermo.

"Noi Maestri dignitari ed Officiali dei tre gradi Massonici di San Giovanni: Certificiamo nel nome del Supremo Maestro, che tutti dirige, che oggi in questa data, alle ore dodici della notte, abbiamo ricevuto in questa Loggia con le norme prescritte dal suo rituale e con intiera sottomissione alla sua costituzione, il Fratello Giovanni Ferretti Mastai, nativo degli Stati Pontifici, il quale dopo di avere prestato il giuramento in presenza di tutti noi, dichiarò di non appartenere a nessuna società segreta, tranne a questa Loggia, ed ha pagato i diritti che le spettano.

"Per ciò ordiniamo a tutte le Loggie Massoniche del Mondo, di riconoscerlo e ritenerlo come reale e vero Massone, ricevuto in una reale e perfetta Loggia, e così giudichiamo e testimoniamo, come uomini conosciuti e onorati, che ritengano tutti il presente documento come vero, e firmiamo in Palermo, nell'anno profano e civile 1839 nella prima quindicina del mese di agosto."

Ne varietur. Giovanni Ferretti Mastai, Il Venerabile della Loggia *Matteo Chiava*, Il Segretario della Loggia *Paolo Duplessi*, Il Gran Maestro della R. Loggia di Napoli, *Sisto Culano*. Io certifico essere vero quanto si afferma più sopra, e che consta nell'archivio questo documento sotto il numero indicato firmato. *Guglielmo De Willelshorh*, Gran Maestro della Gran Loggia di Baviera (Principe di Baviera).

It would appear that this document originally appeared in the "Gazetta de Napoli," July 26th, but we do not understand the statement that it was approved by the Representative of Germany, or what he has to do with it.

#### 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.]

#### FRENCH LODGES IN LONDON.

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An de la V. L. 000,000,000.

Monsieur le Redacteur en chef du "The Freemason."

Je viens vous prier au nom de la lodge française "les Philadelphes et la Concorde Reunis," dont je suis l'Orateur, de vouloir publier parmi les annonces des loges l'avis suivant.

"Aux Franc-maçons anglais et étrangers qui parlent ou entendent la langue française; Maçonnerie Progressiste et Scientifique—Loge française les Philadelphes et la Concorde Reunis, tenu tous les Mercredi soir, à 9 heures, 6, Charles-street, Middlesex Hospital, au Spread Eagle; Orateur le F. H. Valleton."

Je vous serais personnellement très obligé si vous voulez bien fixer cette annonce dans les renseignements Maçonniques.—Votre dévoué, H. VALLETON.

[We publish the above at the request of the writer, who is, we believe a correspondent of the "Monde Maçonniqne," which is edited by our esteemed Bro. Caubet, but as we do not feel sure that the Lodge "Philadelphes et la Concorde Reunis" is a regular lodge or lawfully warranted, we shall be glad of "renseignements Maçonniques" on that point. Some time back the Board of General Purposes issued a circular to lodges, with reference to the "Philadelphes," &c. We should be glad to know, therefore, what is the exact position of the "Philadelphes et la Concorde Reunis," before alluding publicly to the matter.—Ed.]

#### BYE-LAWS OR BY-LAWS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I send you a cutting from a Bath newspaper of the 12th of February bearing upon the spelling of the word "Bye-law" alluded to in "Frater's" letter in the "Freemason" of same day, an extract from which may be useful. His Spelling Bee idea had been anticipated at Bath.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM TOFF.

THE "SPELLING BEE."

To the Editor of the Bath Herald.

Sir,—The spelling of the word "bye-law" at the Assembly Rooms has not only caused a little excitement, but has also been productive of some correspondence on the subject.

The following extract from a letter from no less an authority than the Recorder of Bath will doubtless be interesting to all readers and spellers:—

"1, Elm-court, Temple, London, E.C.,

Feb. 4th, 1876.

"Dear Sir,—When in Bath yesterday, and in conversation with a friend relative to the late "Spelling Bee" meeting, I was informed that you failed in consequence of spelling "bye-law" as I have written it, instead of by-law (without the letter e), the referees deciding that the latter is the correct way of spelling the word. I should have called upon you on the subject had I time, and I now take the first opportunity of affording my testimony to the accuracy of your spelling. The word bye-law is essentially a legal word, and we certainly find it in a prominent position in Acts of Parliament, and always spelt as you have spelt it. Not a session of Parliament has passed for the last 50 years in which the word so spelt is not to be found in a dozen different Acts. In that popular Act of Parliament, the Municipal Corporations Act of 1825, the word so spelt is to be found at least a hundred times, and in the statutes of the 12th session you will find the word so spelt at least a thousand times. In truth, in our Acts of Parliament it is never spelt in any other way, and the spelling of by-law is not to be found in any Act of Parliament for the last 50 years. Now, although erroneous spelling (like bad grammar) is occasionally to be met with in Acts of Parliament, it is always recognised as bad spelling, and is only exceptional; but in the case of the word bye-law, this spelling is the adopted and recognised spelling of the highest authority in the land, and which never departs from it. This, in my mind, is really a legislative declaration that this is the proper way of spelling the word.

"Believe me, yours very truly,

THOS. WM. SAUNDERS.

