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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).—The brethren of this lodge met in goodly numbers on the 16th inst, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, being the first meeting for the season. The W.M., Bro. West, passed three brethren to the Second Degree, and in a most effective manner raised two brethren to the sublime degree of Master Mason. On being about to close the lodge the excellent Secretary introduced the subject of the death of Bro. Past Master Childs, who was present at the last meeting, but has gone to his rest since. Bro. Albert Driver having expressed the hope that the brethren would show their sympathy and assistance to the widow, made reference to Bro. P.M. Darley, who was present, and could speak as to the circumstances. Bro. W. Darley, on rising said that he had known Bro. Childs for the last twenty years, he knew of no man of his acquaintance who by his exemplary life, honourable career, and readiness at all times to do good, did greater honour to Masonry than did Bro. Childs; the very last act before he died was one of philanthropy, and an expression of deep solicitude for the welfare of a brother Mason. Bro. Darley expressed, also, his highest opinion of the widow of Bro. Child, as most worthy of the sympathy and support of the brethren, and whose limited means entitled her to a claim on the funds for an annuity. The brethren at once, from the Worshipful Master down, showed the most generous and Masonic sympathy for the widow, which assumed a practical form, the brethren generally expressing their regret at not being aware of the time of the funeral of Bro. Childs, having a great desire to show respect to him. Bro. Barber, J.D., especially spoke in the most affectionate terms of Bro. Childs, and was followed by the Senior and Junior Wardens, and others. Bro. P.M. Darley, of Lodge 158, Sheerness, in presenting the hearty good wishes of his lodge, expressed his admiration for the practical Masonic feeling shown to the widow of Bro. Childs, expressed the hope that they would succeed in getting her an annuity, and prayed that God would bless them and their families for the love they had shewn that night. The circumstance of Bro. Childs's death would never be effaced from his memory. Bro. Childs shewed an affectionate regard for his dear son. Both were taken ill together, died within a short time of each other, and were buried within a short time of each other, and were interred but a short distance from each other.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—Bro. David Roberts, of Lower Tottenham, has closely identified himself with Freemasonry. He is a Past Master of the High Cross Lodge, held at Tottenham, and has been Treasurer for many years. He is a life governor of most, if not all, the Masonic institutions, and takes a lively interest in everything calculated to increase their usefulness. Recently it was suggested by a member of the High Cross Lodge that it would not be out of place to show Bro. Roberts what a firm hold he had upon the affections of the members by presenting him with a testimonial. No sooner said than done; the idea was taken up warmly, and many wondered it had not been proposed long before. Wednesday evening week was fixed for the presentation, and the splendid hall at the lodge house was crowded—so full, indeed, that several friends could not be accommodated with seats at the tables. The members of the lodge mustered strongly, and visiting brethren and friends outside the Craft (the company not being strictly confined to Masons) formed a numerous body. Most of the Past Masters of the lodge were present; all the officers were in their places; and various lodges were represented, particularly Enfield and Hertford, several members of each being in attendance. Many letters of congratulation to Bro. Roberts and regrets at compulsory absence were also received. The proceedings commenced with a dinner, served in Bro. Oddy's usual excellent style, and, under the directions of Bro. Linzell, P.M., everything passed off in an admirable manner from beginning to end. Bro. Barham, the W.M. of the High Cross Lodge, occupied the chair. After the usual loyal toasts had been given, Bro. Townshend, I.P.M., announced that a testimonial was about to be presented to a dear and worthy man—one whom it was a privilege to know. Bro. Roberts was one of the most genial, affable, social men that could be met with anywhere. He was a real friend, and never saw a person in distress without helping him. It was to be hoped he would be spared for many

years to come. Bro. Cunningham, P.M. (Secretary of the High Cross Lodge), then read a magnificently-illuminated vellum, as follows:—"This testimonial, together with a gold watch, was presented to Bro. David Roberts, P.M., by members of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge as Treasurer for many years." Similar words were engraved on the dome of a splendid gold watch; and besides the framed "vote" and watch, a beautiful silver tea urn was handed to Bro. Roberts as a present from the lodge to his wife. The W.M. made the presentation. He said if others could express their thoughts better than he, no one could feel more sincerely than himself towards Bro. Roberts. It was one of the greatest pleasures he had ever experienced to preside on that occasion, and he should ever think of the proceedings with the utmost gratification. He trusted Bro. Roberts would be spared many years to wear the watch that had been given him, and to gaze upon the beautiful framed testimonial, which would always be a witness to the very high respect in which he was held by all who had the honour of his