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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CAVEAC LODGE (No. 176).—The installation meeting of this excellent lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, Bro. J. Brockett Sorrell, W.M., presiding. Among the items of ordinary business disposed of during the evening was the balloting for, as a joining member, of Bro. William Kirkness, Lodge 18 (S.C.), proposed by Bro. Akenhead, and seconded by Bro. Perceval A. Nairne, P.M., and the raising of Bro. Cecil Lamb. The lodge was called off for a short interval, and on reassembling the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Miller Goss, was announced, admitted, and presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and having notified his adhesion to the tenets laid down in the Book of Constitutions, he was obligated, and presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and installed into the chair of K.S. in due form. The work was most admirably performed under the very efficient management of Bro. C. Browne, D.C., whose zeal for the good working of the ceremonies is well seconded by all the other officers, who appear to be most solicitous for the true well-being of the lodge. The officers appointed were Bros. Stride, S.W.; Sorrell, jun., J.W.; C. T. Dorey, P.M., Sec.; Stansfield, S.D.; Neumegen, J.D.; Thorpe, I.G.; Chs. Browne, D.C.; and Ryley, Tyler. The appointment of Treasurer was reserved, as both Bros. Pemble Browne and Nairne were unavoidably absent on account of family bereavement, for which the lodge expressed its sorrow and condolence. The W.M. then rose, and said that one of the first acts he had to perform as Master of the Caveac Lodge was a duty of an extremely pleasant character, which was to invest the I.P.M., Bro. J. B. Sorrell, with the Past Master's jewel, which had been presented to him by the unanimous vote of the brethren for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. He trusted that Bro. Sorrell would live long to enjoy the happiness of wearing it. Bro. Sorrell, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the brethren for the unanimity of their vote, and also expressed his obligations to the Past Masters for the aid they had so willingly rendered him, and to the officers for the ability with which they had assisted him in the working of the ceremonies. He concluded by saying that the jewel with which they had just graced him would ever remind him of the unanimous goodwill which had always followed his footsteps during his career in the Caveac Lodge. Among the other brethren present were the following:—Bros. Thos. Quihampton, P.M.; G. Le-mann, P.M.; H. Besley, P.M.; A. F. Morice, E. Akenhead, C. S. Lamb, A. Enfiller, Wm. Kirkness, Oscar Moore, Wm. Jones, members of the lodge; and among the visitors were Bros. F. H. Cozens, Royal Albert, 907; E. B. Graham, W.M. Royal Athelstone, 19; W. G. Moore, P.M. Polish National, 534; Herbert Puckle, Macdonald, 1216; Charles Atkins, P.M. Egyptian, 27; F. S. Knysset, Lodge of Felicity, 58, G.S., and W.M. Felix Lodge, 1494; T. H. Waterworth, P.M. Gihon, 49; Chs. Bischoff, P.M. Serendib, 112, I.C.; Jas. Verity, W.M. Ebury, 1348; T. Gus-cotte, J.W. Good Report, 136; J. H. Hastie, P.M. Macdonald, 1216; R. Symington, I.G. St. Peter's, 1330; and E. C. Massey, J.W. West Kent, 1272 ("Freemason"). The business of the evening having been concluded, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. At the conclusion of the report grace was sung by the musical brethren present, Bros. Distin, Baxter and Carter, who also during the evening sang some excellent songs, glees, &c., greatly increasing thereby the pleasurable effect of the entertainment. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and cordially responded to by the brethren. In replying to "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," Bro. Æneas McIntyre, Grand Registrar, said: Worshipful Master, Bro. Wardens and brethren—I rise with great pleasure to return thanks on behalf of the officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present. I can well bear testimony to the great powers that is always exhibited by Lord Skelmersdale, and how especially anxious he is to perform the duties of his high office. During a very short period he has consecrated two lodges, one in the metropolis, and one in the country. The only lodge that he has consecrated in the metropolis, will, I think, have very great influence on the Craft, because at that lodge at the first meeting it initiated five Q.C.'s,

and the Attorney-General is to be one in addition. Now, when eminent lawyers came thus into the Craft I think that they must strengthen the debating power of Grand Lodge. Not but that there is considerable debating power there already, as we frequently hear there some very long and very able speeches; but at all events when the first law officer of the crown, and a great many other distinguished members of the law bar, who have the Queen's commission as Queen's Counsel, come in, it shows that men of intelligence do not hesitate to come into this institution. The other lodge is in the country, whose members are chiefly brethren in the higher grades of Freemasonry. They have done their best to officer it with those who have aspired to the higher degrees, who are still desirous to do their duty to their Sovereign and the M.W.G.M., and are equally anxious to be instrumental in spreading a knowledge of Freemasonry. I was, unfortunately, unable to arrive in time to see the working of the ceremony of raising to-day, but the able manner in which the addresses were given by the Past Masters of the lodge were admirable indications of what the general working must be. I have often heard of the Caveac Lodge, where the true working was done in the true style, and I can quite believe that the rumour does not exceed the truth. Of one thing I am sure, and that is the cordiality with which you have received the officers of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Browne proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in returning thanks, observed that he never should have the same pride in occupying a similar position in any other lodge, because the Caveac was his mother lodge. It had been pointed out to him that the chisel, though a very small instrument, was one of the greatest importance, and this encouraged him to hope that he might be able to make himself useful. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the I.P.M." Bro. Sorrell, in returning thanks for the compliment paid to him, said that he retired from the position of Master with a feeling of relief, because the office of Master of a lodge involved grave and great responsibilities, one of the gravest of which consisted in the fact that the Master of a lodge ought to set a good example to the brethren. He had not been able to do much during his year of office. He had had the pleasure of serving two Stewardships for Masonic charities, and he had been placed on the Board of General Purposes. He was not yet acquainted with the duties, but whatever he had to do he would endeavour to do it with his might. The toasts of "The Visitors," "Past Masters," "Treasurer," and other officers of the lodge were given from the chair and responded to with the heartiest cordiality, after which the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion the proceedings of a very pleasant evening.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, June 8th, at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Plodden-road, Camberwell. Bro. Mark Samuel Larham, W.M., presided; Bro. Ross, S.W. pro tem.; and Bro. Carnell, J.W. The other officers were in attendance, with Past Masters Wagstaff, Messenger, Hastie, and others, besides several visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Middle-mas, 957; Reynolds, 1329; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 ("Freemason"), &c. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. C. G. Danford was examined as to his progress in the science. His answers being deemed satisfactory, he was directed to retire, and the lodge being advanced to the superior degree he was impressively raised by the W.M. to the degree of M.M., and, as is the custom of Bro. Larham, the entire ritual was gone through without any of the omissions which sometimes take place. Seldom is this beautiful degree worked with more care and accuracy, and general approbation was awarded to the W.M. for the ability he had displayed in the performance of his duties. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, and Bros. Besley and Golding were severally passed to the Second Degree. A ballot took place. It being unanimous, Mr. Augustus Carnell, a brother of the Senior Warden, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the canteen of the corps, where refreshment was provided by Bro. Kethro, sergeant major and sutler. At its conclusion the W.M. said as the hour was advanced, and many brethren were anxious to catch their trains, the toasts would be very few and very brief, and without further comment he would give "The Queen and the Craft," which was cordially responded to. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "Their Brother Visitors," and that evening it was his privilege and pleasure to welcome a large number. Having enumerated them, he called upon Bros. Thompson and Middlemass to respond to the toast. Bro. H. Thompson ("Freemason") said, as the evening was far advanced, he should adopt an expression used by Bro. Monckton, the President of the Board of General Purposes, at the Grand Lodge on the previous evening, in returning thanks for the complimentary vote which had been passed to him by the Grand Lodge for his services during the past year, when he said that the best way he could show his gratitude for the honour conferred upon him was by making his observations as short as possible. Although he should adhere to that, still he should take the opportunity of saying that he felt they must all be well pleased at the working of the different degrees by their talented Worshipful Master. For his part to be present on that occasion gave him unmixed pleasure, and although it might be a form a speech sometimes on the part of visitors to pass favourable criticisms on the working of lodges, stimulated by their friendship for many of the members, yet in the present instance he could sincerely and conscientiously say that during the whole of his Masonic career he rarely saw equalled, and never excelled, the excellent working of the lodge, from the Worshipful Master in the chair down to the lowest officer,

and most heartily did he congratulate the lodge on arriving at such happy results. Having thanked the brethren for their hospitality, not enjoyed for the first time, he should leave Bro. Middlemass to fill up what he had left unsaid. Bro. Middlemass, in one of his exceedingly jocose addresses, also acknowledged the compliment conferred upon the visitors. The W. Master said he had great pleasure in proposing "Their Newly-Initiated Brother, Bro. Carnell," and he hoped that he should have an initiate at every meeting so that he might be able to go through the three ceremonies at every meeting of the lodge throughout the year, and he then gave them an intimation that he should call an emergency meeting for the second Thursday in July. The toast was heartily received. Bro. Carnell thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which he had been received, and for the honour they had done him in admitting him to their lodge, and he hoped that he should prove a good Mason. Bro. Hastie, I.P.M., said when the brethren saw the gavel in his hand they knew what toast he was about to propose, which wanted no words from him to recommend it. He called upon them to rise and drink the toast he was about to propose, which was "The Health of their W. Master." The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had responded to the toast. It would be a great pleasure to him if during his year of office they would give him plenty of work, so that he might have a candidate at every meeting. One or two other toasts were given, and the brethren separated.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—In consequence of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire being held on the 25th ult., the regular meeting of this lodge was postponed, by circular, until the following Thursday, June 1st. The brethren having assembled on that date at the Assheton Arms, the lodge was opened in due form at 5 p.m. by Bro. David Reid, W.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting, after being read by Bro. Forrester Fothergill, Sec., received confirmation. The passing of Bros. Robert Beresford and George Brunt was next proceeded with, after which Bros. David Tatton and Edwin Dodd were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The W.M. performed each of the four ceremonies. A telegram was received by Bro. D. Reid, W.M., from W. H. Kershaw, I.P.M., regretting his inability to attend, and asking him to bring forward on his behalf (in accordance with notice of motion) the desirability of raising the annual subscription to enable the lodge to make suitable grants to the Masonic charities. Bro. D. Reid, W.M., put the matter before the brethren, and the same received immediate and unanimous support, and was therefore carried. "Hearty Good Wishes" were accorded from Lodges 935 and 1219, after which the usual ritual brought the lodge to a close. Before quitting the chair of K.S. the W.M. informed the brethren that his absence at the social board was compulsory, he having to take a journey northwards. Prior to discussing the capabilities of Bro. David Reid's principal officer, Bro. George Bradbury, who had charge of the banquet board, we must remark that the idea introduced by Bro. Wood, P.M., D.C., and duly passed on April 27th, viz., "That the lodge buy and supply all clothing and jewels, the profits to go to the Charity Fund," when coupled with the subject introduced by Bro. W. H. Kershaw, I.P.M., which also bears upon charity, is regarded as a bold marching step, bringing the members of No. 78 nearer to their brethren in distress. All hope that the lodge will shine with renewed lustre in the annals of charity, and by joining hand in hand, and journeying step by step, to assist the tempest-tossed to "Anchor fast, Anchor." The social meal having been completed, Bro. George Bradbury, S.W., gave the customary toasts in a masterly manner, dilating upon each, but at the same time keeping in mind that old saying, "Brevity is the soul of wit." The newly-passed and raised brethren made suitable replies to the toasts relating to them. "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him a speedy journey and a safe return, was also received with acclamation, verifying the old adage, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." Harmony abounded freely, in some instances vocalists rendering their own compositions with pleasing effect. Bro. John Rogers, W.M. 1219, gave his own effusion, and a very appropriate one as a visitor's song, "One hour with you, and you, and you," the whole of the brethren joining hand in hand during the chorus. Bro. Forrester Fothergill, Sec., concluded the list of "originalities" with "Sailing on the deep blue sea." In accordance with time-honoured custom, the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Jno. Kent, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The Masonic world at Warrington was fully alive on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The Craft has a history in this thriving manufacturing town. The distinguished antiquary Elias Ashmole was initiated there in 1646, and so pleased was he with all he then saw and heard that he carefully recorded the fact of his initiation in his diary, which can be seen at the British Museum. From that time down to the present the Craft has been well cared for. Some twenty years since, however, it was in rather a languishing condition, but, thanks to the present Secretary, of No. 148, and others, new life was infused into the working, and from that time to the present, Warrington has been looked upon as a model of correct, well-interpreted ritual. At the time of the "revival" the old lodge, which was the only one, had about twenty members; now there are two lodges, and a chapter, and the muster roll records nearly two hundred names. In the early part of the present year Bro. Greenall, one of the senior members, was made a Baronet, and a unanimous desire was at once expressed to present that worthy brother with an address of congratulation. The first convenient opportunity of presenting the address was during the Whitsuntide recess, and accordingly a Lodge of Emergency was summoned for five o'clock on Tuesday, June 6th, 1876. The W.M.