"To Mr. Davies. The "Penny Cyclopædia" also states:—"The word is of Saxon origin, and derived from the word by, or bye, a town; hence, town laws." There is therefore evidently a good ground for the alternative spelling, and it is strange that the three dictionaries used as authorities should not have admitted both ways. In this case the referees could not do otherwise than rule against the competitor, although it was most evident that those assembled at the rooms and many who were not present considered that the word was correctly spelt bye-law.

Apologising for thus trespassing upon your valuable space, I remain, Sir,

THE COMPETITOR RULED OUT "BY-LAW."

#### MASONIC CO-OPERATIVE STORES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

So much has been said by our Masonic brethren in trade in the leading thoroughfares of London of the evil effects upon their business by the different Co-operative Supply Associations, that I am induced to asked through the "Freemason" the reason we have not started a "Masonic Co-operative Store?" Surely it would be a source of pleasure and benefit to the Craft to know that we were doing business with the brethren only.

The Masonic Club I have not the slightest doubt will be a great success, and so would the "Masonic Co-operative Stores," if started—I feel certain the shares would soon be taken up, and if conducted anything like the "Civil Service Stores" would pay a fair interest on the outlay, and the balance to be carried to the accounts of the Masonic Charities.

The brethren only to supply and belong to the affair. We are numerous enough without the outside public. A small annual payment would clear all the working expenses, and the charities could have innumerable articles from the stores, much to their benefit.

I think we ought, in justice to ourselves take the matter up at once, and meet our competitors with their own weapons on their own ground.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours most sincerely,

A MASTER MASON.

[We confess we do not quite comprehend the logic of "A Master Mason."—Ed.]

#### THE PROPOSED SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Sir,

I hope you will not doom my letter to the editorial limbo of the waste paper basket, because it is indited by a Mason's wife, who, of course is not one of the "mystic tie." My excuse for thus addressing you, is in the hope that more ladies may come forward and support the call made upon their husbands in the second appeal for the above institution.

It is a call which ought to interest them most deeply, one which ought to elicit their best and noblest feelings. If some of my sister wives would just give up the idea of that "charming new hat" or joining the rink this season, and send a subscription to their husband's lodges instead, they would not only have the satisfaction that always follows a good action, but the blessings of the aged and the orphans.

I feel sure the women of Scotland will put their shoulder to the wheel, and then Mr. Harriott need not despair about being last in the field. My friend your bard of the Scottish Grand Lodge has written truly when he says

"The last whiles are first, there's an Eye aboon

'Tho' we seldom look up, never tires looking 'doon,

That takes a' the feckless aye under its ken,

The wee hungry birds, and the weak Sons o' Men."

I am sure if the Masons of Scotland will only let their good dames read Mr. Harriott's letter, there is not a woman's heart but will glow with kindly feeling and

"To the weary wandering pair,

Find comfort aye to spare."

And although you may not think so good Mr. Editor, we women can really accomplish wonders when you win us over in the right way; i.e. by touching the nobler warmer feelings of our hearts. I am sir, yours truly,

BARBARINA.

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

MISSING MS. CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FREEMASONS. Now that another MS. has been unearthed, several of my friends are anxious to know how many are yet undiscovered.

Those familiar with the "Old Charges of British Freemasons" will be aware that the following are chronicled amongst the missing MSS. The Wilson MS., thanks to Bros. Woodford, Ellis, and Nixon, is now removed from that category:—

"York MS.," No. 3, of A.D. 1630.

"Dr. Anderson's MS." (Constitutions 1733, &c.)

"Stone's MS." (Constitutions 1738, &c.)

"Dr. Plot's MS." (History of Staffordshire, 1686)

"Dowland's MS." ("Gentleman's Magazine," 1815.)

"Dr. Rawlinson's MS." (Transcript, about 1730.)

"Wilson's MS." (lately discovered.)

"Krause's MS." (probably a compilation.)

Then there are printed transcripts of MSS. of which the originals have been traced, or believed to be so, viz.:

"Robert's MS.," 1722 ("Harleian" MS., No. 1942, 17th century).

"Briscoe's MS.," 1724 (uncertain).

"Cole's MS.," 1726-9 (uncertain).

"Mrs. Dodd's MS.," 1739 (variation slightly from Cole's).

There is also "Woodford's MS." (a transcript of "Cooke's MS.")

Bro. Woodford and myself have traced of late years several valuable MSS., including "York MS., No. 1," "Grand Lodge MS.," "Hope MS.," "York MS., No. 6," "Alnwick MS.," "Passworth's MS.," and "Wilson's MS.," not forgetting the valuable assistance of fellow Masonic students and friends.

I have also traced, with the valued aid of co-workers, a transcript of the "Chester MS.," which I now possess.

Bro. Jacob Norton has been the means of the valuable "Scarborough MS." being found, and Bro. Woodford of the "Gateshead MS." being published. There are still other MSS. to trace, including the "Wren MS.," "Hargrove's MS.," and "Dermott's MS."

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1593, GREENWICH.