acquaintance. Bro. R. Peckham, followed, and spoke of Bro. Roberts as a man who never did a dishonourable action in his life, and nothing that the truest friend could blush at. Bro. Roberts, who was most cordially received, returned thanks, addressing the meeting as brother officers, friends and neighbours. After referring to the words of the address just read, he observed that he experienced considerable difficulty in finding language to adequately express how very deeply he felt the great honour which had been done him by the presentation. The value of the testimonial, although considerable, was second in importance to the knowledge which the gift conveyed—that he occupied a prominent position in the esteem of the givers. He had often received from many of those he saw around good wishes and thanks both in and out of the High Cross Lodge, and he need scarcely say that he had at all times appreciated the kindness which had been evinced towards him. Following favours already conferred came the beautiful presents now before him, and he regarded them as one of the highest compliments that could be paid to any man. He, therefore, felt justly proud of being connected with such an ancient institution as Freemasonry, and of being associated with individuals whose acts spoke louder than words. He would not encroach much upon the time of the meeting; but he felt proud to express his grateful feelings to those visiting friends who had attended to share with him the pleasure of receiving such a handsome testimonial. Some had travelled many miles to honour him with their presence, and it afforded him the greatest possible gratification to see them round the table. He sincerely hoped he and they might live long to enjoy each other's society. He thanked them most heartily for the trouble they had taken on his account. He also desired to thank those friends and neighbours who from business and other engagements had not been able to attend, but who had sent him their congratulations. He assured them that their kindly expressions towards him would ever be remembered with most pleasurable sensations. There was still one subject—a most interesting one—upon which he should like to say a few words; but as they had been favoured with the company of their esteemed Bro. James Terry, perhaps he could not do better than leave it in his hands. He might say, however, that he alluded to the Masonic Institutions. They were on all occasions the very essence of an assembly of Freemasons; and they would pardon him for briefly touching upon the position of the High Cross Lodge with respect to the charities. He had watched the progress of the lodge for some years, and he was rejoiced to be able to state, upon good authority, that the High Cross Lodge ranked second to none amongst the metropolitan lodges for its benevolence. When he joined the lodge he believed that there was scarcely a governor of any of the institutions amongst the members; now he was happy to say that the lodge had a very large number of life governors of them all upon its books; and he entertained no doubt that some of the younger members would follow the advice he would give them—"Go thou and do likewise." He could not sit down without once more expressing his obligations to the Worshipful Master and to those brothers who had so liberally, so handsomely, and so cordially subscribed to the testimonial. The "vote" so beautifully executed by Bro. Cunningham would speak for many years after the grateful recipient had thrown off this mortal coil. The W.M. gave "The Visitors" (always welcome at the High Cross Lodge), coupled with the names of Bros. Cunningham, E. Clarke, Mr. E. Maitland, and Bro. James Terry. Bro. Cunningham said he had travelled nearly a hundred miles to attend that meeting, which he regarded as one of the most splendid demonstrations of respect he had ever seen. He had visited the High Cross Lodge before, and had heard Bro. Roberts spoken of by the members as "our great friend," "the regenerator of the lodge," "the apostle of the charities;" and from what he (Bro. Cunningham) knew himself, he had no hesitation in saying that Bro. Roberts well deserved all the praise that could be bestowed upon him. He was really a true Mason, and it was to be hoped he would long be spared to his friends and neighbours. Bro. Clarke said he had known Bro. Roberts many years, and he was quite convinced he rightly deserved the honour which had been conferred upon him that evening. The spectacle presented by that noble hall being crowded by friends, neighbours, and members of the Craft, was most gratifying to all connected with the proceedings. Mr. Maitland said, although not a Mason, he had known Mr. Roberts long enough to esteem him most highly. He had many friends outside the ranks of Masonry, and he might be described as a man in whom there was no guile. Bro. Terry (who