Bro. W. H. Robinson, was supported by his Wardens, Bros. Thomas Tunstall and Joseph Pickthall, and a large number of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and it being reported that Bro. Greenall sought admission, he was duly received, and under the direction of Bro. John Bowes was saluted as became his rank. The W.M., rising from his chair, said: Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, we are met for the especial purpose, as you are aware, of presenting to you an address of congratulation on the occasion of your elevation to a baronetcy. I assure you we are all actuated by one single desire, and that is in a feeble manner perhaps to give expression to the intense gratification we experience on the present occasion. You have lived amongst us all your life, and for more than a quarter of a century been one of us. In filling the various offices you have secured credit to yourself and great advantage to your brethren. Such being the case, we all felt a brotherly desire of giving you some tangible proof of our esteem and regard. I now call upon our esteemed Secretary, Bro. Bowes, to read the address, of which he is the author, after which I shall invite those brethren who desire the opportunity to support the sentiments briefly expressed in the address. Bro. Bowes then read the address as follows:—"To Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., R.A.C., P. Prov. G.S.W., W.L. and Past Senior Grand Warden of England. Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—We, the W.M., Wardens, officers and members of the Lodge of Lights of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, No. 148 Warrington, beg your acceptance of our fraternal congratulations on the occasion of your being raised to the dignity of a baronetcy by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. As members of your mother lodge we experience peculiar pleasure on this occasion, because you have been long and intimately associated with us in the promotion of the best interests of our ancient Craft. You were admitted to Masonic light on Monday, 28th January, A.L. 5850, and we are proud to know that in your mother lodge you were promoted to those positions which qualified you for the high Masonic distinction you now enjoy. During the first year of your Mastership of the lodge, A.L. 5865, we celebrated our centenary festival, and we have good reason to remember the great importance your official position amongst us imparted on that interesting occasion. That the Most High may long preserve you and Lady Greenall, and when this transitory life shall have passed away that the Lewis, upon whose birth it was our pleasure and privilege to congratulate you, may sustain the high distinction conferred upon his father with equal honour, dignity, and grace, is our ardent prayer. So mote it be.—We are, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, your faithful brethren. Signed on behalf of the lodge—W. H. Robinson, W.M.; Thos. Tunstall, S.W.; Jos. Pickthall, J.W.; John Bowes, P.M., &c., Hon. Sec. Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, 27th March, A.L. 5876." Bro. Jas. Hephherd, P.M., J.P., on the invitation of the W.M., said that he felt it a great honour, as one of the senior members of the lodge, to take part in the interesting proceedings of that day. The members of the Lodge of Lights felt proud that they numbered among their members a brother who deserved so well of his Queen and country. Bro. Greenall was well known to all present, and to know him was to esteem and respect him. As a Mason he held high rank, as he deserved to do, and they felt proud of him in that respect. He cordially endorsed the sentiments conveyed in the address drawn up by their excellent Secretary, and in common with every member of the lodge he tendered to Bro. Greenall his hearty congratulations. Bro. Pickthall, J.W., said he could not let the occasion pass without adding his congratulations to those of his brethren. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall had their best wishes. They all united very heartily in the prayer with which the address closed, and he hoped their distinguished brother would assure Lady Greenall and the Lewis how sincerely they prayed for their health and happiness. Bro. Thos. Tunstall, S.W., said, as one of the younger members of the lodge, he begged on behalf of himself and that section of the members, to express the extreme gratification they all felt at his elevation to a baronetcy. The name of Greenall was a household word amongst them, and it was their aim to emulate his good example in carrying out the sublime precepts of their ancient and honourable Order. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, in reply, said he begged to express his heartfelt thanks for the very kind sentiments expressed towards him by the W.M., his Wardens, Bros. Hephherd, Bowes, and other brethren, and for the presentation which had just been made to him as a token of regard from the brethren of the lodge. He received them with pleasure and delight, and he should ever remember his having been amongst them on that occasion. He always felt that there was amongst them that good and kindly feeling which ought always to exist amongst brethren, members of the Masonic Order. He felt especially grateful for the reference which had been made to him in the position he held as a Mason. He was first attracted to Masonry by the respect which he had for some excellent friends who were Masons, and having voluntarily offered himself as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of the Order, he could most sincerely assure them that he had never had the least reason to regret having taken that step. The honour that it had pleased Her Majesty to bestow upon him would in no way alter their friendly relations. He felt towards his brethren as he ever had done, and he hoped to meet them again and again in lodge, and in the discharge of those great and important duties which they had in common undertaken to perform. He felt very grateful to them for the kind allusions which had been made to Lady Greenall, and the good feeling expressed for the welfare of his and her son. He was sure his wife would highly prize their good feeling, and he hoped that if their son was spared to grow up to manhood he would be a good and useful man, and, like his father, be attached to Masons, and in due time to be a

good and true Mason himself. He again begged to thank them for their kindly expressions and the token they had given him of their friendship, which he should always look upon with pleasure and prize very highly. The address was beautifully written and illuminated in book form on vellum, and elegantly bound in blue morocco, with suitable Masonic emblems in their proper colours. The work was executed by Bro. Hine, of Manchester.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 33).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., Bro. D. M. Nelson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Fletcher, P.M., acting S.W.; P. Brownlie, J.W.; Craig, P.M.; J. D. Young, D.M.; T. B. Bell, S.M.; J. Dunn, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec.; and others, and a very numerous attendance of members and visiting brethren. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Applications were read from Messrs. Isaac De Casseres and Paterson Wingate, and favourably received, and they were afterwards initiated into the E. A. Degree by Bro. T. B. Bell, S.M. The W.M. informed the brethren that tickets for the annual summer excursion to Stirling, Dollar (for Castle Campbell), and Rumbling Bridge were now ready, and could be had from any of the office-bearers. He (the Chairman) hoped that as many of the members as possible would find it convenient to join in the excursion, which takes place on Thursday, the 29th June, and he felt sure from the route selected that it would be a most enjoyable one. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and after spending an agreeable hour in harmony the lodge was closed in due form.

PAISLEY.—Paisley Chapter (No. 112).—The regular monthly meeting of this chapter was held in St. Mirren's Masonic Hall, 5, Moss-street, Paisley, on Friday evening, 2nd inst. There were present Comps. W. Gemmell, acting M.E.Z.; James Gilmour, acting H.; John Carswell, J.; A. McPherson, S.E.; George Fisher, acting S.N.; Brennan, First Soj.; M. Leod, Assist. Soj., and a full attendance of companions and visitors. The chapter was opened in regular form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted. Thereafter Bros. Rev. W. F. Mills, Chaplain; Peter Blair, Treas.; and J. Knox (all of Lodge St. Mirren, 129, Paisley), were exalted R.A. Masons. Comps. J. Marshall and F. McGibbor, of Abbey Chapter, 76, Paisley, were affiliated members of No. 112. This having brought the business of the meeting to an end, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

SHETTLESTON.—Lodge St. John (No. 128).—This ancient lodge was visited by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst. The deputation, headed by Bro. James Gillies, acting P.G. Master, was received with due demonstrations of fealty by the W.M. (Bro. R. Jack), his office-bearers, and the brethren of the lodge assembled. In the absence of the P.G. Secretary (Bro. McTaggart) the report made by the deputation was read by Bro. D. Reid, P.G.I.G., and was in terms of commendation as to the working of the lodge. The number added to the membership from December, 1874, to December last was 21; at balance at the credit of the lodge, as at last audit, was £27 7s. 0^d. 1^d; they had handed over £3 to the Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and no disbursements had been made during the year in the way of private charity, none having been required. The acting P.G. Master, Bro. Gillies, said they would observe that the report of the deputation was a short one. The books of the lodge were in perfect order, and the members of the deputation were very much pleased to find that the lodge had at their credit the handsome balance of £27 odd, and also that during the past year they had made so many as 21 new members. Bro. Gillies concluded his few remarks with paying a well-merited compliment to his "old and respected friend, Bro. Allan," Secretary of the lodge, who joined the Craft so far back as 58 years ago, and whose minute book at this day is a marvel of exactness and beautiful calligraphy. The W.M., Bro. Jack, said it gave him great pleasure to hear the very satisfactory account of their last year's proceedings, as reported by the P.G. deputation. He could assure the latter that he would do his very best to forward the interests of Lodge 128, and, if possible, make it better than it had been before. After a hearty vote of thanks to the deputation, and Bros. John Miller, P.G.J.D., and David Reid, P.G.I.G., had received affiliation into Lodge St. John, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge withdrew. This concludes the round of Provincial Grand Lodge visitations for the present year.

PAISLEY.—Lodge St. Mirren (No. 129).—The regular monthly meeting of this most prosperous lodge was held in their Masonic Hall, 5, Moss-street, on Monday evening, the 5th inst., Bro. H. S. Edmonds, W.M., presiding, with Bros. W. Gemmell, S.W.; G. Fisher, J.W.; A. Wallace, P.M.; A. Macpherson, Sec.; McLeod, S.D.; and the other office-bearers, with a very full attendance of members and a few visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were adopted. Bros. J. Harris and J. B. Gibson were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. Edmonds, W.M., in his usual able style. Thereafter the same brethren, on account of having to leave the country in a few days, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. G. Fisher, J.W., at request of the W.M., in a very able and impressive manner. The lodge was then resumed on the First Degree, and closed in due form.

GREENOCK.—Lodge St. John's (No. 175).—A meeting of this lodge was held in St. John's Hall, Greenock, on Friday evening, the 6th inst., Bro. McMaster,

W.M., in the chair, supported by the other office-bearers, who were in their respective places. The lodge being opened in the First Degree, three candidates were regularly proposed and balloted for, and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The lodge was then advanced to the Second Degree, and afterwards to the Third Degree, when the same three brethren were passed and raised. As this lodge is largely composed of seafaring brethren, they hold a special grant from the Grand Lodge to confer the three degrees in one night. The lodge was then resumed in the E.A. Degree, and put under the sway of the J.W., when the following brethren enlivened the evening's harmony with some excellent songs and recitations, viz., Bros. Wright, Martin, Anderson, Douglas, and Elliot, Bro. Martin officiating at the harmonium. After the Tyler's toast had been duly honored, the lodge was called back to labour, and closed in due and ancient form by the W.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., Bro. A. B. Ferguson, W.M., in the chair; John Harley, S.W.; C. McKenzie, J.W.; R. A. McLean, Sec.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; J. Harley, J.D.; and others, and a very large and influential attendance of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Julius Brodie, P.M. 360, and I.P.M. 541; W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); J. Scott, D.M. St. Bryde, 579; Capt. R. Walker, Lodge Pelham Pillar, 792, Grimsby, E.C.; James Conner, Lodge La Sicilia, Palermo; J. McInnes, S.W. 408; R. Mitchell, D.M. 333; J. Fyfe, 465; and others. On the lodge being opened and the minutes of last regular meeting and one emergency meeting having been read and approved of, an application was made to the lodge on behalf of a deceased brother's widow for relief, and a sum of money was unanimously voted out of the funds of the lodge, and also out of the benevolent fund, towards her assistance. Mr. Henry Borrill was then initiated into the Entered Apprentice Degree by the W.M., and thereafter was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 543. He (the candidate) having to leave this country in a few days, was afterwards, along with Bros. T. Donaldson and H. Harff, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 543. The lodge was then reduced to the First Degree, and after going through the usual routine of minor business, and according a vote of thanks to Bro. Ferguson for working the Second and Third Degrees, the lodge was closed in due form.

GOVAN.—Lodge Govandale (No. 437).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland Buildings, Govan, on Tuesday evening, 6th inst.; Bro. J. Miller, W.M.; J. McFarlane, I.P.M.; A. Campbell, P.M.; R. Muir, S.W.; A. James, J.W.; A. Blair, Treas.; J. Sutherland, Sec.; and others. The occasion being the visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, the meeting was largely attended by the members and visiting brethren from lodges Nos. 33, 28, 86, 116, 117, 124, 204, 219, 347, 360, 401, 413, 465, 543, and 581. The deputation consisted of Bros. J. Gillies, P.G. Treas., acting P.G.M.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Sec.; J. Miller, P.G.J.D.; Alex. Bain, P.G.B.B.; J. Ritchie, P.G. Arch.; and D. Reid, P.G.I.G. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Gillies, acting P.G.M., occupied the chair, and called upon the P.G. Sec., Bro. McTaggart, to read the report. The latter said it was his pleasing duty again to congratulate Lodge Govandale upon another year of success. Their working during the past year had been admirable, as was borne testimony to in the report of the deputation, which was as follows:—"We, the undersigned office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, hereby certify that we visited Lodge Govandale, No. 437, on the 6th day of June, 1876—examined the various books of the lodge, and found them in a very satisfactory condition—and that, generally, the lodge is working in strict harmony with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He (Bro. McTaggart) thought they would admit that it was almost impossible to give them a higher certificate than that. The deputation were delighted to have found that night that they had been unable to detect anything whatever in the books of the lodge worthy of animadversion. With regard to the books, he, in the first place, begged to pay a distinct compliment to the Tyler of the lodge, that old and tried servant Bro. McIntyre, for the admirable condition of the sederunt book. A better kept one they had not seen that year. The minute book was admirably kept; the roll book in very good condition, and the cash book very well kept indeed. The balance at the credit of the lodge as at last audit was £57 15s. 3d.; and he (Bro. McTaggart) was very proud to know that the successors of the present deputation, to whom it would fall to visit Lodge 437 next year, would have the satisfaction of finding that the funds were very much increased. Another item he had to notice was that during last year the lodge had had no distinct claims upon their private charity, and that indicated, so far, that the character of their membership was beyond reproach. They had handed over to the P.G. Benevolent Fund the handsome sum of £9 10s.—as against £8 last year; and the number of in-trants during the past year was 21. The acting P.G. Master (Bro. Gillies) said it must be very gratifying to the lodge to hear such a report as they had just heard read; showing, as it did, that Lodge Govandale was second to none in the Province of Glasgow. Indeed, there was scarcely a lodge in the province that held such a position at the present time as Lodge 437. The W.M. (Bro. Miller) said he had much pleasure in informing the deputation that the office-bearers of Lodge Govandale worked together all as one; and for his part (the speaker) it would always be his aim, so long as he was there, to work in strict conformity with Grand Lodge laws. He then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the deputation

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for their visit, which was given with a will. Bro. Gillies, in returning thanks for the compliment, stated that with regard to the report they had made of the condition of the lodge, he might inform them that their P.G. Secretary could not put his finger upon a single black spot in the books. Before retiring the following members of the deputation received honorary affiliation to the lodge at the hands of Bro. John McFarlane, P.M. viz., Bros. John Miller, James Ritchie, and David Reid. Bro. Ritchie returned thanks for the honour conferred on behalf of himself and Bros. Miller and Reid. Thereafter Bro. W. Findlay was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. W. Ferguson, S.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—A meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, 7th inst., at three o'clock p.m., Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, W.M., presiding; G. Houston, D.M.; H. W. Jackson, S.W.; W. Sivewright, J.W.; Weir, acting Sec.; R. S. Smyth, S.D., and a good attendance of members. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Bell, I.P.M. 34; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; W. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); W. Borland, 117; G. W. Wheeler, 73; W. Adams, D. of Mus. 153; W. McDonald, 153; D. C. Allan, 153; Gault, 441; A. Gray, 458; and others. The minutes of last meeting were read by Bro. Weir and confirmed. Bro. James Cooper, Lodge Neptune, 375, Aberdeen, was elected a joining member, and obligated by the W.M. Thereafter Bros. J. Cameron, Henri Ludwig, and Adam Gibb were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree in a very efficient manner by Bro. J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360, and Bro. Walter Buchanan was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 543. Bro. Adams, 153, presiding at the harmonium during the ceremonies. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Plantation (No. 581).—The regular meeting of this young lodge was held at the new Masonic Hall, Craigiehall-street, on Monday evening, the 5th inst. In the absence of Bro. Stobo, W.M., Bro. W. Ferguson, P.M. 543, D.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. D. Peacock, S.W.; J. Henry, J.W.; Wm. Taylor, Treas.; Robt. Allan, Sec.; Smith, S.D.; Halley, J.D.; Paterson, I.G.; and Cumming, Tyler; and, as usual, the meeting was well attended by visiting brethren and members of the lodge. The acting W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. John Monro, W.M. Commercial Lodge, 360; John Davidson, P.M. 360; and J. W. Burns, I.P.M. Thistle Lodge, 87. The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the minutes of one emergency and last regular meeting, which were approved of. Bros. John Hart and Peter Stobo were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. Ferguson, D.M. On the lodge being resumed on the First Degree, it was unanimously agreed to hold a harmony meeting on Monday evening, the 26th inst., to celebrate St. John's Day (24th June). Thereafter a new code of bye-laws was read for the third time and passed, after a few slight alterations. The business being ended, the lodge was closed.

THE DEATH OF ABDULAZIZ.