The magnificent pile of buildings on the river-front at Greenwich has recently undergone a fresh vicissitude. For many generations it was a favourite Royal palace, enlarged and beautified by successive sovereigns; for several more an asylum for our worn-out seamen; and three years ago the old pensioners were quartered out, and the palace converted into a great naval college, where about 250 officers are in regular residence, and studying their profession scientifically. The studies comprise mathematics, applied mechanics, physics, chemistry, fortification, nautical astronomy, navigation, naval architecture, marine engineering, steam, meteorology, maritime and international law, and modern languages—in fact, everything which can be of use to the accomplished naval officer. No other country in the world can boast of such a splendid professional university, and the consequence is that there are at present studying at the college officers from the Italian, Spanish, Prussian, Swedish, and Danish navies, who have been sent by their governments, and permitted by ours, to share in the advantages of its training.

On the 22nd of February the old palace was, very probably for the first time, the scene of a Masonic ceremonial. A number of the officers and staff of the college, being desirous of forming a lodge in connection with it, had forwarded the usual petition to the Grand Master; and in the absence of the Prince of Wales the Earl of Carnarvon had granted a warrant for a lodge, to be called the Royal Naval College Lodge, and held within the precincts of the college. The consecration took place in the east, or Queen Anne's, wing of the building. The lodge-room, under the superintendence of Bro. Captain Blakey, P.M., had been tastefully decorated with Masonic banners and naval flags, the Union Jack itself being appropriately used to cover the lodge board during the earlier part of the ceremony. The furniture of the new lodge not being ready, the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, kindly lent theirs for the occasion.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., P.M. 88, 709, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, P.P.G.C. Cambs. The brethren having entered the lodge-room in procession, Bro. Robinson took the chair, and appointed the following officers pro tem:—Bros. Scard, W.M. 140, S.W.; White, W.M. 1174, J.W.; Dr. Crittenden, W.M. 548, I.G.; Captain Blakey, P.M. 184, 1174 (H.M.S. "Arrow"), D.C.; and Lieut. Symes, Organist. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the brethren of the new lodge were arranged in order, and the petition and warrant read by Captain Blakey. The brethren having signified their approval of the officers named, Bro. Robinson proceeded to consecrate the new lodge, and delivered an eloquent oration on the connection between Freemasonry and religion. The procession was then re-formed, the consecration elements being borne by Past Masters Trill, Warne, and Bumsted, the censor by Captain Blakey, and the salt by P. M. Bristow. The Union Jack having been withdrawn from the lodge board, the lodge was duly consecrated and dedicated, with the usual prayers and grand honours.

A Board of Installed Masters, eighteen in number, was then formed, and Bro. Robinson installed in the chair Bro. Robert Kalley Miller, M.A., F.R.A.S., Professor of Mathematics and Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, P.M. Isaac Newton University Lodge, 859, P.P.G.J.W. Cambs. The brethren having re-entered the lodge, the W.M. was saluted in due form, and invested as his Wardens the two

brethren named in the warrant, Lieut. Willcox and Lieut. Pascoe. He also appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. Lieut. Bourke, S.D.; Lieut. Knowles, J.D.; Lieut. Stapleton, I.G.; Paymaster Skinner, Sec.; and, for the evening, Captain Blakey, P.M. Dr. Pink was elected and invested as Treasurer. On the motion of the W.M. votes of thanks were then given to the Rev. Bro. Robinson for the beautiful and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, and also to the Masters and Wardens of the St. George's Lodge for signing the petition and lending their lodge furniture. The following members of the college were then proposed for initiation:—Messrs. Pole and Glead, instructors in mathematics; Lieuts. Strange and Jones, Lieut. Schreman (Russian Imperial Navy); Sub-Lieuts. Fraser and Elwes, Armstrong, surgeon; Attwood, engineer; and Hodges, hall porter, as serving brother. Bro. Robinson, the Consecrating Officer, was proposed as a joining member. Hearty good wishes for the new lodge were offered by a large number of visitors, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

After the banquet, which was held at the Trafalgar Hotel, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that the familiar old toast might soon have to be given in a different form, as a Royal Titles Bill had been brought before the House of Commons, although its secrets had not yet been divulged. The Queen was the daughter of a Mason, and the mother or mother-in-law of four, and was a warm and liberal patroness of the Order. In proposing "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," Bro. Miller eulogized the Prince of Wales's high and gracious qualities and Masonic zeal, and said that while Masonry in some countries was suspected, perhaps with truth, of being used as a cloak for revolutionary designs in religion and politics, English Masons could point with pride to the fact that the head of their Order was one who would be in time not only head of the State, but head of the Church. "The Past and Present Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, P.G. Steward, W.M. saying that Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.S.W., would have been present had not the festival of the Prince of Wales's Lodge fallen upon the same evening. Bro. Binckes responded in his usual hearty manner, and, it need hardly be said, improved the occasion by advocating the claims of the Masonic charities in general and of "Our Boys" in particular. The W.M. then proposed in warm terms "The Consecrating Officer," who assumed the gavel, and returned the compliment. It had given him great pleasure to consecrate the lodge, especially as his son (Lieut. Robinson, H.M.S. "Excellent," W.M. 709,) was one of the founders, and as the W.M. was a member of his own university, and wore the purple of the same province as himself. "The Visitors" was responded to first by Bro. Scard, W.M. of the St. George's, and then by a number of other brethren, among them Bro. Maund, St. Peter's College, Cambridge, J.W. of the Isaac Newton, the W.M.'s mother lodge. The W.M. then said that as the lodge had not yet any Past Masters of its own he would take the liberty of substituting for the usual toast "The Health of Past Master Blakey," to whose zeal and energy both the foundation of the lodge and the success of its first meeting were in a great measure due. Captain Blakey responded, and Lieut. Willcox, S.W., returned thanks for "The Officers." The lodge not having as yet a Tyler, the closing toast was given by Lieut. Bourke, S.D.