received a very cordial welcome) said it had been his great pleasure and privilege to know Bro. Roberts for a great many years; and he was highly gratified to be able to call him his friend. He had won the respect, esteem, and admiration of all who knew him. That large gathering would never have taken place had Bro. Roberts been an unworthy recipient. He (Bro. Terry) had attended festive meetings presided over by princes of the land, but he had never seen an assembly so enthusiastic and sincere in purpose as the present. How was that to be accounted for? Because all were actuated by sincerity of heart to show honour, homage, and respect to one who was so worthy of their confidence. Bro. Roberts had identified himself with everything that was good and useful connected with Masonry, and had rendered most valuable services to the various charities. Bro. Terry proceeded, in eloquent terms, to describe the nature and scope of the different Masonic Institutions, and referred to the many acts of benevolence performed by Bro. Roberts in connection with them. He was quite certain the watch which had been presented to him could never beat over a truer heart. He could challenge every act of his life, and no one could say he had ever neglected his duty. The occasion was one of the greatest successes in the history of the High Cross Lodge, and the members had honoured themselves by doing honour to a right worthy and deservedly esteemed individual. Bro. Metcalf, P.M. Hertford Lodge, proposed "Success to the High Cross Lodge," and on behalf of his own lodge, presented the High Cross with a silver square and compasses, as evidence of the respect in which the lodge was held at Hertford. Bro. Maller, P.M., acknowledged the present in suitable terms, and after thanks had been voted to Bros. Linzell and Cunningham, for the time and trouble they had devoted to the business of the testimonial, the proceedings (which may be said to have been as successful as anything ever carried out in Tottenham) came to a close.

[We much regret the grave typographical error which appeared in the report of The Great City Lodge in our last impression. We now give the report in its correct form.]

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The anniversary and installation meeting of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, was held on Saturday, October 14th, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was most numerous attended. Bro. J. Hamilton Townend, W.M., presided; Bro. Seex (W.M. elect), S.W.; Stanway, J.W., and all the other officers were present, together with the following array of visitors:—Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.A.D.C., Prince of Wales Lodge, 259; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Dr. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chaplain; Peacock, 1607; Wooton, P.M. Union and P.G.D.C. Kent; Light, 959; Field, I.P.M. 902; Guggerheim, Concordia, Switzerland; T. Poore, P.M. 720; Driscoll, P.M. 30; Taylor, W.M. 933; Beattie, 591; Nunn, 889; Marcus, 1381; Raymond, 1627; Partridge, W.M. 22; Lancaster, 534; Medwin, 192; Reed, 1601; Kitson, 548; Dyer, 46; Walter, 27; Saul, 1201; Carruthers, P.M. (Mayor of Reigate) Surrey, 416; Smith, P.P.G.S.W. (ex-Mayor of Reigate), Surrey, 416; Soppett, 55; Hawksley, 1196; Dixon, P.M. 73; Cottebrune, P.G. Purs. 1563; Swallow, W.M.; and Scott, Sec. 1563; Steward, P.M. 1351; Groom, 1349; Mann, P.M. 186; Oliver, P.M. 959; Noehmer, P.M. 186; Spencer, 73; Gilbert, 186; Jonas and Birdseye, 715; Huntley, 73; White, J.W., and Turner, J.D. 1563; Morgan, 1385; Cargill, W.M. 49; Addriott, 1305; Dakin, P.M. 580; Dyer, W.M. 186. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of former meetings read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Christopher Limner Cartwright and Mr. Luglen Constantine Libbesart into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. This having been concluded, the next business was the installation of Bro. Seex as Worshipful Master. Having been duly presented and certain matters proceeded with all the brethren below the degree of Installed Master were requested to retire. A Board of Installed Masters, thirty in number, was then formed, and Bro. Seex was in due form installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren below the chair having been admitted, the new W.M. received the customary salutes, and he then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Stanway, S.W.; Freeman, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; Headon, P.M. Treas.; Moody, P.M., Sec.; Blackie, S.D.; Catchpole, J.D.; Hamer, I.G.; Taylor, D.C.; H. Jenkins, Org.; Kibble and Hook, Stewards; and Steedman, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Townend, the retiring and Installing Master, then delivered the customary addresses, and at the conclusion was warmly applauded. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted. Bro. Headon, P.M., moved "That a jewel of the value of five guineas be presented to Bro. James Freeman, with the thanks of the brethren, on his resignation of the office of Treasurer, which he has held since the establishment of the lodge. Bro. H. Thompson, P.M. ("Freemason"), seconded the motion, which was put, and carried. Several propositions having been made, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall for the banquet that was to follow. About 150 sat down, the W.M. presiding, supported by the Grand Officers and the newly-initiated brethren, of whom seven were present, some of them having been admitted at a lodge of emergency held a fortnight ago. At the termination of the banquet grace was sung by Miss Jessie Royd and Messrs. Bernard, Daniel, Morgan, and Bamford. The W.M. said the first toast he had to bring under the notice of the brethren was that of "The Queen." Masonry and loyalty had ever gone hand in hand, and to show their attachment to the Queen he coupled her name with the Craft. This was followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts by Miss Jessie Royd, and it was enthusiastically applauded. The W.M. next gave "The

Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," whose renown as a Mason was known and acknowledged by all. This toast needed no explanation from him, and he was sure that it would meet with a hearty response. The toast was cordially received, followed by the solo and chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales," with the following new verse by Bro. Hook, the Organist of the lodge:—

"True Masons greet, with one accord,
Our Master once again!