The following is a translation of the official report of the physicians who were summoned to examine the body of the late Sultan:—"In a lower room of the guard-house adjoining the Imperial Palace of Teheragan we found a body lying on a mattress placed upon the floor, and covered by a new linen cloth. Upon removing the covering we recognized the body as that of the ex-Sultan Abdul-Aziz. Every part of the body was cold and bloodless, pale, and covered with coagulated blood. There was no rigidity, the eyelids were partly open, the cornea slightly opaque, and the mouth half closed. Upon removing the linen bandages from the arms we found a little below the bend of the left arm an opening five centimetres in extent and three in depth. The edges of the wound were jagged and irregular; the direction of the wound downwards and from without. The veins in this region were cut, and the cubital artery was open for three parts of its internal diameter. In the bend of the right arm we found a wound in a slightly oblique direction, also jagged, of two centimetres in extent and one-and-a-half in depth. In this place only the smaller veins had been touched, the arteries being intact. A pair of scissors was produced to us ten centimetres long, very sharp, and having upon one of the blades a small lateral knob towards the point. The scissors were stained with blood, and we were told that it was by means of that instrument that the ex-Sultan had inflicted upon himself the wounds described above. We then proceeded to the residence of the deceased ex-Sultan, where we were shown a vast chamber looking upon the sea. We found there, upon the corner of a sofa, placed near a window, a pool of blood, and upon the matting on the floor was a large quantity of coagulated blood in one mass, with several smaller patches in other places near it. From the above facts we are unanimously of opinion—1, that the death of the ex-Sultan, Abdul-Aziz, was caused by hemorrhage produced by injuries to the vessels in the bends of the arms; 2, that the instrument produced to us was perfectly adapted to effect such wounds; 3, that the direction and the nature of the wounds as well as the instrument which might have inflicted them lead us to the conclusion of suicide. Signed by Drs. Marco, Nouri, A. Sotto (Médecin Attaché à l'Impériale et Royale Ambassade d'Autriche-Hongrie), Spagnolo Marc Markel, Jatro-poulo, Abdinour, Servet, J. de Castro, A. Maroin, Jules Millingen, C. Caratheodry, G. D. Dickson (Médecin de l'Ambassade d'Angleterre), O. Vitalis (Médecin de l'Administration Sanitaire), Edouard Spadaro, J. Nouridjan, Miltiade Bey, Moustapha, Méhemet."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was held on Tuesday at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, and was very numerously attended. The list of brethren present comprised the names of General Brownrigg, the Provincial Grand Master; Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex; C. H. Woodward, P.P.G.J.W.; G. E. Wainwright, P.P.G.S.W.; A. C. Ebbutt, P.P.G.P.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.P.G.C.; C. E. Amos, P.P.G.P.; James Squire, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Cawley Eager, P.M. 1395; Edwin March, S.W. 410; John Close, J.W. 463; Geo. Yoxley, S.D. 463; John S. Shuter, I.G. 463; Francis Buckland, S.W. 889; Edmund Stratton, 452; Wm. Young, P.M. 203; John Bond, W.M. 889; J. Lambert Sim, W.M. 370; Wm. Locock Webb, P.P.G.W.; J. Boor, P.M. and Sec. 370, P.P.G.S.B.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.J.W.; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.P.G.J.W.; James Churchhill, Wm. Wells, W. Weller, 1564; Eph. L. Wilkinson, 1564; William Ledger, 1564; John Eaton Crouch, 1564; George Payne, 1564; H. A. Pocock, J.D. 463; W. Budden, W. Stacey, J.W. 1564; F. West, 463; W. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Gilbert J. Smallpeice, P.S.G.W.; Dr. W. R. Williams, P.G.D.C.; P. W. Lynhouse, 370; J. W. M. Dosell, 463; E. Divevds, 777; C. W. Driver, W.M. 1149; J. Webster, W.M. 1564; W. Askham, Sec. 1564; A. Carter, 1564; Thomas P. Dickin, P.G. Reg.; R. W. Price, P.G.D.W.; Warren H. Diamond, S.W. 370; Charles Gale, W.M. 1347; H. R. B. Podmore, P.P.G.S.; Draper P. Woodward, 1347, P.M. 171; John Rhodes, 463; Fred. Wisdom, 463; Fred. Cambridge, 1328; W. Pyrie, 463; W. E. Rogers, 463; Henry Potter, 1347; Wm. Chessall, S.W. 416; George Bradnell, 255; Byron H. Ridge, 463; S. Parsons Smith, S.W. 1556; Arthur W. Cook, P.G.S.; David Rowe, 1046; John Castle Grant, W.M. 1362; Wm. J. Kemp, J.W. 1362; C. W. Arnott, George White, P.P.S.G.W.; James Robins, J. Bonner, 463; J. P. Melin, James Cooper, 55; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395; Wm. Grant, 398; H. Massy, P.M. 619 ("Freemason"); Thomas Wagner, 463; W. H. Saunders, 889, S.W. 1503; J. H. Parker, 463; Francis T. V. Honeywell, P.M. 889; Charles Bastin, 463; J. B. Ainsworth, 463; J. M. Gillingham, 463; T. Dalziel, 1564; Charles Grillon, P.G.S.D., K.J., P.H. 463; T. H. Ebbutt, 463; H. Reed, 463; John King, 410; James Putney, 1362; Thomas Owendon, 452; John Hooke, 463; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; Mark Venham, 804; T. R. Redgrave, 463; Attwood Big-nall, 463; B. Robinson, 205; and Thomas Lawler, 92.

Grand Lodge was opened at half-past one o'clock, and was formed as follows:—
 General Brownrigg Prov. G.M.
 George White as Prov. G.S.W.
 Dr. Rhys Williams Prov. G.J.W.
 Rev. C. W. Arnold Prov. G.C.
 T. P. Dickins Prov. G.R.
 Chas. Greenwood Prov. G. Sec.
 H. G. Francis Prov. G.S.D.
 Wells Prov. G.J.D.
 Albert Dawes Prov. G.Org.
 W. Sharp Prov. G.Swd. B.
 C. T. Spight Prov. G. Tyler.

After the usual preliminary business had been transacted, the minutes and Grand Treasurer's accounts received, five guineas were voted to the widow of a deceased Surrey brother; five guineas to the Croydon Hospital; five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Prov. Grand Master proceeded to appoint his officers for the year, but before doing so he said there was one thing which he must speak of. He had only two superior officers, the Wardens, but he knew the worth of a large number of brethren of the province; and if it were possible he should make Wardens of them all. Some of the brethren considered that they should have the higher offices, but he would state that whatever office he bestowed on a brother, that brother was a Grand Officer, and should be perfectly satisfied with the purple in that office, because it was given to the best of the Provincial Grand Master's ability. (Hear, hear.)

The Grand Officers of the year were then given as follows, the Prov. Grand Master himself investing the brethren:—

Harrison D. Prov. G.M.
 Rev. Ambrose Hall Prov. G.S.W.
 John Lambert Sim Prov. J.G.W.
 Rev. D. J. Drakeford Prov. G.C.
 A. B. Cook Prov. G. Reg.
 Charles Greenwood Prov. G. Sec.
 Eager Prov. S.G.D.
 C. Gale Prov. J.G.D.
 Podmore Prov. G.S. of Wks.
 John Close Prov. G.D.C.
 Rhodes Prov. G. Org.
 Capt. M. S. Brownrigg Prov. G. Swd. Br.
 D. B. Woodward Prov. G. Purst.
 Charles Pawley, F. West, W. Kemp,
 and Turquand Prov. G. Stewards.

The Prov. G.M. afterwards said that on these occasions it was usual to say something with regard to the position of Masonry in the province, and he was very grateful to be able to give the brethren a good account of its progress during the last year. Since the former meeting he had consecrated three new lodges, the Addiscombe Lodge, the St. John's Lodge at Knaphill, the Studholme Lodge; and on Tuesday next he was going to consecrate the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony, at Walton-on-Thames. He thought that was a very good year's work. In fact, were it not that he was well satisfied with the elements of which these lodges were composed, he should say that this pro-

gress was almost too quick. It was very easy to have lodges too numerous, and he owned that he should always hesitate to recommend to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the granting of a new lodge unless he was perfectly well satisfied that occasion required it, and that the component parts of it were such as would be an honour to the Craft and do credit to the province. He continued to receive excellent accounts of all the lodges in the province. He regretted he had not been able to visit so many as he could wish; but in all he had visited he had found good feeling and that exhibition of true brotherhood that must always be the great characteristic of the Order. (Hear, hear.) He repeated that the state of Masonry in the province was very satisfactory. He would now mention another subject which had been canvassed very much in the neighbouring province of Berks and Bucks, and he believed in that of Middlesex also. A letter had been received from the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G.C., with reference to the votes for the Masonic charities. It was thought by the brethren in those provinces, and also in this province, that they might utilize their votes for the charities more than they did by a combination of the three provinces, which were territorially annexed to each other. If there was a very urgent case in either province, by a combination of their votes they might bring such an amount of power to bear as would insure the success of the candidate. Of course it was not intended to interfere with any strong case of their own; but in a case which was very urgent in either province where the other provinces had no very urgent case it would be a very good thing if the provinces could help one another. With respect to his own votes, when an election was coming on he always looked down the list to see if there was a Surrey Mason, or the widow or child of a Surrey Mason, on it. If there was he gave his votes for that case; because the brethren must remember he only held those votes in trust; they were the votes of the province, to be devoted to cases from the province. Sometimes there was no Surrey case, and then he gave his votes to what he thought the most deserving case. He would now call upon Bro. Greenwood to read the letter he had referred to, and after that the brethren could consider what they should do upon the subject. He thought a charity committee might be appointed.

Bro. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec., then read the letter from the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, which contained the suggestions mentioned in the Prov. Grand Master's above observations.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold said he had a communication on this subject from the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks some time ago, asking him to consider the question, and at the present meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to take part in a discussion on it, and if possible bring it to a result. He had very great pleasure now in moving that a committee, as suggested by the Prov. G.M., be appointed for this province, and that they should unite with the neighbouring provinces—he did not see why Wiltshire should not be included; the more they were the stronger they would be—in supporting candidates. No doubt they would be able to carry any candidate in. At present a great many votes were lost; some were frittered away by being given to a candidate in whom the subscribers had no particular interest, and whom they did not know; others were spoiled by not being properly filled up; and others by not being filled up at all. It was a most desirable thing that the votes should be sent to a charity committee, who would see that they were properly filled up. He took a great interest in this question because he thought it would be doing more good to the charities, and more good to their own parties. He would conclude by moving that a charity committee be appointed for the province.

Dr. Strong seconded the motion. He quite concurred in the above remarks that many votes were lost from papers not being properly filled up, or not filled up at all. If they were sent to the committee they would not be lost. In the course of a few years it would be known who had votes and who had not. He would like to throw out the suggestion that the committee should not consist of the W.M.'s of the lodges in the province, because they were annually changed, and would come to their work in ignorance of their work; but if one brother was appointed from each lodge to hold the office permanently he would be acquainted with the work.

The Prov. G.M. said this was a good suggestion; and perhaps the Treasurer or Secretary of a lodge would be the best member they could get for the purpose. He then called on Col. Burdett to give them any information he could on the question of the Charity Committee.

Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, said that the question of a Charity Committee for the province of Middlesex was brought before the brethren some time back; but it was only discussed then, although he hoped now to carry it out not only in that province, but in combination with the adjoining provinces. There was this point to be taken into consideration, that the brethren of Surrey and Middlesex, which were really Metropolitan provinces, belonged, in a great proportion, to London lodges as well, and the province of Middlesex felt a difficulty in uniting as a province independently of those brethren acting in London. All the brethren acting in the province were most anxious to work in their own lodges and for their own candidate, and so a Middlesex candidate or a Surrey candidate would have little chance unless those two provinces or more were joined together. They might carry their candidate, if joined together, without the assistance of the London brethren, although he did not wish it to be understood that they were not at all times happy to have the assistance of the London brethren. Joined together the provinces might carry one or two cases without much difficulty. Middlesex considered the question last year, but gave it up because the brethren could not see that the province was strong enough to carry a candidate by itself.

Bro. Greenwood, Prov. G. Secretary, said that in 1859 the same question was brought before Grand Lodge of England.

Col. Burdett observed that he had communications from East Lancashire which pointed out that in that province the principle was thoroughly carried out.

Bro. Greenwood said it was Bro. Symonds who brought the matter before Grand Lodge in 1859, but it was then done more in aid of the charities than to concentrate voting power on behalf of a candidate. Bro. White (now present) sent up each year his report for some time, but gradually the system fell into decay. The system then adopted was for the purpose of obtaining funds for the charities; now it was to unite voting power on behalf of candidates.

The Prov. Grand Master thought the question before the brethren was the approval of the design; it would be for them to appoint a committee hereafter; after which it would be communicated to the other provinces of Middlesex, Berks and Bucks, and Wilts. If they approved of the principle they would have to appoint a committee. Bro. Grand Chaplain had moved that a committee be appointed. This had been seconded. When carried, Grand Lodge would nominate the members. The suggestion of Dr. Strong was a good one, that some permanent officer of a lodge should be appointed; and his own feeling was that they could not have better members than the Secretaries, who, with the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G.M. could form the charity committee of the province. He did not wish to propose any; he only threw out the suggestion; but he would be happy to take any trouble himself.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold said he thought it would be better to put it all into one resolution. Of course the Secretaries would be the best persons to place on the committee, because they had all the communications respecting their lodges, and were perfectly conversant with all the business brought forward. He begged to add to his motion "That the committee consist of the Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., the Prov. G. Chaplain, the Prov. G. Secretary, and the Secretaries of the different lodges."

Bro. Webster, W.M., St. John's Lodge, seconded the motion, as altered, which was then put and carried, after which the Audit Committee was appointed.

Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D., then rose and proposed "That Grand Lodge should vote a sum of money towards a testimonial which was on foot to be presented to Bro. Charles Greenwood, who for nearly a quarter of a century had ably discharged the duties of Secretary of the Prov. Grand Lodge." He thought that such a testimonial should at least be subscribed to by Prov. Grand Lodge. He would leave it to the Prov. G. Treasurer to propose the amount; and he was sure that Bro. Greenwood himself and all the subscribers to the testimonial would appreciate it.

The Prov. G.M. said he cordially agreed with the proposal to present to Bro. Greenwood this testimonial, sensible as he was that there was no brother in the province who more deserved such a recognition of his services.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer said he also heartily concurred in the proposition, for no one had derived so much assistance from Bro. Greenwood as he had for a period of twenty years; and he did not know what he should have done without him. Bro. Greenwood took upon himself a vast amount of work, burdens which really none but a brother like him could properly bear, and it was all done in a business-like way. He should propose that twenty guineas be voted towards the testimonial. (Cheers.)

Bro. H. E. Francis seconded the motion, which the Prov. Grand Master put to the Grand Lodge, who carried it unanimously.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren went to the parish church of Croydon to join in the afternoon service. The grand old church was crowded, notwithstanding its immense size. Seats were reserved for the brethren (who attended without Masonic clothing) in the body of the church. Prayers were read by the Rev. Canon Hodgson.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chaplain, who took for his text I. Cor., iii., x., xi. The sermon will be given in extenso in our next.