### CONSECRATION OF THE UPPER NORWOOD LODGE, No. 1586.

Freemasonry is indeed making rapid strides in its onward progress. The number of lodges under the English Constitution, as announced at Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, is on the verge of 1600, while the agenda paper contained the names of no less than eighteen for which warrants had been issued since the last Quarterly Communication, and the quarter's return for the Lodge of Benevolence amount to £890 7s. 11d., those for general purposes to £1573 4s. 0d. These sums are independent of the particular and special charities of the fraternity, which are fast bordering on a revenue of £30,000 per annum, divided almost equally between the three.

One of the last additions of the working list of this grand result is No. 1586, consecrated at Upper Norwood, on the 16th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, the locale, the external position and internal accommodation and appliances of which could not be surpassed in the whole province. Major General Brownrigg, the R.W.P.G.M. for Surrey, could not be present to take part in the ceremony, but his place was most ably filled by the W. Bro. H. E. Francis, P.M., Prov. J.G.D. Surrey, specially appointed Deputy for the consecration.

He was assisted in the ceremony by W. Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512, Prov. J.G.D. Middlesex, acting as Chaplain; James Kew, P.M. 197, acting as Installing Master; while W. Bro. James Coward, P.M., P.G. Org., presided at the organ, assisted in the musical department by Bros. G. E. J. Fox, 1339, and John Stedwell, 172.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those already named, were the founders of the lodge, Bros. W. J. Miller, P.M., W.M. designate; W. Hopekirk, P.M., S.W. designate; G. Cragg, J.W. designate; W. Drake, P.M., and John Hammond, P.M., the selected Secretary and Treasurer of the new lodge, respectively; E. Kidman, G. Paull, C. Pugsley, J. Crouch, Pringle, Bowyer Grist, and Ledger.

Among the visitors were noticed W. Bros. G. J. Kain, P.M. 284 and 766, P. Prov. G. Sec. Warwickshire; Edward Hopwood, P.M. 141, W.M. 1512; G. Benham, W.M. 1339; F. Sawyer, and others.

The brethren assembled at 5.30 p.m., formed in procession in the ante-room, and marched to the lodge-room

in Masonic order, when the Consecrating Master took the chair and appointed his Wardens pro tem., Bros. E. Hopwood and Benham respectively.

The Consecrating Master then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting.

The Consecrating Master now called upon the Secretary to read the petition to the Grand Lodge, and the warrant or charter thereto granted by the M.W.G.M., or, in his absence, rather by the R.W. the Pro G.M. Thereupon the founders were duly constituted into a regular lodge, under the title of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, after which Bro. Francis gave a most eloquently written oration, which was listened to with breathless attention by the whole body of the assembled brethren. It urged upon the founders of the lodge the absolute necessity of exact working in their new lodge now that there were so many pressing into our ranks; it inculcated a strict adherence to those ancient landmarks by which the Order had been enabled to survive the wreck of mighty empires and to resist the destroying hand of time; it impressed upon the brotherhood the great duty of carrying out the professions of the Order into real practice in the three great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth—that the best exponent of these grand, these revered principles was a hearty support of the three great institutions which had become the pride and delight of the fraternity and the wonder of the world. It further called upon the brethren to practise out of the lodge those grand humanising principles which are taught within its walls, so that when a Mason is pointed out as such it may be synonymous with saying there is a good and great man, who devotes himself to the well-being of his fellow creatures and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe.

The music, which throughout had, under the experienced skill of Bro. Coward, been beautifully appropriate, now culminated in the exquisite rendering of the anthem—"Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. It is like the dew of Heaven which fell upon the hill of Sion; For there the Lord promised his blessing, and life for evermore."

The dedication prayer, a sanctus, "Glory be to Thee O Lord," and the Scripture reading from the Second Book of Chronicles, and another short anthem, followed:

"Glory be to God on high;  
Peace on earth,  
Goodwill towards men."

The completion of the consecrating ceremony was then proceeded with, the lodge fully constituted, and the Patriarchal Benediction, preceded by Haydn's beautiful anthem excellently sung,

"The spacious firmament on high," &c.

The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with. Bro. Miller, P.M., was presented for the benefit of installation. In so doing he dilated upon the Masonic qualities of the aspirant for the chair, and the very efficient manner in which he had already performed the duties of that important office in No. 766.

Bro. Kew at once proceeded with the introductory portions of the ceremony. The essentials of the ritual were then proceeded with, curtailed in such portions as became unnecessary in this particular case, Bro. Miller being already a Past Master. The occult mysteries concluded, the W.M. invested his Immediate Past Master, Bro. Francis, and was duly saluted, and most heartily congratulated by the large number of Past Masters present.