And thank the World's Great Architect,
Our prayers were not in vain.
Again our Prince amongst us,
Each loving heart now hails,
From danger now, as in the past,
God shield our Prince of Wales."

This new verse was loudly applauded. The W. Master said the next toast to which he wished to call the attention of the brethren was that of "The Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," and said he believed that his services were unequalled by any member of the Craft. Holding such a high position he was entitled to their respect and esteem, and he trusted that his health would be drunk in proper form, and with all due enthusiasm. The toast was duly honoured. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was a very comprehensive one, as it was "The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." It was superfluous on his part to remark that the Grand Lodge was the ruling body of the Craft, and was formed of those members who had obtained distinction in it, and there was a further distinction to those who had become Grand Officers. It was composed of Past and Present Grand Officers, and they had both amongst them in the lodge that evening. He believed that there were present the oldest member of Grand Lodge, Bros. Dr. J. E. Cox; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Jno. Hervey, the G. Secretary, members of their own lodge; Bro. Fenn, P.G.D.C.; and Bro. Cottebrune, P.G. Purst. He was proud to see them present, and he gave them all a hearty welcome. He connected with the toast the names of Dr. J. E. Cox, P. Grand Chaplain; and Bro. T. Fenn, Past Grand Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies. The toast was most cordially received. Bro. the Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chaplain, said: The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of The Great City Lodge, and those other brethren who are here present, will receive from myself, as the representative to-night of Grand Lodge, I am assured, my warmest thanks for the manner in which they have taken notice of the toast of our esteemed Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge. It is always a satisfaction to myself to have to return thanks for this toast, because when received as it has been to-night with so many demonstrations of satisfaction, and with so much enthusiasm, it is an assurance to my mind that the Officers, Past and Present, of Grand Lodge live in your esteem, and that you are disposed by every means in your power to strengthen their hands in their efforts to promote the usefulness and the welfare of our noble and venerable Order. (Hear, hear.) I believe amongst newly made Masons—and I may call the Dep. Grand Master a newly made Mason in comparison with myself—there is no brother in the Craft who desires more earnestly to promote its welfare, or to support its grand and benevolent purposes, and the more I see of those who are associated with him as leading members of that assembly, the more am I persuaded that the great principles of Masonry are advancing, and that they are becoming of more and more value as time goes by. (Hear, hear.) It is a great satisfaction to myself to mark the peaceful relations which at the present time exist in Grand Lodge. At the time when I first became a member of the Craft there was much division, and I regret to say, much un-Masonic feeling demonstrated therein; but those times happily have passed away, and with the peace of the present time we have also the augmentation of those great benefits which Masonry stands foremost to promote and confirm—I mean the noblest principles for the development of charity (Hear, hear), not only charity in the matter of giving of that substance with which the Great Architect of the Universe has blessed us, but in the manifestation of that noble feeling which suffereth long, and is kind, which envieth not, and which seeks to promote the welfare not only of the brethren themselves, but of society at large. (Hear, hear.) And my mind is more peculiarly directed at this moment to the matter of charity, because at this season two important events are being carried forward. On this day an election has taken place of candidates for the Girls' School, and on Monday next fifteen boys will be admitted into the kindred Institution; and with reference to the first and foremost—as it always will be in the estimation of the brethren—the Girls' School, I have been charmed to-day to see an engraving in the "Builder" newspaper, showing what is the intention for the enlargement of that Institution, and for the increase of benefit to the youthful female children of our decayed and deceased brethren; and then next I turn my attention to the Boys' School, in which my heart has been always deeply interested, and with which, without boasting—I am sure you will pardon me for saying it—I have taken an earnest and a continual interest. (Hear, hear.) At the present time, especially, I rejoice to know that a subject, which has had my consideration for at least a quarter of a century, is very near its fulfilment. My esteemed and worthy brother on my left hand (Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.) has in some degree stolen my thunder; but for that I heartily forgive him. He has had more opportunity of assisting the working out of this most important subject than I have had; but I am with him, as you are, I am sure, heart and soul in the promotion of his scheme for the establishing of exhibitions in our Universities, which shall be the means of giving that completed form of education to those children of