The offertory, which amounted to £25 7s. 6d., was given to the Croydon Hospital.

Shortly after five o'clock the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet at the Greyhound, where the Provincial Grand Officers were the guests of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord. The customary toasts were honoured subsequently.

The Prov. Grand Master said, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," that as it was impossible a Queen could ever be a Freemason, the Craft symbolised their fealty to their sovereign by connecting her with the Craft in this toast. At the same time the brethren must not forget that irrespective of the loyalty they owed Her Majesty, she was the daughter of a Mason, and out of four of her sons, three were Masons. If anything could attach her more warmly to the Order, it must be that fact.

The Prov. G.M. in giving "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said that the hearts of all Masons went with him when he set out on his Eastern expedition. It was impossible when he went that long journey to dissociate in our minds certain perils which attached to the journey. He went among a fanatic population; and it was fresh in our memory that the Viceroy of India had not long before fallen by the hand of an assassin. There were also dangers of climate, and dangers in the field. We all knew his pluck in sports, in which he was always in the front rank of the sportsmen. Well, he had come back, and it had been our good fortune to see him come back sound and safe in wind and limb. We rejoiced to see him again amongst us; and if he received a Masonic reception it would be such a one as he might be proud of.

The Prov. G.M. next proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," who, he said, had frequently expressed to him his regret that he was unable to attend lodges and chapters more frequently than he did.

In proposing "Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," the Prov. G.M. said he was a fine manly English gentleman, and a good cricketer, who must win the hearts of all who knew him. He begged to couple the name of the Grand Chaplain with the toast. The brethren of the Province of Surrey—perhaps it was a feather in their caps—had the honour of finding Bro. Arnold made Grand Chaplain at last Grand Festival. (Hear, hear.) They must all have been delighted with that excellent sermon they had just heard. (Hear, hear.) It was a very difficult sermon to preach, for they must remember they were in a church of which the vicar was not a Freemason; and he could not imagine any subject treated with more good taste than Freemasonry was by the Chaplain in that sermon. He made himself perfectly understood by the brethren; his references to Masonic symbols could not have been more perfect; and yet it was a sermon which could be preached to the whole world. It appealed thoroughly to the sympathies of the brethren as Masons, and was yet an admirable sermon to the outer world. They would all join with him in thanking Bro. Arnold for his excellent discourse. His appeal produced £25 7s. 6d., the greater part of which was contributed, he thought, by the Masons. He hoped so. The musical service was very good, and he had never heard the Hallelujah Chorus done better. Many who took part in the musical service were amateurs, who wished to do the Masons, or rather Bro. Woodward, honour. Next time Prov. Grand Lodge met he hoped more of the choir would be Masons. He wished to express his thanks to all who took part in the church portion of the ceremony.

Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C., in reply, said, if there was one thing which had given him more pleasure than another in being one of the Prov. G. officers this year it was that they had given him plenty of work to do. In the first place, as the Prov. G.M. had said, in the present year there had been three lodges consecrated in the province of Surrey, and at all of these he (Bro. Arnold) had assisted, and he was glad to do so. An idle man was a disgrace to Freemasonry. Therefore, when he was asked by the Prov. G.M. to preach a sermon that day he said at once he should be glad to have the occasion, because he should feel he had done his duty of a Chaplain, and he did not care about being a Chaplain unless he had got some work to do. There was one thing he should wish to say. When they were at church he could not bring it into his sermon, because it was a thing most intimately connected with Freemasonry. He spoke about those who were of a fraternity, but he could not speak to them about the admission of persons into a fraternity. Now, they all knew that Freemasonry was extending largely in the country. Lodges were being opened day after day; and there was no doubt that there had been a great impulse given to Freemasonry of late. What he would say was, that he hoped every Freemason would carefully guard this in his heart, and take the greatest pains that no unworthy person should come into it. Having added this, he had nothing more to say. He thought then that his work as their Chaplain would be done.

The Prov. G.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and trusted they would accept from him in name of the Prov. G. Lodge the heartiest welcome.

Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, replied. He said he had been very much gratified by what he had seen that day, and by the presence of so many Masons of the Province of Surrey. It was always gratifying to get a little interchange of hospitalities, and he only hoped that when he held the Prov. G.L. of Middlesex the Grand Master and brethren of Surrey would accept of its hospitality. The more these interchanges took place the more it strengthened the hands of the parties. They were able to do a great deal more than they could individually; and with respect to the charity committees which had been spoken of in Grand Lodge, it would be found that they would be able to effect an immense amount of good.

The Prov. G. Treasurer proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Master." He was not going to say he regretted this toast should have fallen to him to propose, or that it should have fallen to better hands, although he regretted his inability to do justice to the toast. But there was not a brother in the room better qualified to discharge this duty than himself, because he was the oldest Prov. G. officer in the kingdom. He was made a Prov. G. Officer by Bro. Hall. He served under Bro. Dobie; and he now served under Bro. Brownrigg. As such an old Prov. G. officer, he ought to be a judge of the qualities of a Prov. G. Master, and although he knew very well, and they all knew, what Bro. Dobie was, and now difficult it was for a Prov. G.M. to follow Bro. Dobie, their present Prov. G.M. did follow him, and followed him well, and they were fortunate in having such a brother to preside over them. They knew his great ability, and he was well skilled in the Masonic Craft; and above all they knew that he was impartial. He thought he should weaken the toast if he dwelt longer upon it.

The Prov. G.M. said he was sensible of the brethren's kindness, which it appeared to him, increased year after year. It went straight to his heart. He congratulated the brethren on the very excellent gathering they had had that day. Every year he came among them he knew them better, and recognised many old faces. But he found many new ones, which was always pleasant. Four years he had held the office, and in that time the province had done very well indeed. They had done very well, even if it was only in the accession to the number of the lodges. But it was not that so much that he felt. Of course that was an advantage to them. They got more cosmopolitan; they embraced a larger circle of friends and brothers; but

what he felt most was the invariable kindness with which he was received. He then proposed "The Grand Treasurer," who had been for many years a faithful and trusted officer of the province.

The Prov. G. Treas. responded, and said his work had been one of love. His duties, however, had been light by his having been associated with other excellent officers, particularly the Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. H. J. P. Dumas said, with reference to the testimonial to Bro. Greenwood, that he expected such an amount of spontaneity and readiness of concurrence on the part of the brethren that there would be no need of any committees. All that would be required was that circulars should be issued to the lodges, which would no doubt subscribe their £5 each, and the individual brethren could subscribe what amount they chose. He expected altogether as much as £140.

The Prov. G.M. next proposed "The Prov. G. Secretary." He could only say what he had said before, that he did not know what he should have done without Bro. Greenwood. With such a supporter the brethren must be well satisfied. He (the Prov. G.M.) took all the responsibility of his own acts; but he could not have a better supporter.

Bro. Greenwood, in the course of a very brief reply, said he had been Prov. G.S. for several years, and during that time he had seen the Craft progress vastly in the province. Year by year lodges had been added to the roll, and certainly that circumstance had tended to increase his labours; but still that was a labour of love.

The Prov. G.M. then gave "The Health of the Prov. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens." Whether a brother received the appointment of Prov. G. Warden or Prov. G. Pursuivant, the appointment conveyed the Prov. Grand Master's sentiments of the worth of those on whom he bestowed the appointment, and one should be considered as good as the other. The appointments he had made that day had been made after due consideration, and he hoped and trusted that the province would think that his selection was a good one.

Bro. Ambrose Hall said, in reply, that the toast was an important one, and the Provincial Grand Officers were an important body Masonically. Although the work they had to do Masonically was not large, yet the Grand Officers were determined to do it well; to carry out in the lodges the teachings of the Order; and to set such an example as they should set. Above all it would be theirs, in any way they could, to uphold the offices they respectively filled, and to support the Provincial Grand Master who now so ably, so eminently, and so courteously ruled over the important Province of Surrey. He was sure the few words he had said expressed the feelings of the brethren who were associated with him in Grand Office. The offices they held they were not only proud of, but they were determined to fulfil the duties of them with honour to the Craft and credit to the province.

The Prov. G. Junior Warden also expressed the same sentiments.

The Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The East Surrey Lodge of Concord," under whose auspices the Prov. Grand Lodge had been held. It would not be inopportune while proposing this toast if he made a suggestion, in which he was quite sure they would all agree, that the Secretary of the lodge be requested to convey to that beautiful choir which had sung in the church the very grateful thanks of the brethren. Something of that sort should be put on record, because he felt that they could not have been more gratified with the singing if it had been given in any of the cathedral churches in England. A great many of the gentlemen came forward spontaneously to do honour to them as Freemasons, and he thought the brethren would be wanting in courtesy if they did not ask Bro. Woodward to convey their very best thanks for the great treat they had had that afternoon. He would propose "The Health of the W.M. and the Brethren of the East Surrey of Concord," who had so sumptuously entertained the Provincial Grand Lodge. It had seldom occurred in any province that a Provincial Grand Lodge had been so well entertained.

Bro. Dickins, W.M., East Surrey Lodge of Concord, responded. He said the lodge were much pleased that what they had done had met with the gratification of the Prov. G. Lodge. He could not help thinking that it was impossible they should not have been pleased with the musical ceremony in the splendid old parish church. The brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord were very much pleased with the Grand Chaplain's sermon, and they were sorry he had been obliged to leave so early. He hoped that the thanks of the brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord would be conveyed to him. He would also add that the R.W. Prov. G.M. might suggest to him that the sermon should be printed and distributed among all the lodges of the province.

The Prov. G.M. was at this time compelled to leave, and he deputed the Prov. G. Treasurer to take his place.

The Prov. G. Treasurer proposed "The Press," and called on Bro. H. Massey, of the "Freemason," to reply. This having been done, the Prov. G. Treasurer proposed "Bro. C. H. Woodward's Health." On him had fallen the burden and heat of the day, and his services had been most useful. All the proceedings had been managed by him, and he had gone heart and soul into them, not only with regard to Grand Lodge or the banquet, but more especially as regarded the church. The proceedings had gone through without a hitch.

Bro. H. C. Woodward said, the toast had taken him by surprise, but as the representative and Acting Secretary of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord he felt very deeply the compliment paid him. Without being egotistical he must say he had thrown all his effort and strength into making this meeting a great success. He had worked hard and spent many hours over it, and had exerted himself in many ways to attain his end; great assistance had

been given him by others, and they had been the means of carrying the service in the church through in a way which must be memorable in the annals of Croydon for many years to come. The choir numbered nearly one hundred voices, and there was not six Masons among them. He felt very proud that the Prov. G.M. had asked him to write a letter thanking those gentlemen who had so rallied round the Craft. The offertory had gone to Croydon Hospital; and this was an object he had in view, to show that Masonic benevolence was not confined to their own circle. He was also very proud when the vicar in an interview he had with him gave him the use of the church. The vicar however said to him, "I rather regret Mr. Woodward, that you have not selected something local for the offertory." He (Bro. Woodward) said, "If you will excuse me, I will alter it in a moment," and he decided to give it to Croydon Hospital.

"The Masonic Charities" were then proposed, for which Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, responded, and the Tyler's toast closed the evening's proceedings, which were enlivened by some beautiful music by Bros. Carter and Lawler.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF LANCASHIRE.

By command of Sir Knight Albert Hudson Royds, V.E. Prov. Prior, the annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of Lancashire was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham, on Thursday, the 1st inst., for the purpose of transacting "divers urgent and important business in connection with the province."

The St. George Preceptory was opened at twelve o'clock noon by Sir Knight Hollingworth, E.P., and the Provincial Officers, subsequently marshalled by Sir Knight Hopkins, Prov. D.C., then entered in procession. The V.E. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds (acting in the absence through illness of the V.E. Prior), having been received under the A.O.S., took his place on the throne, and opened the Provincial Priory in due form and with solemn prayer.

Sir Knight Ashworth, Chancellor (in the absence of Sir Knight Chadwick, Registrar), called the muster-roll of the preceptories and of the Provincial Officers of Lancashire, when it was found that all the preceptories were represented except the De Lacy, Burnley (vacant); Edmund Plantagenet, Ardwick (suspended); Faith, Wigan; St. John of Jerusalem, Todmorden; and Plains of Mamre, Burnley. The following Provincial Officers were present:—Sir Knts. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, V.E.P. Sub-Prior, on the throne; J. B. Phillips, Prov. P.; W. Ashworth, P. Chancellor; W. Deyle, P. Constable; J. A. Birch, P. Treas.; G. Turner, P. Vice-Chancellor; S. H. Smith, P. Sub-Marshal; J. Greaves, P. Almoner; P. M. Jones, P. St. B. (Vex Belli); J. Worsley, P. B.B.; J. Hall, 1st P. Aide; J. B. Carr, 2nd P. Aide; J. W. Taylor, P. C. of G.; J. E. Jackson, P. S.B.; J. L. Goodwin, P. Org.; H. Thomas, P. 1st Pur.; and J. Lawton, P. Equerry. Letters of apology, expressing regret at inability to attend, were read from Sir Knts. Hall, Prov. G.M.; T. Clark, Prov. St. B.; Jenkins, Prov. W. of R.; and Dr. J. K. C. Smith, Prov. 1st Pur.; and the reasons given for their absence were accepted as satisfactory. Amongst others present were the following Sir Knights:—H. L. Hollingworth, E.P.; John Greaves, P. G.C.; P.G.A.; H. Thomas, 1st Capt.; J. Crompton Lees, 2nd Capt.; J. G. Ireland, Registrar; W. Blackburn, Capt. Lines; J. Clifton, A. Clegg, P. Phillip Melate, H. S. Alpess, P.P., First Grand Captain; Thomas Birchall, P. G. Constable; J. Wood, Treas. Wm. de la More Preceptory; T. P. Ainsworth, J. Hall, P. Royle, Dr. S. D. Lees, P.P. G.C., &c.; T. Ginn, E. Pierpoint, P.G.C. of L.; E. Halliwell, C. M. Jones, E.P.; Reginald Young, E.P.; R. H. Low, E.P.; M. Mawson, 1st Captain (Alpess Preceptory); R. Landless, E.P.; W. Cottam, E.P. (Prince of Peace); J. A. Birch, Treas.; R. Whitworth, E.P. (Albert); W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Potter, E. Whittaker, J. Procter, B. Taylor, 1st H. (St. Joseph); J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G. Sub-Prior (St. George's); and others.