The appointment of officers next ensued, a duty the W.M. delegated to the Consecrating Master, and which he performed in the same exemplary manner as the previous duties of the day. The following is the entire appointment:—Bros. W. Hopekirk, P.M., S.W.; George Cragg, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; W. Drake, P.M., Sec.; E. Kidman, S.D.; G. Paull, J.D.; C. Pugsley, D.C.; J. Crouch, W.S.

The investiture of Bro. Pringle as I.G. was postponed, he having been called away on business. Mention must not be omitted of the very effective manner in which the three addresses were rendered by the Installing Master, and the high appreciation he manifested of those beautiful compositions.

The W.M. now rose and said: Brethren, we who have now been constituted the responsible members of this lodge should be wanting, not only in courtesy to those brethren who have added so much zest to the beautiful ceremonies of this day by the talent they have brought to bear, but we should even be regardless of our own best interests, were we to omit the expression of our heartfelt thanks for their kind assistance, and to omit at the same time to proffer to them the freedom of the lodge. A very hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to those brethren, and the following were separately elected honorary members of the Upper Norwood Lodge:—Bros. H. E. Francis, P.M., Prov. J.G.D. Surrey, for his able services as Consecrating Master; W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512, Prov. J.G.D. Middlesex, acting Chaplain on the occasion; James Coward, P.M., P.G. Organist of England, in whose hands the musical arrangements of the day were placed; James Kew, P.M. 179, for his services as Installing Master; and G. Fox, of 1331, and John Stedman, of 172, for their valuable assistance in the musical department.

The brethren severally acknowledged the compliment which had been passed upon them by the members of the new lodge, and each and all, while proffering their congratulations to the lodge, and their best wishes for its prosperity assured the W.M., and those that it was hoped would gradually rise to the same honourable position, that whatever they might be able individually to do to secure the success of the lodge should be freely done by them. Some who resided at a distance could not be expected to attend frequently, but whenever the summons became special and



particular, if within the limits of the [C.T., their services should be commanded.

Upon the Master's rising some twenty propositions were made, much the greater portion being on behalf of candidates for initiation.

A very excellent banquet, provided by the brother host of the White Hart, followed, and the short time to 11 p.m. was spent in the usual loyal and Masonic manner, which the limits of our space only preclude the pleasure of complete details. The toasts were given by a veteran W.M., and were heartily responded to by the various brethren in their respective positions, "The Visitors" being very specially directed to the W. Bro. G. J. Kain, P.M. 284 and 766, P.P. G. Sec. Warwick, who not only made a most humorous response, but amused the brethren with some clever specimens of legerdemain. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enlivened by the very complete musical arrangements. In addition to the excellent selected songs, Bro. Coward illustrated how beautifully effective even the simplest combinations of musical sounds could become under the direction of a master of his art, in interchanging the notes of the common chord with the words hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ABBEY CHAPTER (1225), BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

Wednesday, the 23rd February, was appointed as the day on which this chapter was to be consecrated. At 2.30 a large number of companions assembled in the chapter room at the Hartington Hotel. Amongst those present were E. Comps. H. S. Allpass, Prov. G.S.E. West Lancashire; Thomas Armstrong, Prov. G. Treas.; Reuben Pearson, Prov. G. Registrar; James McKeene, P.P.G.S.; Robert Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., M.E.Z. 292; Thomas Dodgson, P.P.G.D.C.; Roger Dodgson, M.E.Z. 995; John Case, P.P.J.; Richard W. Worrall, P.Z.; S. J. Wade, P.P.G.D.C. Durham; George Cornfield, H. 995; Richard A. Brooke, P.J. 374, M.E.Z. designate; Comps. Myles Haslam, J. designate; R. T. Taylor, E. J. Morgan, R. B. D. Bradshaw, J. Settle, Whiteside (Dalton), Warne (Ulverston), and others.

A R.A. Chapter having been opened by E. Comps. Allpass, Prov. G.S.E., as Z.; Armstrong, Prov. Treas., as H.; Reuben Pearson, Prov. G. Registrar, as J.; McKeene, P.P.G.S., as Director of Ceremonies; R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., as Scribe E.; and Thomas Dodgson, P.P.G.D.C., as Scribe N, the companions under the rank of J. were admitted, and the ancient and solemn ceremony of consecration was then very impressively performed.

The petitioning companions having signified their wish that Comps. R. A. Brooke, Robert Hooker, and Myles Haslam should be installed in their respective chairs of Z., H., and J. of the new chapter, E. Comp. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., as Installing Principal, then installed them accordingly, they being presented to the Installing Master by E. Comp. McKeene, P.P.G.S.

The companions afterwards elected Comps. R. T. Taylor, Scribe E.; E. J. Morgan, Scribe N.; Cornfield, Treas.; and Settle, P.S., who were thereupon duly invested by the M.E.Z. Comps. Hill was appointed Organist; Klyne and Stafford, A.S.; J. Stanley Ormandy, D.C.; and Purvey and James Bush, Stewards.

Several brethren were proposed for exaltation, and hearty good wishes were offered for the success and prosperity of the new chapter; and the chapter was then closed.