higher intellect, who, had their parents been spared to them, or had their prosperity increased, would have had the opportunity of finishing its course by means of the highest educational privileges this land can afford. Although it has not been my province to carry out that which I so much desired myself, yet it will be my happiness to assist my worthy brother and others in the promotion of that great object, and when it shall please the Great Architect of the Universe to call me hence, nothing will be looked back upon by myself with greater satisfaction than that in my position as a Past Grand Chaplain of England, and as a Minister of the Truths of the Great Architect of the Universe, I had been enabled in some way to do something for the alleviation of the suffering of mankind. (Hear, hear.) I will not detain you at much greater length, because I have said almost as much as you can bear to hear (No, no), and as much as I have to say; but there is one subject—of which I have been reminded by an observation of your Worshipful Master—which has quite gone home to my heart. In mentioning my name he stated that I was the Father of Grand Lodge. I cannot lay claim myself to that position, for there is one brother and a brother clergyman also, older than myself (Bro. the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes), who is the Father of Grand Lodge; but I stand next to him, for I have been a member of that Grand Lodge for thirty years. (Hear, hear.) And in those thirty years you may suppose how many I have seen depart hence, whose memory is treasured in our regard, and whose works for the benefit of Masonry and mankind are registered in the Grand Lodge above. (Hear, hear.) It cannot be in God's Providence that I shall remain much longer in this sublunary state; but so long as I am spared I will work for Masonry, as I have endeavoured to do during the years I have been a member of the Craft, and it will be, I repeat, a satisfaction to myself, when I go hence and be no more seen, to die with the conviction that my name will live amongst those members of mankind who have striven to promote the welfare and the increase of Masonry, to shew that it is the mother of civilisation, and to prove that it is the great benefactress of the human race. (Hear, hear.) Bro. T. Fenn, P.G. D.C., said: It is rather an awkward thing at this period of the evening to be called upon to respond second to a toast, when one has to speak after so exhaustive and ready a speaker as our excellent Bro. Cox. There is, however, one subject which he has left untouched, as probably it has not come under his immediate knowledge. The Grand Officers would be undeserving of the honour which has been conferred on them, and of the compliment which your Worshipful Master has paid them, were they not desirous on all occasions to do all in their power, and to avail themselves of every opportunity to advance the interests of the Craft. I cannot better, perhaps, illustrate the desire which the Grand Officers appear to me always to have in that direction than by mentioning to you that on the 24th of November the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge will take place. On that occasion eight sections will be worked by eight Past Grand Officers, and the Earl of Carnarvon, our Pro Grand Master, will take the chair. The chair in the lodge will be filled by our very excellent and worthy brother Hervey. The Stewards will be also forty Grand Officers. That may be illustration enough to show the interest which they take in the working of Freemasonry, and I am sure to a lodge which claims to have a Lodge of Instruction of its own, this must be very interesting information, and I hope to yourselves, brethren, it is equally gratifying. I feel bound to admit that perhaps it is not exactly love alone for the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that that lodge is so mixed up and so bound up with my Masonic life. I wish I could but think so; there is something else at the bottom of it. I don't know why I should not be prepared even to admit it, because I am sure you will all yourselves join in the same feeling which has predominated in myself. Our Bro. Hervey enters on his 30th year of Treasurership, and it is out of respect for him that this great meeting is about to take place. I will not detain you longer, Worshipful Master, but I cannot sit down without congratulating you on the progress you are making, and on the excellent manner in which you keep up the working of this lodge. It has afforded me, I assure you, great pleasure to be present to-night, and I hope when on any future occasion I may be asked to attend this lodge I may observe the same strict adherence to good working, with the same advance and prosperity, which I have the pleasure of congratulating you upon to-night. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Townend, I.P.M., said the toast he had the honour to submit he felt sure would be received with acclamation when he told them that it was "The Health of Bro. John Seax, W.M. of The Great City Lodge." He had always found him most perfect in working the ritual of the lodge, and he had endeared himself to all by his genial disposition during the time he had held the different offices since the consecration of the lodge, and the manner in which he had performed his duties must be satisfactory to every member. He felt assured that the lodge would never suffer while he filled the chair, and he hoped he might have as happy a year in it as he (Bro. Townend) had. He asked them to drink to "The Health of their W.M." The W.M. said he felt obliged to them for their compliment, and nothing should be wanting on his part to render him worthy of the position in which, by their kindness, he had been placed, for there was a great responsibility in being placed at the head of one of the most important lodges in the City of London. In proportion to the fame and renown of the lodge, so concurrently were the difficulties and responsibilities of the W.M. He thanked them for the kindly feelings and the joyful congratulation which one and all had tendered to him. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one that was always received with great enthusiasm in The Great City Lodge. They had rarely met without having one or more initiates, and on many occasions they had five. They had had two that evening, and five at a

lodge of emergency held only a fortnight ago, and he believed that they would all prove true and good members. He gave "The Health of the Initiates," for which they severally returned thanks. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," bidding them welcome, and, having read the list of them, said it would be invidious on his part to call upon any one in particular to respond to the toast. Bro. Cottebrune, P.G. Purst., Bro. Swallow, W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, and Bro. Dyer, W.M. of the Industry Lodge, severally returned thanks. The W.M. in giving "The Health of Bro. Townend, I.P.M., and I.M.," said the manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair had secured for him the esteem of the brethren, and he had then the honour of presenting him with a substantial mark of their gratitude, by placing on his breast the jewel which had been voted to him, and long might he live to wear it with pleasure, as it was the jewel of The Great City Lodge. He then attached the jewel amidst cheering. Bro. Townend, I.P.M., said he rose with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure, regret because he ceased to be the Master of one of the greatest lodges in the City of London, and with pleasure because he knew he left the chair with the good will of the brethren, and particularly so as he had received every assistance from the present W.M. of the lodge. In that lodge they worked the Emulation Lodge ritual, whilst he was brought up in the Stability, and he wished that the two modes of working could be brought together, as he believed that they might advantageously adopt a portion of each ceremony and omit the rest. He saw that he had to return thanks as I.P.M. and I.M., and most heartily did he thank them for their kindness, and for the jewel they had unanimously voted to him. He could not say that it was the proudest moment of his life, as he gave a preference to his mother lodge, in which he had worked up to every office, from that of Inner Guard, and when he went home after quitting the chair in that lodge he thought he was in the proudest position and the greatest man in Masonry (a laugh). The next toast was "The P.M.'s," for which Bros. Headon and Stevens returned thanks. Bro. Hervey, G. Sec., in proposing "Prosperity to The Great City Lodge," said he well recollected that it was three years ago when he had the gratification, with two other brethren, of performing the ceremony of consecration and installation, when more than 200 members were assembled. On that occasion he was supported by two Wardens, one of whom was Bro. Fenn, then present, and one who was now no more, Bro. Savage, who was second to none in the Craft, and whose loss had been severely felt. With what he had seen of the working of the lodge that evening he was well satisfied, and therefore he thought there was no one better qualified to propose the toast that had been entrusted to him. He was