The minutes of the previous Provincial Priory held at Liverpool were passed, and the accounts of the Prov. Treasurer (Sir Knight J. A. Birch), audited by Sir Knights H. L. Hollingworth and J. E. Jackson, were certified as correct, the balance in hand being £16 12s. 9d. Sir Knight J. A. Birch was re-elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Prov. Sub-Prior then invested the officers for the ensuing year, and the following is a complete list of the staff at the head of the province:—Great Officers: Sir Knights A. H. Royds, V.E. Prov. Prior; Clement R. Beswicke-Royds, E. Sub-Prior; Rev. J. B. Phillips, Prelate; W. Ashworth, Chancellor; J. Greaves, Constable; S. H. Smith, Marshal; J. A. Birch, Treas.; and J. Chadwick, Registrar. The officers were Sir Knights G. Turner, V.C.; T. H. Jenkins, Sub-Marshal; C. M. Jones, S.B. (Beaucant); J. Worsley, W. of Reg.; J. Hall, Almoner; J. B. Carr, S.B. (Vex Belli); J. Taylor, B.B.; J. E. Jackson, 1st Aide; J. K. Smith, 2d Aide; H. Thomas, C. of G.; R. Landless, Swd. Bearer; J. L. Goodwin, Org.; H. L. Hollingworth, First Pur.; J. C. Lees, Second Pur.; and J. Lawton, Equerry (unanimously elected).

The P. Sub. Prior nominated, on his own behalf, as members of the General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year, Sir Knts. W. H. Wright, P.D.P.G.C.; Col. Birchall, P.G. Chamberlain; R. H. Hutchinson, P.G. S.B.; and T. Croxton, P.G.S.B. The Provincial Priory nominated Sir Knts. G. P. Brockbank, P.G.C.; J. F. Tweedale, P.G.S.B.; W. Doyle, P.P. Con.; and G. Mel-

lor, P.P.G. Cap., with the following Knights, ex-officio:—V.E. Sir Knt. A. H. Royds, Prov. Prior; Em. Sir Knt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P. Sub. Prior; Sir Knt. W. Ashworth, P. Chancellor; J. A. Birch, P. Treas.; and J. Chadwick, P. Registrar.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Provincial Priory under the banner of the Jerusalem Preceptory, Manchester. After alms had been collected,

The Prov. Sub. Prior addressed the Knights on the present position and prospects of the Order, and referred to the report presented to Great Priory, strongly condemning the conduct of the Grand Chancellor in suppressing the circular containing the opinion of 103 P.E.C.'s and Preceptors of this province respecting Sir Knt. Montagu's motion and the recent changes in the statutes of the Order. He concluded by thanking those Knights who had attended, and urged all who could possibly do so to attend the next convent general. He also urged the P.E.C.'s and Preceptors to attend to all communications received from the Chancellor.

The announcement that the Grand Chancellor had suppressed the papers containing the opinion of the Preceptors and P.E.C.'s in reply to Sir Knt. Montagu's motion was received with great disapprobation. It was stated that 103 P.E.C.'s and Preceptors in the province had sent in replies stating it as in their opinion desirable that the word "Masonic" should be restored to the title of the Order, that the designations "E.C." and "First and Second Captains" should also be restored, and that Past Rank should be bestowed on all who had held any Grand or Provincial office, after having once attained the office of Preceptor.

On the motion of Sir Knt. Major Turner, seconded by Sir Knt. Captain Greaves, the thanks of the Priory were voted to the V.E.P., with the expression of a desire that he would soon be restored to health and enabled to resume his active duties for the good of the Order.

The Priory was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to a recherche banquet in the same building.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel Creaton presided. The other brethren present were Bros. J. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, Hyde Pullen, Griffiths Smith, H. G. Warren, Benjamin Head, R. Warner Wheeler, J. M. Case, William Hale, James Brette, John Constable, H. M. Levy, Thomas W. White, Thomas Cubitt, W. Hilton, C. F. Hogard, H. Massey ("Freemason"); W. Lane, and James Terry, Sec.

Bro. James Terry, after reading the minutes, announced the death of one male annuitant who had received one year's annuity. Bro. Terry also reported the names of the brethren elected by Grand Lodge to serve on the House Committee of the Institution. He likewise reported that the apartments lately occupied in the asylum by an annuitant whom the Committee had, after repeated promises of amendment, been necessitated to expel, on account of his persistently rendering himself obnoxious to the other residents, had been wilfully damaged by this brother, and it was imperative on the Committee to have them repaired. Whereupon it was decided to have the required repairs effected, and the brother informed that the cost of such repairs would be deducted from the amount of his next quarter's annuity. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Dr. Strong, the Medical Officer of the Institution, for his gift of a very handsome clock for the use of the Asylum.

Bro. Terry read a letter from the brother of the late Bro. Cutbush, acknowledging, on behalf of the deceased brother's widow, the letter of condolence directed at the last meeting of the Committee to be sent to her. The writer of the letter added, in his own behalf, that he should do his utmost to carry out the wishes and intentions of the late Bro. Cutbush with respect to supporting the Institution if he had lived.

The Chairman informed the Committee that three candidates, who were each over 80 years of age, were unsuccessful at the last two elections. The Committee had the power, by the laws of the Institution, to take candidates under such circumstances on the fund without further election, and that, having that power, he should move that they be taken on.

Bro. John Constable seconded the motion, which was then put to the meeting and carried.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart moved, pursuant to notice, that Miss Norris, the daughter of Bro. Norris, an inmate of the Asylum, be appointed as Matron of the Institution. She had been a most valuable person down there, and he himself had witnessed the kind way in which she had behaved to all the inmates, both male and female. It was very desirable that there should be a female there to attend to the wants of the old ladies. No one could have done so with more care and affection than Miss Norris had for a long time without fee or reward. She gave up a good situation to go there and look after her father; and the time had come when he thought the Institution should no longer accept her services gratuitously. He therefore moved that her services be secured at a salary of £30 a year.

Bro. John Constable seconded the motion.

The Chairman said that he quite concurred with Bro. Stewart's remarks. Miss Norris was a most valuable person to the Institution, according to his own observation.

Bro. Terry said he had a telegram from Dr. Strong regretting his inability to be present, as he had intended, to bear his testimony to Miss Norris's valuable services and to support the motion.

The motion was then put and carried, and a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Albert Blengini (late professor of fencing to Bro. H.R.H. the King of Greece) will give a grand assault of arms at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Thursday, June 22nd, on which occasion he will be assisted by the principal Masters at present located in London. Prices of admission 10s. 6d., 5s. 6d., and 3s. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. Blengini, at the ticket office, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

An official communication from the War Office notifies that Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, will review the Volunteer Force belonging to London and the vicinity, in Hyde Park, on Saturday, the 1st July. Should any volunteer corps within an easy distance of London wish to attend the review at their own expense, their application will be taken into consideration with a view to their admission so far as space and numbers will allow, provided that such applications be received at the War Office on or before Monday, the 9th inst. Instructions will be issued as to the place and times at which the several brigades will be formed. The review is to be at five o'clock.

The Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, will be consecrated on Saturday, June 24th, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. J. R. Foulger, P.M. 177, W.M. designate; G. M. Felton, C.C., S.W. designate; C. J. Benson, J.W. designate.

The seventh annual fete in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage will be held at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, June 5th. The entertainments will be on a grand scale.

BRO. SIR EDWARD LEE (manager of the Alexandra Palace Company, Muswell-hill) has consented to undertake the management of the Manley Palace and Park Company (Limited), on the expiration of his agreement with the Alexandra Palace Company.

Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Past S.G.W. of England, has been presented by the Freemasons of Warrington with an illuminated address, congratulating him on his recent elevation to a baronetcy.

A presentation of a very gratifying character was made on Friday last to Bro. W. J. Jennings, manager of the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday. The staff of the establishment, with a few other personal friends, had united to give him a testimonial of their esteem and regard, and it took the form of a timepiece and two candelabra, all under glass shades, together with a handsome silver salver, bearing a suitable inscription. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Staples (one of the directors), in the name of the donors, and in concluding a highly complimentary address, the speaker expressed a hope that Bro. Jennings, with Mrs. Jennings, would be spared for many years to come, and that each succeeding year would be pleasanter and more prosperous than the preceding—a wish that was heartily endorsed by the staff who assembled together at the time.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, and attended by Lieutenant-General Sir T. M. Biddulph, the Dowager Marchioness of Ely, and Colonel Maude, will return from Scotland to Windsor on Thursday the 22nd inst., being a few days later than was expected.

Prince Hassan, son of the Khedive, arrived in London on Sunday evening, and is staying at 85, Lancaster-gate.

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.—The Rev. George C. Bell, Head Master of Christ's Hospital, and late Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, was yesterday unanimously elected Master of Marlborough College, in place of Dr. Farrar, now Canon of Westminster.

BRO. CAPTAIN WEBB, the "Hero of the Channel," as he is now popularly styled, appeared at St. James's Hall on Saturday, in what was probably a new experience to him, viz., the character as a lecturer. The lecture was upon swimming in general, and the great swim across the Channel in particular, and with it, as his stock in trade, Bro. Webb means to visit most of the provincial towns of England.

Bro. A. Tisley has been appointed Vestry Clerk of St. Dunstan's in the West, in the place of his father, who has resigned through ill health.

A report of the consecration of the Hamer Chapter, No. 1393, will appear in our next.

The Countess of Zetland gave birth to a son and heir at her town house in Arlington-street, on Sunday. The infant takes the title of Lord Dundas.

Obituary.

BRO. COL. A. B. RICHARDS

We regret to announce that Bro. Col. A. B. Richards died on Monday night after a protracted illness. The deceased gentleman was the author of several dramatic productions, and had for some years occupied the post of editor of the "Morning Advertiser." Having taken an active part in the early stages of the volunteer movement, he remained a consistent supporter of the claims of our citizen soldiers.

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A Second Edition of the "Freemason" will be published at nine o'clock on Saturday morning, containing a full report of the proceedings at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxford, at which His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Provincial Grand Master of Oxford, will preside.

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A special report of the entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, too late for this week, will appear in our next.

M.M.—With reference to the book you mention, write to the Editor, with name.

BRO. BURDETT YEOMAN.—In our next; unavoidably crowded out.

New Masonic Hall at Sheffield, and laying a foundation stone at Gibraltar, in our next.

"A P.M." is thanked for advice, which is no doubt well intended, but the Editor has "other fish to fry."

The following also stand over:—Hartington Lodge, Derby; Gilbert Greenall Lodge, Warrington; Rose of Denmark Chapter, Lodge St. Barchan, 156 S.E.; Consecration of Torbay Lodge.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

ADDISON.—On the 10th inst., at Manchester, the wife of J. Addison, Esq., of a daughter.

BAKER.—On the 11th inst., at Owlets, Cobham, Kent, the wife of T. H. Baker, Esq., of a son.

BARRETT.—On the 12th inst., at Slough, Bucks, the wife of H. R. Barrett, of a daughter.

BLANEY.—On the 13th inst., the wife of Matthew H. Blaney, Esq., 62, Charing Cross, of a son.

ZETLAND.—On the 11th inst., the Countess of Zetland, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ARMSTRONG—DENTON.—On the 8th ult., at St. Mary's, Norton, William, son of W. Armstrong, Esq., of Pelaw House, Chester-le-Street, to Eva, daughter of the late J. P. Denton, Esq., J.P.

ROTTENBURG—HUTTON.—On the 8th inst., at St. Stephen's, South Dulwich, by the Rev. Canon Parrington, assisted by the Rev. J. Mees Clark, M.A., Rural Dean, Franz Johannes Rottenburg, L.L.D., Attache of the Imperial German Foreign Office, to Elizabeth Marion, second daughter of Bro. Charles W. C. Hutton, J.P., Delair, Dulwich.

DEATHS.

BALLARD.—On the 13th inst., at 3, Chapel-place, Vere-street, William Ballard, late of Bow-street, aged 84.

DENMAN.—On the 12th inst., at Norfolk-road, Dalston, Mr. James Denman, aged 74.

JACKSON.—On the 11th inst., at Slindoo, Sussex, Eleanor, wife of F. R. Jackson, Esq., aged 75.

JOHNSON.—On the 12th inst., at Epsom, Mary Ann, daughter of the late C. M. Johnson.

RICHARDS.—On the 12th inst., Bro. Col. A. B. Richards, after a long illness.

SCUDAMORE.—On the 12th inst., at Bessborough-gardens, S.W., Mr. Thomas Scudamore, in his 68th year.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1876.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The greatest enemies of the "Freemason" cannot accuse it of truckling to the opinions of one or many. It has from the first hour of its existence been most independent in tone and temper, in thought and utterance, and perhaps that is the very reason, a good reason—by the way—why it has received so much kindly and general support from the Craft at home and abroad. If brethren do not agree with its expressed sentiments, at any rate they know well that such openly avowed opinions are both original and independent, based on deliberate convictions, and animated by proper independence. We still shall have, we trust, to-day, full credit with our numerous readers for simple honesty of utterance, for "straight running," and "plain sailing," in what we are about to say. We shall hoist no strange colours, and throw out no false signals, but shall steer a steady course. The intelligent and perspicacious reader will by this time probably have discovered that what we are going to say will not be all "couleur de rose," or please every one. Nothing, indeed, is easier than to swim with the stream, it is perhaps even, humanly speaking, not the most unpleasant of proceedings; nothing is more convenient at times than to go with the majority. We shall all of us remember the axiom of safety at Eatanswill election, where, we believe, it was the poetic Snodgrass's view of matters that if there are two mobs shout with the largest. But then such an accommodating disposition is often purchased at a high price, viz., the complete loss of manly independence. So we prefer to stick to our own old colours, on which the motto, "honest and free opinion," is inscribed, leaving both the words we use and the arguments we bring forward, to the kindly and fraternal criticism of an indulgent but appreciating Masonic public. Nothing, in our opinion, is so detrimental to the character of the press, Masonic or profane, as any mere yieldings to passing delusions or unreasoning majorities; nothing so sad as to note too often the complacency of writers and speakers, who go with the popular current, and fancy that they form the views of the majority. At such a time all that the serious and thinking can do is to lament over that insufferable and inflated egotism, which seems to cry out in stentorian tones see "how we apples swim." So they may, pro tem, but, after all, what a contemptible bobbing up and down it is! After this high-flown exordium, need we say that we do not agree with the result of the last Quarterly Communication, nay, that we rather think it a matter for much concern. With all deference to Grand Lodge, and with all respect to the speakers and voters for the amendment, we venture to express our very great regret that Bro. Havers's seasonable resolution was not carried, and that the amendment was. We venture even to think, that in coming to the decision it did Grand Lodge acted somewhat hastily and impulsively, led away by mistaken appeals, "at Lathomos," on grounds we equally venture to consider illogical. We cannot help feeling strongly that the whole question was decided on an incorrect issue, and that the line of argument, as against Bro. Havers's motion, was very defective in all its premises. For, as we read the speeches of the orators we find, according to our comprehension, which we admit is limited, that the simple and straightforward resolution of the Past Junior Grand Warden was met by considerations of sectarian feeling and very limited views of Masonic benevolence, which ought never even to have been glanced at in Grand Lodge, and appeals were made to severances and sensibilities which ought never to have been invoked at all. The difference, for instance, as between Christian and Hebrew brethren in respect of a supposed denominationalism ought never to have been dwelt upon for one moment, and we feel sure of this, that our worthy Hebrew brethren, good Masons as they are, will not the least feel thankful to those who