The companions afterwards sat down to a splendid repast provided by Bro. R. T. Taylor, and when the cloth had been removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The name of the new chapter has been selected in consequence of the proximity of the town of Barrow to the old Abbey of Furness, whose Abbot once exercised almost regal power over this part of Lancashire. Now in ruins, it is situated in one of England's most beautiful vales, and has long justly caused this corner of our isle to be widely renowned. There seems, therefore, to be something exceedingly graceful and appropriate in the selection of the name "Abbey."

We are glad to learn of the very flourishing condition of Masonry in Barrow.

After the business of the day was over a number of the visiting companions accompanied E. Comp. Cornfield over the works of the Barrow Hematite Steel Company, and expressed themselves greatly interested in all they saw there. As our readers are no doubt aware, these works are the largest of their kind in Great Britain, and they are the evidence of the great enterprise of those gentlemen who have linked their interests so closely with the town of Barrow. They were originally established by Comp. Henry Schneider, but have now been converted into a company under the presidency of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire.

#### VISIT OF HER MAJESTY TO THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

Although, at first sight, it might not be apparent that the visit of the Queen to the London Hospital should have anything to do with Masonry, nevertheless it deals, in very great measure, with a branch of the "profession," although not of "Craft Masonry," inasmuch as the object of Her Majesty's visit to the East End on Tuesday last was to open a new wing which had been presented to the hospital by the Worshipful the Grocers' Company, at a cost of over £25,000. Her Majesty, we feel sure, had never before met with a more truly hearty and loyal reception than when she passed through that densely populated district, Whitechapel. On arriving at the hospital the Queen was met by the officials, and conducted through the several wards, accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge and a numerous suite, after which the Queen took her seat

upon an elaborately decorated dais, under a very handsome canopy, situated at one end of a temporarily erected pavilion at the back of the hospital, where the ceremony of opening the new wing was conducted in the presence of upwards of 2000 visitors. The National Anthem having been sung, in which the solo was most impressively sung by Madame Patey, a prayer was afterwards offered up by the Bishop of London, upon which followed a hymn composed by the late Prince Consort, which was most effectively rendered by the following vocalists, under the direction of Bro. T. Lawler, of 84, New Bond Street, W.—Madame Patey, Mlle. José Sherrington, Miss Annie Sinclair, Miss Marion Severn, Miss Adelaide Newton, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Mr. Beckett, Mr. E. Franks, and the following brethren:—Hodges, Montem Smith, Thornton, Lawler, sen., and C. S. Jeckyll (Organist), assisted by four choristers from the Chapel Royal; and last, though by no means least, an additional feature to the musical arrangements was the presence of Mr. Fred Godfrey with his band of the Coldstream Guards, which gave great effect in the choruses in the National Anthem and the chorales. The new wing being declared open, Her Majesty retired, whilst the vocalists sang another verse of the National Anthem. After which the Old Hundredth Hymn was sung (by desire, and specially arranged for the occasion), the last verse of which was very effective, being in unison, accompanied by Mr. Godfrey's band. Everything in connection with the ceremony appears to have passed off exceedingly well, thanks to Mr. Snelgrove, the secretary of the hospital, who deserves a word of praise for the untiring zeal displayed by him during the arrangements for this memorable occasion.

#### THE ROAYL TOUR IN INDIA.

The Prince's tour having now nearly come to an end, it gives us great pleasure to quote the following excerpt from the "Standard" of the 6th inst., since it speaks so frankly and justly of the well-won popularity of that genial gentleman our beloved Grand Master:—

"The gentlemen who drew out the programme of the Prince's tour acted very wisely in choosing Jeypore as its terminal point. I say terminal, because, although the Prince has yet another month to remain in India, his long round of visits and fêtes, of balls and ceremonies, has now come to a termination, and save a thirty-six hours' visit to Holkar, at Indore, he has now only to enjoy himself upon a three weeks' hunting expedition. No man ever earned his holiday more thoroughly. He has gone unflinchingly and cheerfully through an amount of work which would have at once knocked up and broken the temper of most men; he has never missed a single engagement, or shirked one item in his programme—has never looked aught but interested and pleased in all the round of public festivities or of private and even more monotonous ceremonials. For it must be remembered that the public ceremonials which we have had to chronicle—and many of them of minor importance, although of equal length and involving equal fatigue with the more interesting ceremonials, have necessarily been either mentioned in a few words, or have been altogether omitted—have been but a portion only of the Prince's work. In every town which he has visited there has been a levée, at which all the officers of the troops in garrison, all the resident civilians, have been presented. At each place there has been a private darbar, at which the lesser chiefs have been presented; while the more important chiefs have each paid private visits of state, and have been received with all the formalities of Attar and Pan which I described in my first letter from Bombay, and these visits have all been scrupulously returned. Thus the Prince's whole time has been occupied, and it is wonderful that while most of his staff look jaded and fagged, he himself looks as fresh, as pleasant, and as interested as ever. No wonder he has won the hearts of natives wherever he has gone; those who only see him as he passes in the streets are delighted with the affability and punctiliousness with which he returns every salute, while those who have had the honour of a personal interview are completely won with the charm of his manner. I have heard one or two Europeans object that he was too affable with the natives—and affability with natives is by no means a general failing in India—but some natives of importance to whom I spoke on the subject indignantly repudiated the suggestion of the possibility of such a thing. 'The Prince, as the future Emperor of India, as the source of all honour and rank, could not lower himself by unbending to the meanest of his subjects. His condescension to them might raise them up, might elevate them in their own opinion and in that of others, as a flower is raised by the warmth of the sun, but it could in no way affect his own position. A great monarch could be more or less loved by his people as he was more or less good and kind, but he must be respected and venerated as a great monarch whatever his conduct. The Prince has made himself loved over and above the respect, and veneration all were prepared to pay him.' Such is, I am assured, the general verdict of native opinion wherever the Prince has gone, and a greater, and, if as an attentive looker on I may be permitted to say so, a better deserved success no man could have attained. The Prince's holiday involves a comparative holiday for us also, for he has expressed a natural desire that the privacy of his sporting expedition shall be strictly preserved, and that wish will, I need hardly say, be respected. Putting aside the unpleasantness of a gentleman intent upon shooting a tiger being watched by half a score of 'chiefs taking notes,' the difficulties of food and transport would also have proved insurmountable obstacles to our accompanying the Prince. So great, indeed, are these obstacles that a portion of the personal staff will necessarily remain behind. An exception, however, has been made in favour of the artists of the illustrated papers, and of the gentleman who acts as Reuter's agent."