in their nervous anxiety came forward as it were to protect their rights and to claim their votes. For the motion was not, and never was intended in any way, as a denominational one. That the two cathedrals selected for aid belonged to a Christian body of religionists is most undoubtedly true, but it was not proposed that they should receive the support of Grand Lodge on denominational grounds but on Masonic ones, because they appealed to the "sentiment" and memories of Freemasons. The gift was proposed as a Masonic gift, as a grateful recognition to a kind Providence, which has brought our Grand Master safe and sound back to us and to old England, and it was based on Masonic principles alone, just as it was in our opinion sanctioned by Masonic teaching, and archaeological souvenirs. It may seem to some that the distinction we have just laid down is without a difference, that it is rather special pleading. But it is not so, the difference between the two positions being very real and distinct, and we may add, very wide indeed. We always deeply deplore the appeal to anything like the intolerance of sectarianism in our peaceful and liberal-minded Order. Bro. Havers's whole Masonic career has been one of unflinching and unwavering maintenance of absolute toleration; and he was not à priori likely to suggest any denominational preferences; and, as we know that he based his proposal on Masonic grounds, and Masonic association alone, we do much regret, we venture to repeat, that anything like the "tocsin" of religious differences should have been rung in the slightest degree within the uncontroversial arena of Grand Lodge. The proposal was either good or bad per se, and in our opinion should have been met solely on the ground of inexpediency, if at all. We can quite understand brethren objecting to the vote, on the principle that Masonic funds were meant for Masonic purposes alone, but such an argument could not be put forward in the face of a recent grant for £100 for the exploration of Palestine, which, though in our opinion reasonable and proper, was not practically defensible on such grounds. We are all aware that there was a second openly professed ground of resistance to the resolution, and we confess that the second reason was, and is, as distasteful to ourselves. We have always objected to that narrow view of many, that Masonic benevolence is meant only for Freemasons. When, then, one of the grounds openly put forward was that something might be better done for the Asylum or the Boys' School, we certainly think it well to point out to-day that such is not the most elevated view of our Masonic responsibilities. We have always felt that there was a certain amount of truth in the popular objection that Masonic benevolence had somewhat of selfishness about it if you confined the liberality of the Order to Masons alone. Primarily, of course we are bound to do so, but, as it appears to us, there are occasions from time to time, when by a large-hearted munificence and liberal sympathy, we are to evince our good will towards humanity at large, towards religion, towards local distress, towards national objects, towards aesthetic improvements, and we will add, towards church restoration. The argument that we ought to do something specially for our Masonic charities does not exclude the propriety of doing something for something else, which the Grand Lodge might approve of, and which as Freemasons we ought to feel it to be our duty to do. It is a great pity, we think, that as before the outer world just now, Grand Lodge should, by its vote, seem to endorse any such, in our opinion, narrow-minded view in respect of Masonic charity. It is in fact so great a limitation of Masonic benevolence, as to reduce it to the mere donations of a benefit order. That such is a popular way of looking at the matter among Masons just now is, we fear, the case, but that fact does not make it any more the truth, or creditable to Freemasons or Freemasonry. We have the matter here to-day. We trust that all our brethren will believe that in writing as we do we write both conscientiously and carefully. We have measured our words, and we feel it to be our duty to give full scope to our own honest convictions. They

may not chime in with the views of some of our good brethren, but unless ours was an untrue utterance of deliberate conviction, unless we were to write to order, and to please either a majority or a minority, which we do not, we must frankly say what we really feel and believe. We always welcome free discussion in the pages of the "Freemason," within proper limits, but we have a right to claim for ourselves, alike freedom of expression, and honesty of purpose. We feel strongly that a good opportunity of doing a very handsome thing properly and gracefully has been allowed to slip away unimproved. The only effect of the amendment has been "to hang things up," as they say, until September, as the resolution will have to be confirmed, and some provisions made for the appointment of a committee by somebody, which at present is "in nubibus." Then in our opinion the movement, as a movement of the Craft, will be too late, the proposal will come with a halting grace, and perhaps the best solution of all now, for this difficulty, as perhaps the "dignus vindice modus" will be simply to confine the resolution to a record of our grateful thanks for our beloved Grand Master's safe return. We must consider our Grand Master in the matter more than anything else, more than some of us have done, more than any question even of the triumph of particular views, or above all of a successful amendment.

MASONIC NARROW-MINDEDNESS.

We all of us sadly remember, and as sadly experience day by day, amid the cares which harass, or the treacheries which betray, how most imperfect and disappointing everything is of earth. For some reason or other it is a truth, however, which we hardly like to realise. And yet too surely and too plainly it is so. Often, like children with their fairy tales, we surround our "Chateaux en Espagne," and all the adjacent country with glowing shadows, with a roseate hue. All is fair and pleasant to the sight; we listen to the voices of songsters which fill the fairy groves, we inhale the perfume of odorous flowers which lift up their heads in many a gay parterre. All is full to us of life and light, and brightness and bloom, there seems to be for us no possible change, there loom for us no dark clouds in the distant horizon. Alas, in the early morn the shadows have been swept away while the dew is on the grass, and the grey tints around us warn us of the approach of day. The fairy fabric has crumbled into nothingness, gone from us for ever, and no trace of it remains. We see nothing but the misty and dingy moorland before our very eyes. Life has indeed come to us with its trials in the family, its worries abroad, its public annoyances, and its private griefs, and we most of us have a ghost in the cupboard which we lock up, as we think, safely at home. Such is the world for us and ours in which we live to day, and such will it, such must it be always here. Neither time, nor chance, nor civilization, nor education, nor public opinion, nor anything else, can affect, or alter this way of the world. Such as it has been, such it is, and such it will be, until this earth of ours has fulfilled its weird, and its pomp and pleasures, and show and sorrows, all are forgotten among the things which were, in a "long ago" never to return. Now, amid some of the imperfections of this earthly lot of ours, some of the "petites misères de la vie humaine," narrow-mindedness is, though very prevalent, most annoying. We see it in many ways and things, and it always appears to us as the veriest parody alike on our professions of humanity, our claims for sympathy, and our "outcome" of civilization. As a general rule, narrow-minded people, and we know a "bonny lot" of them, are the greatest of bores. To use a familiar expression, they never "look beyond" their "noses," and most ungenial companions, and unsympathetic associates they are. They try and judge everything here by the one unfailing standard of their own narrow-mindedness, which is simply the sublimation of the personal ergo, the embodiment of concentrated selfishness, in opinion, in policy, and in practice. Nothing here now seems to go down with them, which does not accord with their canon of supreme and overpowering nar-

row-mindedness. Their rule of life, their expression of opinion, is always consistent in this respect. They will not look beyond the "narrow limits" of their own subjective sympathies, and the consequence is that on all occasions, public or private, they betray a narrow-mindedness which is most conspicuous, which almost always leads to pettiness of aim, and seems to sanction grovelling motives of action; and is fashioned into exclusiveness and pharasaism, and ends in callousness and intolerance. We have met many narrow-minded persons in our life, and hopeless and unpractical they are in every relation of earth. They stop all improvements, they resist all reforms, they are obstructives, A. I. copper-bottomed at Lloyd's, (see the log of the Water Lily), and everything has to be meted out and regulated on secondary principles according to their narrow-minded view of things, persons, and events. Most hard, intolerant, and unsympathetic they ever are. They always prove themselves narrow-minded in their narrow-mindedness, whether in the "Forum" or in matters of business, surrounded by a family circle, or taking part in the affairs of men. Now narrow-mindedness in Freemasonry would seem to be impossible, and yet, even in Freemasonry, and among Freemasons, it can be found. It is strange that it should be so, but so it is, though most inconsistent with the enlarged principle of thought and practice we Freemasons profess before men. There are many Freemasons who look on Freemasonry, not as a means to a great end, high aims, and noble effects, but as a means to itself, a means for themselves. They boldly avow a narrow minded opinion in all such matters. Freemasonry was intended for Freemasons, Freemasonry was not intended for the many, but for the few, Freemasonry ought to keep its good things for its own members, Freemasonry is not meant to be too elevated, either in teaching or practice. For them all appeals either to first principles, or more sympathetic aspirations is looked upon as moonshine and humbug. Freemasonry is only to be valued for what it is to them. It has pleasant gatherings, good banquets, agreeable re-unions, a certain amount of charitable activity, but not too much, all is as well as can be, what more does anyone want? Well, we certainly always prefer "optimists" to "pessimists" in this life, but we object very much to that far too common view of matters, which in its own narrow-mindedness, condemns the efforts and longings of those, who believing in Freemasonry, seek to raise it to the proper sense, and discharge of its goodly mission. Of course if Freemasons do not believe in Freemasonry "cedit questio," you can do nothing with them. They are too narrow-minded to bear the light, they will never admit that they are in the wrong, or never move out of their "jog trot." For them Freemasonry means something quite different from what it means to the ardent and the earnest, but so it is, and nothing any one can say will mend matters, or change the situation. We always deplore narrow-mindedness in things Masonic because Freemasonry is to us the epitome of all that is liberal, tolerant, large-hearted, and generous. It condemns with no uncertain voice the hateful differences and the petty disputes which often warp the minds and conscience of living men until they become narrow-minded, bigoted, intolerant, persecuting, unbelieving in their time and generation. Freemasonry would inculcate a higher morality and unfold a nobler lore. It would lead us all, be who we may, to uphold the right and maintain the true, not in narrow-minded persecutors, but because they are to us simply the right and the true. Freemasonry would tell us all "be just and fear not," never allow the tumult of passion, or the violence of party, to blind your eyes to what is good and true in others, to the nobler and more exalting, sentiments of our warring humanity. Above all, do not be narrow-minded. Freemasonry would urge you to take a large liberal enlightened view of men and things, and never by word or action, as Freemasons, proclaim to any one, that your governing rule of life is a narrow-mindedness which nothing can enlarge, a grovelling idea of Freemasonry itself, which is fatal to your very profession as a Freemason, and is destructive of the great and

glorious principles of our tolerant and enlightened brotherhood.

AN ULTRAMONTANE INSULT TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The "Times" of June 13th publishes from its own correspondent at Cadiz, by telegram, among other items of intelligence, which we take "verbatim et literatim" from our august contemporary, the following startling passage:—"In Cadiz and Cordova the fact that the Bishop of Cadiz having, at a public dinner, alluded to the Prince of Wales as 'the Herejote,' or Great Heretic, excites much discussion and disgust." We are glad to find that the good sense of the Spanish people revolts from the vulgarity and rowdyism and intolerable impertinence of the Ultramontane party. Let us conceive what the state of feeling would be in England if some exalted prelate, "plenus veteris Bacchi," were to venture in the excess of his ultramontane ardour thus to insult the Prince of Wales. We do not think that such a thing could happen in England, but there is really no knowing to what lengths the "insanis Ira" of the Ultramontanes will not lead them now. They seem to be perfectly unmanagable. It has become a very serious matter indeed for all thinking persons, for all who know anything of the history or teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, because all this violent "monomania" only too surely evidences that behind the flowery professions of able and agreeable persons like Monsignor Capel the ascetism of Cardinal Manning, and the earnest zeal of Bishop Ullathorne, there still is in the Roman Catholic Church the fixed persuasion that all are heretical except themselves, and that it is their duty to denounce to condemn, and to burn all such misguided persons. Will no Roman Catholic lift up his voice against these continued outrages upon all that is kind and courteous, decent and decorous, fitting and true? With many as regards the golden and fiery days of the loving Inquisition their quotation would be, "Adveniant utinam sic mihi sæpe dies." But when to this, what we fear is the fact, we superadd the intense virulence and we may say brutality of the ignorant, the perverse, and the fanatic, it becomes indeed both a very alarming question and a very mournful lookout, alike for civilization and for Christianity—for religion and for humanity.

THE EAST.

The news from the East is still conflicting and dubious. The medical profession in England seems to be somewhat sceptical, and somewhat justly, we think, as to the unsatisfactory account of the nineteen medical men and their professional accuracy in this special case. No doubt many of the surroundings are full of doubt, fear, and mystery, but still on the whole the balance of probabilities is in favour of the hypothesis, that Abdul Aziz committed suicide. We can hardly believe that two English medical men, or, indeed, any medical men at all, would for any reason of state, or other cause, have put their names to a lying document in the face of the whole civilized world, or that of Abdul Aziz had been cruelly and shamefully murdered, this truth would not have leaked out by this time. We do not deny that some of the "surroundings" of the case are very unsatisfactory and suspicious, but Midhat Pasha, and those who are honestly seeking to reform and preserve the Turkish Empire, if they have yielded to the temptation of violently removing an uneasy rival to the new Sultan could have taken no worse course for Turkey or for themselves. At this present era, such a fact, if substantiated, would be looked upon with universal abhorrence, and would be the forerunner in our humble opinion of the downfall of Turkey in Europe. But we lean to the belief, on the whole, that the medical account is true per se, despite some not unreasonable objections in this country as the hurried nature of the enquiry would arise to a great extent from the peculiarities of Turkish feelings and institutions on the subject of "post mortem" examination for instance and the like. Let us hope then that peace may be preserved, and that all [those] "rumours", of

war may pass away, so that the Turkish Government may have every facility accorded to them, of endeavouring to prop up a "sinking state," and to bring order into the unfortunate condition of these financial affairs, and above all to recognize the claims of the unfortunate Turkish bondholders. Under the careful provisions of a constitutional régime Turkey may be able perhaps to "weather the storm," and we in England, as citizens of the world as well as Freemasons, must applaud the efforts of all who honestly seek to give security to property, and the sanctions of law and good government to all alike, and above all, to enforce the principles of toleration, amid the very contrasted classes and religions of the inhabitants of Turkey. We do not however, write as politicians, but as Freemasons, anxious for peace, and liberty of thought and conscience, and the happy progress of civilization, order, law. The most recent accounts from Turkey in the "Times" of Monday and Tuesday seems fully to bear out our view of the question, the "Times" notes that many disquieting rumours are going abroad. We will add, that despite some uneasy feeling on the matter, we believe the character of the present ruler, and of his constitutional advisers is too high to warrant even a suspicion of unfair play. The unfortunate Abdul Aziz seems deliberately to have put an end to his own life, and was, as the "Times" says, "Felo de Se." The translations of the medical report of the "inquest," such as it was, is, in our opinion, decisive of the case, as the medical men who have signed that remarkable document (in another column), are many of them of the highest professional skill and most honourable character. Medical men have always a very high sense of the responsibility of truth. We may add that the account of "Our Own Correspondent" in the "Times" of Monday is a very sad "romance of the harem," indeed.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The whole proceedings in reference to the opposition to my motion in Grand Lodge on Wednesday last are so utterly incomprehensible to me that I think it right to place the following facts before my brethren:—

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson wrote to me some little time ago, asking me my opinion as to the propriety of holding a thanksgiving service at St. Paul's, strongly urging it, and adding that if I thought well of it he would be glad if I would bring it forward.

I wrote him in reply, telling him of the objections I saw to it, and sending him a copy of the notice of motion I had given.

All who were present in Grand Lodge will remember that he led the opposition to my motion, and at once withdrew his own. All will remember how earnestly, and even solemnly, he denounced my motion; how it was wrong in principle; how it would strike a great blow at Freemasonry, and open the door to worse things, and how painful it was to him as a clergyman of the Church to be obliged to sacrifice his feelings to his principles.

I shall hardly need to say that I heard this statement with amazement when I knew that he had expressed the very reverse opinion to me, when I held in my possession a letter from him, addressed to me and dated 23rd May (the day before the meeting of the Board of Masters), in which, after replying to some of my objections, he thanks me for sending him a copy of my notice of motion, adds that he prefers his own, and then concludes his letter thus:—

"Your plan is an admirable one *per se*, but I venture to say it is not so apposite to the occasion as the one I propose. It wants that *personal and living* element which I think should (sic) an occasion possess. A mere resolution, and confined to Grand Lodge, would scarcely embody the feeling of the whole Craft. Let me add that I rather question how far donations to two churches would meet with universal acceptance. I like the idea very much from my standpoint, but I do not think it sufficiently linked with this occasion. I am going to propose £1000 from Grand Lodge, together with the offerings at St. Paul's, for such charitable object in India as the G.M. may recommend. Ever fraternally yours, R. J. SIMPSON."

I make no comments on this: here are the facts. I leave others to judge of them.

Permit me to say that I feel the most intense feeling of regret at the result of last Wednesday's discussion, not mere personal mortification at my defeat, for I would ten times rather have my defeat than gain such a victory as Bro. Simpson gained, but an intense feeling of sorrow and regret that a majority of the brethren present should have placed Grand Lodge in such a position. Had I thought it possible that my motion would not have been carried by a very large majority, nothing on earth would have induced me to bring it forward. My regard for the Craft I

have so long served, and my respect for our Grand Master, would alike have prevented me.

I regret that a great opportunity has been marred, and in my opinion a fatal mistake made, a mistake which I venture to think will lower us in the estimation of the world. The outside world will naturally say, These Freemasons boast of their traditions, and of their large-heartedness, but you see they are careful to confine their bounty within their own boundary, because to give a thank offering to their own charities is very like taking from one pocket to put into another. The Masonic world (at least the thoughtful amongst them) will say, giving money (except under unusual necessity) from the Fund of General Purposes to the charities is merely taking from the general funds that which ought to come from individual pockets. When we consider what has been done by our provincial brethren in the restoration of churches and cathedrals in Gloucester, in Durham and Worcester, at St. Mary Redcliffe, in Cheshire, in Warwickshire, and in other places, I cannot but feel that they have given a bright example to us, and have shown that they are far above the unworthy prejudices which seem to have guided Grand Lodge on Wednesday last.

I must notice another point, because I think that an injustice was (doubtless unwittingly) done to a worthy class of brethren. I do not know the name of the brother who urged in objection to my resolution that our Jewish brethren would complain of such a grant as that I proposed. I did not contradict this at the moment. I thought that the brother might have some grounds to go upon, but from enquiry I have since made I am strongly of opinion that our Hebrew brethren would utterly disclaim any such objection.

Yours fraternally,
12th June, 1876.

JOHN HAVERS, P.G.W.

P.S.—I observe that in the daily papers I am reported to have said that we have an income for General Purposes of £6000 a year. What I did say was that after defraying all expenses our *surplus* amounted to nearly £6000 a year.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There are one or two little omissions in your report of my remarks in Grand Lodge which might lead to misapprehension, and which I am sure you will allow me to supply.

I withdrew my motion in reference to the public thanksgiving at St. Paul's on the ground that there was no prospect of it being carried *unanimously*, and that such an act, if performed, should be the result of an undivided vote.

I have reason to believe that that part of my motion would have been carried by a *large majority*.

I wish to add that, as far as I was concerned, I contemplated no procession in the streets, nor even in the Cathedral, nor the wearing of Masonic clothing; and yet this was the only argument I heard raised against the proposal. I cannot but feel that we have lost a grand and legitimate opportunity of vindicating the character and asserting the dignity of Freemasonry. I was much pained to have been compelled to oppose the latter part of Bro. Havers' motion, but I sincerely trust now that the feeling of Grand Lodge has been so unmistakably expressed, he, as well as other distinguished and zealous Masons above and below the dais, may well and truly try to find some object at once useful and appropriate by which the event which has so gladdened all our hearts and called forth our thankfulness may be commemorated, and this with unanimity and concord. Your correspondent "C. S." did well to conceal his name, as he has yet to learn that "Charity that thinketh no evil," either of clergymen or laymen. I think he will now acquit me of being too "clerical" or "obsequious." Let us all try and appreciate each other's motives, and, if occasion call for it, never shrink from expressing our opinions on any public question with fearless independence, and yet with temperance and charity.

Your leading article in the "Freemason" of the week before last on the proposals before Grand Lodge was a good sample of this.

I did not agree in the conclusions you drew, but I much admired the Masonic spirit with which your argument was expressed.

I propose to lay the names of the Special Committee before Grand Lodge in September.

I am, yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any one tell me what our worthy Bro. Binckes means when he says that some of the builders of churches were "irreligious persons?" What also, I would ask, had such an argument to do with the matter? I have got a sort of idea that I understand what my energetic brother was driving at in such a remarkable archaeological statement, but as I do not feel quite sure I shall be glad if any competent brother will throw light upon the matter.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN JONES, M.M.
X his mark.

CORRECT MASONRY.—WHAT IS IT?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your columns of the 10th inst. appears a report of the meeting on June 2nd of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, at Peterborough, with an intimation that the said meeting afforded an opportunity for laying the foundation stone of the new aisle which is to be added to the church of St. Mary in that city. After the usual ritual, and applications attendant upon laying a foundation stone, it was pronounced, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy

Ghost, well and truly laid. Being comparatively a young Mason, I venture to ask for light upon that portion of the ceremony, which, in a universal form, is foreign to our Order, viz., the invocation of the Trinity. I myself, apart from our Order (be it distinctly understood) acknowledge the unity in trinity, and the trinity in unity; but there are many who range under our banners who reject it altogether, but who, on account of the grand formation of our Craft, are not excluded from our Order, provided they believe in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality. The idea, therefore, that arises in my mind is that nothing but what is strictly in accordance with universal Masonry, should be recognized at any Masonic ceremony, as we are taught that Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. Doubtless all those who were present at the laying of the stone could acknowledge the trinity, but from my limited knowledge I am led to suppose that all Masonic deeds should be unsectarian, and not merely carried out in behalf of those actually engaged, but for and in the name of the whole Masonic family, spread over the whole of the inhabitable globe, some of whom differ as to the existence of the Trinity, but who, one and all, believe in God, the Great Architect of the Universe.

Fraternally yours,

J.E.L., 78, 1458.

Manchester, June, 12th, 1876.

MASONIC REPORTS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have for nine years been a member of the Masonic Order, have passed one chair, and now occupy that of my mother lodge. I have often read the "Freemason," but not lately, for I deemed it full of the ritual of the Craft. I bought, however, the last number of your paper, to read the proceedings of G.L., and to my great delight I perceived an article written (I suppose by you as editor) saying that "for some time we have eschewed giving the minutæ of the ritualism, and that the paper will continue that course with regard to the ritual of Freemasonry." I must confess that I think your correspondents have given far more extracts of the ritual than the reporters. I am very pleased that you only mean to give general accounts of the meetings of lodges, and the speeches at the banquets. I hope you will proceed also to refuse any correspondence containing portions of the ritual which all good Masons wish to keep secret. I thank the author of this article (especially if it be yourself). It will, I am sure, increase the sale of your journal better than if it had continued the course formerly taken as to quotations from the ritual which alarmed all good Masons.

Yours truly,

WM. H. KINDON,

GREAT PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE AND HIGH DEGREES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I heartily agree with my good friend Bro. Fendlow that it is a great pity full reports of Great Priory, the Royal Order of Scotland, and A. and A. Rite do not appear in the "Freemason." There are numbers like myself who take a warm interest in these degrees and orders, and yet are precluded often from attending the meetings. Every good Mason, in the provinces at all events, sees the "Freemason," if he does not take it, and we think it a great mistake on the part of the powers that be when no account appears of important meetings in London, which if they occurred anywhere else would be amply reported in the provincial newspapers.

I think, except under very unusual circumstances, Masonic meetings should not appear in provincial papers; but the "Freemason" is the organ of the fraternity at large, and in it all degrees and orders connected with Masonry should be represented.

Trusting that our good friends in Chancery-lane and Golden-square will take the hint,

I am, &c.,

EMMA HOLMES.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observed that you published in the "Freemason" of a few weeks' back a communication relating to Ancient and Primitive Masonry.

Could you or any of your readers answer the following questions:—

1. Are there any lodges or other bodies now working the rite in this country?
2. Is any book of constitutions or list of members published, and if so where can they be obtained?
3. Is it forbidden to members of the A. and A. Rite to practise Ancient and Primitive Masonry?

I should be much obliged if you would insert this in your paper.

I enclose my name, but not for publication.

Yours truly and fraternally,

"PANACHE."

NEW LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Since the publication of the "Masonic Calendar" there have been about thirty-five new warrants granted for Craft Lodges. Would you kindly give a list of them in the "Freemason" for the benefit of the brethren?

Yours fraternally,

H. T. B.

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CONSECRATION OF THE LEWIS CHAPTER,
NO. 1185.

A new chapter was consecrated on Saturday last at the King's Arms, Wood Green. The chapter is attached to the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, and bears that name and number. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E. (who consecrated the Lewis Lodge nine years ago). He was assisted by Comp. A. A. Richards, who took the chair of H.; Comp. James Terry, who took the chair of J.; Comp. the Rev. C. J. Ridgway, of Buckhurst Hill, who acted as Chap.; Comp. Dr. Basil Ringrose, S.E.; Comp. H. G. Buss, as D.C.; and the following companions:—Arthur Leared, G. J. Row, Alfred Durrant, George Newman, J. Berric, Samuel May, C. T. Speight, F. Binckes, Raynham W. Stewart, J. Rawes, T. Vesper, W. Worrell, W. Morgan, H. T. Thompson, H. Garrod, Seymour Smith, H. Massey ("Freemason"); Taylor, S. J. Reynolds, and Power. Comp. W. Worrell presided at the organ, and Comp. Seymour Smith led. After chapter had been opened, and Comp. Hervey had addressed the companions present on the nature of their meeting, the other portions of the ceremony were gone through up to the point where the Chaplain delivers the oration. Comp. Hervey then called on the Rev. C. J. Ridgway to perform this office, which the Rev. Companion did as follows:—

M.E.Z., Principals, and Companions. The beautiful ceremony prescribed to be used at the consecration of a new lodge or chapter includes as a prominent feature an oration on the merits of Freemasonry. We should be doing the wisdom of our ancient brethren who devised this ceremony a great injustice if we supposed that this was meant to be confined to an eulogism on the system or on those who profess it. The former is unnecessary, for the science of Freemasonry speaks for itself; neither would the latter be congenial to its spirit, for the practice of Freemasonry carries with it its own reward to those who practise it aright, and they value not the praise or flattery of men. The purpose of an oration has a higher and a nobler aim, for as every human institution is liable to be deteriorated and corrupted by the wear and tear of ages, it is intended to carry the mind back to the first principles of the Order, to trace the stream of Freemasonry through the quicksands which beset its course, to clear away the rocks and shoals which time has accumulated until we reach the clear pellucid fountain from which flow the pure and crystal waters of charity, morality, and justice. It is intended to enforce on the members of every new chapter that they are to guard its landmarks with zealous care, and to extend its principles with unflinching, self-denying zeal. Such is, I believe, the object of this prescribed oration; and I could only wish that I had power of language sufficient to enforce upon you the importance of exercising this care. I pray you to remember that on you is thrown the responsibility of evincing to the Craft at large that the confidence placed in you by the Supreme Grand Chapter has not been misplaced. I trust you will never forget that this chapter should be so conducted as to improve the quality of Freemasonry rather than to increase the numbers of professing Freemasons; above all that it may be a great centre for the diffusion of brotherly love, relief, and truth; in brotherly love, as shewn in mutual forbearance and forgiveness, mutual aid and sympathy, joy in a companion's joy, and grief in a companion's grief, relief of his wants, freely and ungrudgingly given, relief not only to his bodily but to his mental wants, relief not only to himself but to those who are nearest and dearest to him, in the persons of his widow and his orphans; and above all, that the hand of a brother given to a brother Mason should be the sure pledge of brotherhood; ay, and when given to any of the outer world should be received as an obligation binding as any the law of man could devise, because given by a Mason. Above all, let charity and benevolence be your motto, words tending to the same end, but by different means; charity to give when you have the power, to every one of your fellow creatures in the hour of their need, and his handmaid, benevolence, to wish well to, and to strive well for every good cause, even when, as in the apostle's case, "silver and gold we have none" to give. Remember that the noblest instinct of man, his noblest attribute, is labour, to work through the morn, to work through the noon, to work through the evening of life, until "the night cometh when no man can work." And what man is in muscular life, he should be in the higher domain of spiritual life. The highest and most complete state of man, which his nature most longs for, and in which it fulfils its most sublime instinct, is work, bodily and intellectual, leading up to moral and religious work. For as the race began with an outward paradise which, being lost, many yet offer the type of a higher paradise to be gained, so each individual life begins with muscular life, that passing through the hard struggles of work, in which body, mind, and soul are alike engaged, it may carry its ideal with it, and emerge at last into a state of inspired liberty and spontaneous beauty. It may be a gigantic task that which has been sketched out for us by the wisdom and self-denial of our forefathers in the Order; but if any of the objects of human activity are worth living for at all—if on the whole it is not the highest wisdom to say, "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die"—it is impossible to imagine a nobler or more stirring object of ambition, a cause for which a man could with more complete satisfaction, or in which he would be sure to meet with a fuller or purer reward, and to which he could devote all the energies of his life as a Mason, than to carry out to their limit the principles inculcated by Freemasonry. Let each in his own sphere, each according to the talents with which God has endowed him, take up his share of the work which lies at his door waiting to be done. There is work for all; and if Masons would but do the work which they should do, then would they be fulfilling indeed what they

had undertaken in the First and Second Degrees to perform. Then of them it would be said, and if deserved, how sweet would it be to hear said, "When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, then it gave witness to me; because I relieved the poor that cried, and the fatherless and him that had none to help him; the blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy." God imposes on us serious duties; we must struggle in the interests of humanity against the strong when they abuse their strength, and against the powerful when they abuse their power. From time to time the struggle is interrupted to contemplate its fruits—the oppressed delivered from the tyrant, the poverty or disease stricken man snatched from the abyss of want and sent forthwith rejoicing on a new career of life; the widow encouraged, protected, and supported when she believed she was forsaken by all the world; the orphan once wan and emaciated now lighted up and rosy in the splendid dawn of its young life. Thus do we pass from indignation to tenderness, and we understand the aim of life. Then may we thank God, who, giving us the task to combat the powerful and wicked, gives us also to succour the innocent and the feeble, and who, side by side with the grave duties of life has placed the cheerful ones, the latter to uphold the former. The man who so understands and practises Freemasonry, is a better Mason and better acquainted with its symbolical teachings than he who, having taken every degree under the sun, has never carried into everyday life the principles and teachings which Freemasonry has perpetually enjoined upon him. He is a Mason who can, and he is not a Mason who cannot,

"Gasp the whole world of reason, life, and sense
In one close system of benevolence;
Happier, as feeling, in whate'er degree,
The height of bliss in height of charity."