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. JOHN NEWTON TOMKINS.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. John Newton Tomkins, P.G.D. For some years past his failing health had prevented his attendance at Grand Lodge, and even at his own lodge (Peace and Harmony), but his loss will be deeply regretted by many Masons who are old enough to remember what a brilliant ornament he was to the Craft. Enthusiastically devoted to the objects and work of the Order, he was a consummate master of the ritual, including all the lectures as well as the ceremonies, not only in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, but also in the allied Orders of Knights Templar and the Ancient and Accepted Rite as far as the 3rd Degree. He was initiated in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, then No. 72, on October 22nd, 1846, joined the Royal Athelstan Lodge of Instruction in March, 1847, and the Lodge of Amity, No. 200, in May the same year; in 1848 he was elected a Grand Steward from No. 72, and joined the Grand Stewards' Lodge; he was then exalted in the R.A. Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3, and joined a Chapter of Instruction; a few months later he was made a Knight Templar in the Encampment of Faith and Fidelity, and in 1849 he joined the Lodge of Unions, No. 318, and was at once made Junior Warden, after being made the 1st Grand Expert in Grand Conclave a short time previously. In 1850 he joined the Lodge of Emulation, and took the chair of W.M. in Lodge No. 318, serving the office of W.M. in Lodge No. 318 for two years, and in other lodges for three years afterwards, thus occupying the chair in four lodges for five consecutive years, probably an unprecedented case of one brother holding the chair in various lodges for so long a term without a break. He was W.M. of No. 318 during 1850 and 1851; W.M. of No. 200 in 1852; W.M. of No. 60, (formerly No. 72) in 1853; and W.M. of the Grand Stewards' Lodge in 1854. In 1851 he was elected to the Board of General Purposes at the top of the poll with 160 votes, and joined the 18° and 30° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; in 1852 he was exalted to the 31°; in 1853 he was installed 1st Principal of R.A. Chapter, No. 3, and E.C. of the Encampment of Faith and Fidelity; in 1854 he was made Junior Grand Deacon in Grand Lodge, and Sword Bearer in Grand Chapter; and in 1855 Grand Treasurer to Grand Conclave, which last office he held for ten years. In addition to all these offices he was also Hon. Sec. to the Royal Athelstan Lodge of Instruction, and Treasurer to the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, to the Chapter of Fidelity, and to the Encampment of Faith and Fidelity for many years, greatly to the satisfaction of them all; services which were very kindly acknowledged by presentations of plate, and by most flattering expressions of their esteem and regard. The Lodge of Amity also testified their appreciation of his merits as their W.M. in a similar manner. Last of all, he was a Life Governor, and had served the Stewardships of all the charities. No one who was privileged to meet him at the many lodges of which he was a member will forget the happy hours he passed, for not only was Bro. John Newton Tomkins a great authority in Masonry, but he was the wittiest and most brilliant speaker of his day, and the most entertaining companion, while his amiable and generous disposition made him universally beloved; and rightly was he considered twenty years ago to be the most popular member of the Craft. Latterly he gradually retired from all the lodges and chapters to which he belonged, except the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, of which he continued a member to the day of his death; but though his lodges and chapter, know him no more, yet their older members and his many friends will always hold his memory in affectionate remembrance.

##### BRO. J. HAWKER.

Bro. J. Hawker, P.M. 871, died suddenly on Friday, 18th February, at the comparatively early age of 51. He was afflicted with heart disease, and was ill for only a very short time. He was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, 871, on October 2nd, 1862, and continued a full subscribing member till his death. He filled the office of W.M. in 1868, doing all the work and installing his successor. He was a Life Governor of one of the charities, and took an active interest in his lodge, seldom missing a meeting. He was well and deservedly respected by all who knew him, and has left a widow and family to lament the heavy loss they have sustained.