The ceremony of consecration and dedication of the Lewis Chapter was then completed, and the installation of the Principals and induction of the Officers commenced. At the installation of the Principals there were no less than 15 installed Principals present.

Comp. James Terry first installed Comps. Leared, Row, and Durrant in the J. chair; afterwards installing Comps. Leared and Row in the H. chair.

Comp. Hervey then installed Comp. Leared as Z., and the other companions were then admitted, and Comp. Dr. Basil Ringrose was appointed S.E.; Comp. George Newman, S.N.; Comp. J. Berric, P.S.; Comp. Samuel May, P.Z., Treas.; and Comp. C. T. Speight, Janitor.

The Chapter voted thanks to Comps. Hervey, Richards, Terry, Buss, and Ridgway for consecrating and assisting in the consecration of the chapter, of which they were then elected honorary members. Comp. Samuel May informed them that they would always be welcome whenever they would honour the chapter with their presence.

Comp. Hervey, in acknowledging the compliment for himself and the other companions, said it had given them all much pleasure to attend and launch a new chapter. They wished the Principals and companions health and strength to carry out the arduous duties that were in preparation for them during the ensuing year, and at the same time they wished every success to the chapter.

The Principal Sojourner proposed Comp. Grabham as a joining member, and Comp. Treasurer proposed 24 brethren for exaltation.

Comps. H. T. Thompson and Jones, 583, were also proposed as joining members, and there being no further business on hand the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts followed.

Comp. Raynham W. Stewart, in responding for "The Grand Officers," said that he as well as several of the other companions present had the honour of attending the consecration of the Lewis Lodge by Comp. Hervey, and he wished the same success to the chapter as had been the good fortune of the lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Comp. Leared said that Comp. Hervey was the oldest Mason in the room, but for all that he hoped they would frequently see him for many years at their meetings. He expressed the same wish with respect to the other companions who had assisted Comp. Hervey.

Comp. Hervey replied, and said that as the shades of evening were closing round them he would best consult the wishes of the companions by being brief. Comp. Leared had begun his speech rather ominously by alluding to him as the oldest companion in the chapter. Whether he meant it as a compliment or as a reproach he did not know, but he did not for one moment think he meant it as a reproach. Certainly, it was a very questionable compliment. (Laughter.) But whether he was the oldest or the youngest he was none the less grateful to the M.E.Z. and the companions for the toast. Returning thanks for himself and the older consecrating officers, he might say that if the little service they had been able to perform had been satisfactory it was ample reward for any trouble they had taken. Speaking for himself, if it had not been for the good support he had received from Comp. Terry and the other companions he did not know where he would have been. He was afraid he should have been not only the oldest man but the most incapable. However, a combination of forces had existed, and they had all contributed their mite to make the ceremony go off well. For this he thanked the companions who had assisted him, and all the companions who had taken part in the ceremony. There was now something else for him to do than to respond for the toast. He had to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z.," because there was no authorised officer at the consecration of a chapter to do it. He therefore proposed the toast, and coupled with it "Success to the New Chapter." The companions present were most anxious that the chapter should flourish, and that at the end of the M.E.Z.'s year he might find it in as flourishing a condi-

tion as would be gratifying to the M.E.Z. He (Comp. Hervey) was sure that the M.E.Z. and his officers would do their utmost to carry out the duties they had so solemnly engaged themselves to perform in a manner that would redound to their own credit and that of the chapter which had been inaugurated. He trusted, and felt satisfied that when they were assembled together, probably about that time twelvemonths, to celebrate the first anniversary of that chapter, there would be a good account to render of their proceedings for the year; that the M.E.Z. would retain the good health he now enjoyed, as well as the goodwill of the companions whom he had undertaken to govern for the year. The toast having been enthusiastically drunk,

Comp. Leared said that the consecration of the Lewis Chapter had been a long talked of affair. They had long tried to get it up, and at last they had done so, as he thought, with every prospect of success. That day they had been particularly fortunate. All they had to do now was not to let it die out, and as far as he was concerned he would not let it die out if he could in any way help it.

Comp. Leared next proposed "The H. and J." As they were untried companions he could not say much about them. He must wait until that day twelvemonth. All that could be done now was to drink their health, and hope they would be good officers and do their duty.

Comp. Row responded in nearly the same terms. The H. and J. were at present untried, and did not know what they could do. They were only young in Royal Arch Masonry, but he was sure they would do their utmost to fulfil their offices to the satisfaction of the chapter, and he hoped in another year there would be at least twenty-five members of the chapter.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, and Comp. Leared, in proposing it, said that Comp. Binckes, who was one of the visitors, was the first Master of the Lewis Lodge, which had been very prosperous. The augury was a good one, and he should single him out to respond. Although it was the first time he was present, he hoped it would not be the last.

Bro. Binckes replied, and said he spoke, he was sure the sentiment of every one present when he said how pleased he was to be there that evening to witness the consecration of the Lewis Chapter at Wood Green. For himself he might say it carried him back some nine years since when Comp. Leared, their good friend Comp. Hervey, their Treasurer, Comp. May, met to give "a local habitation" at Wood Green to the Lewis Lodge, which had already had a "name." He (Comp. Binckes) felt very much the honour of being its first Master. Comp. Hervey consecrated the lodge and installed him. Naturally he (Comp. Binckes) felt a great interest in this district; and when he saw sitting on the Most Excellent's right and left, occupying the positions of H. and J., companions both of whom were initiated into Freemasonry by him (Comp. Binckes) in the Lewis Lodge, he need hardly say with what pleasure he saw his youngest "children" arrive at such high dignity. Anything in connection with Freemasonry and the lodge at Wood Green must always have his utmost support and sympathy. Whatever the occasion might be he came down and renewed those old associations and very pleasurable recollections which always hung round Freemasonry. Many had questioned the possibility of the success of the lodge. That was now an established fact; and he entertained the most extreme confidence that the same success would attend the new chapter. At all events, that it might be so was his most sincere wish, and he was sure it was the wish of every companion who had had the honour of being invited to this happy ceremony.

Bro. C. R. Jones, of South Australia, also responded, and said that when a Mason got to Australia he was sure to be well received in lodges. But there was a practice prevailing there which he should much like to see here—that of having very strict examination of a brother who presented himself for admission if he was not known. It was an extremely difficult thing for a Mason to get into a lodge, and if he could not satisfactorily go through a very searching examination he was rejected. The Freemasons there did it with the view to the best interests of the Order. There were several spurious Masons about, and the portals of the lodge were closely guarded against them. None but the true Mason could gain admission, and he would like to see the same vigilance observed in this country, as it had struck him that admission to lodges here was far too easy.

The M.E.Z. having proposed "The Officers," Comp. Binckes proposed "The Charities," a toast which he thought should not be forgotten on the opening night of a new chapter, although it was not to be expected that anything practical could be done then for the institutions. He should therefore ask them for nothing more than a sentimental approval, with which he should be perfectly satisfied. He spoke with gratitude of what the Lewis Lodge had done for the charities. He begged the companions, whatever they did, never to lose sight of the charities, for on them depended at once the foundation and the keystone of the Order. He coupled with the toast the names of Comps. Durrant, J., and Terry, the former of whom would represent the Lewis Lodge on the 28th inst. at the Boys' Festival.

Comp. Durrant said that as far as he was concerned he believed in charity. It summed up a great deal of Masonic history. As representing the Lewis Lodge at the Boys' Festival, he hoped to take up a list which would be no discredit to himself or that lodge.

Comp. Terry, after regretting the absence of Comp. Little, who was away on account of ill-health, and thanking the Lewis Lodge for all which it had done for the Girls' School, thanked the Lewis Lodge for what it had done for the Benevolent Institution, of which it had enrolled itself a Vice-President. There were 240 annuitants upon the fund, taking £9000 a year from it. The Man-

agers of the institution were desirous of extending the number. The subscribers hitherto had done nobly, and the committee, endeavoured to spend the money subscribed to the best advantage. The Craft had been very liberal in their subscriptions; but he trusted that the new members of it would come and subscribe, and not leave it to the old ones entirely. Let them remember that they never would have the "Lewis" if it were not for the old men and old women; for they must come back in everything to the primary cause. They must think of the old men and old women. The Grand Master in his wisdom had in fact told them which they ought first to support by fixing the festival of the Benevolent Institution the first in the year. Comp. Terry concluded by again thanking the companions for what they had done in their capacity as brethren, and he hoped that when all the liabilities of the Lewis Chapter had ceased to flow in the companions would subscribe with a liberal hand to the institutions. (Hear, hear.)

Comp. C. T. Speight then gave the Janitor's toast, shortly after which the companions returned to town.

Reviews.

INSPIRATION, &c. By RUSSELL LOGAN, M.D.

Our brother—who was for some time officially connected with the Hospital for Consumption—has written a very valuable treatise on Inspiration, and the effects of inhalation as an active agent in pulmonary disease. When we first took up the book the word "Inspiration" seemed to us to denote one of those grave questions which as Freemasons we have no right to discuss. But on opening the work we soon found that it was a technical medical term as opposed to respiration. We have read the book with much interest, and rejoice to think how successful the curative efforts of Bro. Logan Russell have been. For there is hardly any complaint so sad in its character, so serious in its ravages in this damp cold clime of ours, as consumption. How often does it blight the hopes of youth and quench the light of life amongst us, how very frequently does it under treacherous guise sap the living forces of opening promise, and make a sad void in the domestic circle, even among those blooming flowers of ours which add such fragrance and lend such grace to the dull stern hours and heavy battle of life. Nothing appears to us to be so sad as to watch day by day, hour by hour, waning moments, and wasting strength, to note that hectic flush which is significant of danger, to realize that weakness which alas! but steadily augments, telling its own sad tale, and leading to the mournful conviction that human skill is powerless to arrest the inroads of invidious disease. We feel, then, strongly that our brother in his efforts to ward off the first approaches of this destructive malady, to mitigate its force, and to recover its sufferers from its enclosing grasp, is like a good Freemason, a benefactor to humanity. Of him may be said, as was quoted the other day, "Se faire aimer c'est être utile aux autres." We therefore cordially commend the work to all our readers, and we believe we have the honour of claiming many medical ones among them, as we think that our brother's laudable efforts and interesting little book should be as widely known and as studiously read as possible.

DAS SYSTEM DER LOGE, "BON PASTEUR." By Bro. Dr HERMANN BEIGEL, P.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, London. Winter, Praterstrasse, Vienna.

One of the most interesting and cleverly written books we have for some time perused. We thank our Bro. Beigel sincerely for it, it is a most seasonable and effective contribution to Masonic archaeology. We trust that this is not the last chip of Masonic ashlar which we shall have from his pen, and we hope also that he will pursue his studies in the great library at Vienna, and who knows on what Masonic MSS. and constitutions he may yet stumble? The MS. to which he calls attention is, it seems, No. 15, 158, on the "Hof Bibliothek" at Vienna, hitherto unknown and unedited, and contains the account and ritual of a lodge which worked under the name of "Bon Pasteur" "Dis gute Hirte" in Poland about 1766, at Warsaw and Vienna. It seems to have been in existence in 1749, and to have been then directed by the mystic J. Thoux de Salverte. In 1788 "Graf Hulsén" was at its head, and it is said to have got from the Grand Lodge of England a deputation for a Provincial Grand Lodge, and to have called itself "Sublime Orient Polonais," or "Sublimis Oriens Polonicus." An earlier lodge "Pythagoras," is asserted to have existed in 1726 at "Hoppan," and to have hailed from the Grand Orient of France. This is, however, impossible! The ritual, &c., belongs to a lodge, Bro. Beigel says, working under the "Bon Pasteur," though the name of the individual lodge is not given. This system had seven grades, and is apparently a purely mystical and, we must add, meaningless arrangement, drawing from alchemy and magic, forms and symbols equally useless and valueless. Indeed, this, like all other treatises on the subject, demonstrates how greatly those have erred who have allowed themselves to drift away from the simpler and truer teaching of Craft Masonry. Into what labyrinth of hopeless ineptitude, childish ceremonial and perverted symbolism have they not led their acolytes? In order to construct their pseudo-knightly and pseudo-mystical grades, they have had to make use of the inventive faculty in order to put together, what in many cases is nothing but a jargon of unmeaning rubbish. The affectation of theosophic lore and of abstruse speculations is only a makeshift for idle nonsense and a gaudy but utterly valueless covering for the "vain conceits" of the concoctors of many of the High Grades. This special system had, as we said before, seven distinct grades, all equally, in our opinion, meaningless and historically untrue. Whatever the object of mysticism

or any other ism may have been, we in vain ask ourselves the question to-day, cui bono? That these grades meant something is probably true; but what that something is, if anything, has yet to be clearly pointed out. It may be said that they were in themselves harmless. Well supposing we admit that they were, that does not really affect the question, or increase their value. Au contraire, we feel strongly how greatly to be deprecated is the departure from our simpler English system. We have said this because we honestly think so, and we always object alike to a "suppressio veri, or "suggestio falsi." But we quite concede to others the right of looking through different coloured spectacles, and if they like these so-called mystical grades, which to us have no mysticism about them, except "bottled moonshine," we do not venture to question their perfect liberty of thought and action, though we cannot ourselves either realize their value, or appreciate their existence. We thank Bro. Beigel for a clear and well-written statement of the facts of the case, and for a very valuable contribution to general Masonic archaeology.

W. F. A.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 23, 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, JUNE 17.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

MONDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

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.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20.

Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, 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, Canonville-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
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, JUNE 21.

Lodge 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.
Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
Rose Croix, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bldg.-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-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.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 60, Peace & Harmony, London Tav., Bishopsgate.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham.
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland, Grotto H., Twickenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull 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., Albany-rd., Dalston.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
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, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
Ranclagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday June 24, 1876.

MONDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 721, Independence, M.R., Eastgate Row, Chester.
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Brw.-in-Furness.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot.
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's, School, Kirkdale.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
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, JUNE 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23.

Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 24, 1876.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 117, St. Mary, Douglas-st., Partick.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
Chap. 150, Shettleston, M.H., Shettleston.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 39, St. John, M.H., Townhead, Kilsyth.
" 187, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.
" 573, Livingston St. Andrew, McNaughton's Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 24, 1876.

MONDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, F.M.H. George-st.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., East Register-st.
" 405, Rifle, F.M.H., George-st.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hot., Nicholson-st.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, F.M.H., George-st.

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