SKATING RINKS.—It is forgotten, writes Bro. Hyde Clarke in the "Athenæum," that there was a rink in London above a generation ago. Bradwell, of Covent-garden, a very ingenious man, was the inventor of the ice, and he tried it at the theatre. His rink, to which Bro. Clarke gave the name of the Glaciarium, was near the Regent's Park. His first season's surface was hard and polished, and bore skating well; but the amateurs complained it would not take a figure like real ice, so next year Bradwell invented an ice which cut well with the skate. The affair was on too small a scale to pay in those days.

GAS superseded in day time, and daylight reflected in dark rooms. Health, comfort, and economy promoted, by adopting Chappuis' Patent Daylight Reflectors. Manufactory, 69, Fleet-street, London.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—It would be startling to many were it possible to state accurately the number of persons who have been restored to health, and relieved by these remedies, and if all the details connected with each individual case could be collected the enormous amount of pain and suffering which has been soothed and got rid of would be beyond belief. These remedies are so well known in the present day, east, west, south, and north, that it is strange any individual should remain in ignorance of their valuable qualities in correcting all blood impurities, whether hereditary or acquired, the ill effects of which they effectually modify and counteract, rendering the sickly and feeble physically strong.—ADVT.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**  
For the Week ending Friday, March 17, 1876.

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

- SATURDAY, MARCH 11.**  
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.  
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
" 1426, The Great City, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
Mark Lodge, 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hot., Adelphi.  
K.T. Precep., D. Mount Calvary, London Tav., Bishopsgt.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 179, London-st., Fitzroy-square.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road.  
Sinai Chapter, London Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

- MONDAY, MARCH 13.**  
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.  
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 136, Good Report, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tav., Bishopsgate.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.  
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.  
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1118, University, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

- Rose Croix Chap. Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.

- TUESDAY, MARCH 14.**  
Lodge 46, Old Union, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 166, Union, London Tav., Bishopsgate.  
" 180, St. James Union, F.M.H.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael Albion Tav., Aldersgate.  
" 228, United Strength, St. John's Gate.  
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Constitutional, Wheatshaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-st., W.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15.**  
Lodge Grand Stewards.  
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H. William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, F.M.H.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.  
Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav. Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St James's.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

- THURSDAY, MARCH 16.**  
House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.  
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd.  
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.

- Lodge 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.  
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
Chap. 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Buil and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

- FRIDAY, MARCH 17.**  
House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., W.  
" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.  
Preceptory 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.P.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.  
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**  
For the Week ending Saturday March 18, 1876.

- MONDAY, MARCH 13.**  
Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
" 1021, Hartington, H.M., C.H.B., B.-in-Furness.  
" 1350, Fermor, Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford H., Bedford-rd., Rock Ferry.  
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C. Rooms, Warrington.

- TUESDAY, MARCH 14.**  
Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale.  
" 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.  
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Argyle-st., Birkenhead.  
" 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15.**  
Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's, Soho, Kirkdale.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
" 1493, Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
Mark Lodge, 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Hot., Hyde.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, North Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- THURSDAY, MARCH 16.**  
Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, M. Ro., Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
William de la More Precep., M.H., Prescott.

- FRIDAY, MARCH 17.**  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Jacques de Molay Precep., M.H., Liverpool.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.**  
For the Week ending Saturday, March 18, 1876.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

- MONDAY, MARCH 13.**  
Lodge 102, St. Mark, 233, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 205, Gartland St. Winnoch, Eagle, Lochwinnoch.  
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 307, Union and Crown, M.H., Barrhead.  
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.  
" 384, Athole, Kirkintilloch, Washington Hot.  
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.  
" 504, St. Paul, George-Inn, Ayr.  
" 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.  
" 581, Plantation, M.H., Maclean-st., Glasgow.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 14.**  
Lodge 177, St. James, Old Monkland, M.H., Coatbridge.  
" 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hot., New Cumnock.  
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

- Lodge 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingston.  
" 426, Prince of Wales, M.H., Renfrew.  
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st., Calton, Glasgow.  
" 543, St. John, M.H., Dalmuir.  
Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15.**  
Lodge 177, St. Mary, M.H., Partick.  
" 354, Caledonian Railway, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
Chap. 150, Shettleston St. John, M.H., Shettleston.

- THURSDAY, MARCH 16.**  
Lodge 22, St. John Kilwinning, George Hot., Kilmarnock.  
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 405, St. Andrew, M.H., Garnagad-rd.

- FRIDAY, MARCH 17.**  
Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, T.H., Greenock.  
" 31, St. Mary's Coltness, Scotts Hall, Wishan.  
" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Wellgate-st., Larkhall.  
" 321, St. Andrews, Sub. Halls, Alexandria.  
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.  
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.**  
For the Week ending Saturday, March 18, 1876.

- MONDAY, MARCH 13.**  
Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Writers' Court, Edinburgh.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 14.**  
" 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo-place.  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15.**  
" 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hot., Nicholson-st.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 16.**  
" 48, St. Andrew, F.M.H., George-st.  
" 226, Portobello, Royal Hot., Bath-st.  
Chap. 153, Perseverance, 186, Constitution-st.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 17.**  
" 83, St. Andrew, F.M.H., George-st.

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