gratified to see the prosperity of the lodge, and, therefore, he need not wish prosperity to it, as that had been already achieved, and he would add one word to the toast he had to propose, and that was "Continued Prosperity to The Great City Lodge, and might its prosperity in the future be as great as it had been in the past." The toast was heartily responded to. The W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Bro. Freeman, their late Treasurer, a jewel, which he hoped he would wear as a recognition by the brethren of the duties he had so willingly undertaken. Bro. Freeman suitably responded. The Secretary, the W.M. considered, was the most important officer in the lodge, and he had to thank Bro. Moody for what he had done, and to ask for his valuable assistance in the future. The I.P.M. took this opportunity of publicly thanking the Secretary for the assistance he had rendered during the past year, and hoped that future Masters would have him as a guide. Bro. Moody expressed himself very much gratified at the remarks of the W.M. and I.P.M. He found that the duties of Secretary to so large a lodge occupied a great deal of time, and if he did appear another year as Secretary, all he wanted was to meet with a reception such as had just been accorded to him, even though it might be as "Past" Secretary. Some other toasts were given, and the business of the evening, harmonious throughout, was brought to a close.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The installation of this lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, on the 19th inst. Bro. J. J. Michael, W.M., presided. There were present besides, Bros. T. Williams, S.W.; R. T. Kingham, J.W.; Willing, jun., I.P.M.; R. Rose, Treas.; Tims, Sec.; Douglass, S.D.; Scalls, J.D.; W. Side, I.G.; Daley, Tyler; Saintsbury, Colls, Check, Clarke, Cadett, Reed, Simona, Levi, Solomon, Brumell, and others. Visitors: J. Smith, P.G.P.; Adams, P.G.P.; Ferguson, P.M.; Tims, P.M.; Millis, P.M.; Sach, P.M.; Levi, P.M.; Everett, P.M.; Garrett, P.M.; Frost, P.M.; Rooster, P.M.; Wuest, P.M.; Morgan, I.G.; and Hudson, J.W.; and others. Bro. Booker was raised, and Bros. Wrigley, Knight, Tuck, Deboef, and Lefebore were passed. Bro. Michael installed Bro. T. Williams as W.M., who was presented by Bro. James Willing, jun. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. T. Williams, W.M.; R. T. Kingham, S.W.; J. Douglass, J.W.; R. Rose, Treas.; G. Tims, Sec.; C. Scales, J.D.; W. Side, J.D.; W. M. Stiles, I.G.; Daley, Tyler. A committee was formed to consider the advisability of removing the lodge in consequence of increase in number of members. A testimonial on vellum was presented to Bro. James Willing, jun., P.M., in recognition of services rendered by him to the lodge. The testimonial was duly acknowledged, and the brethren, to the number of about 100, adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which there were the usual toasts, and some pleasant singing and recitations.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Bro. Joseph Spencer's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Twelve months ago the

lodge was consecrated by the Grand Secretary of England, and since that time it has had an almost unexampled career of success. The initiates have been numerous, and in every way members who are likely to do credit to the Order; while the joining members, who have also been numerous, have given proofs of their desire to raise the lodge to the highest point of excellence, and a foremost position in the roll of Grand Lodge. The gathering on Wednesday was an evidence of the high esteem in which the lodge is already held. Grand Secretary attended, as did also Bro. Hyde Pullen and Bro. James Terry, the company in all numbering some sixty brethren, among whom were Bros. Thomas J. Sabine, W.M.; J. C. Mason, S.W.; E. S. Stidolph, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Ch., F. Walters, Sec.; W. J. Kemp, S.D.; Charles Hudson, J.D.; H. Faija, I.G.; several lay members, and the following visitors:—Bros. W.T. Clarke, 315; E. P. Freeman, P. Prov. S.G.W. Sussex, W.M. 932; James Eborall, P.G.P. Sussex, P.M. 315; B. Bennett, Sec. 732; S. H. Soper, 732; Thomas Robinson, 753; S. Griffin, 554; P. Rayden, 73; Robert Griggs, 228; J. F. Wuest, 753; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Kingston, W.M. 862; James Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Robert Jackson, 1362; T. B. Rosseter, W.M. 972; S. B. Ade, P.M.; W. F. Nell, 315; James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507, S.W. 177; J. A. Smith, P.M. 1178; and H. Massey ("Freemason"), Bro. Thomas J. Sabine performed the ceremony of installation, and placed Bro. James Cattle Mason, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the Master's chair. He was assisted in the saluting ceremonies by Bro. I. J. Hooper Wilkins, P.M., who took the place of Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Sabine presented the working tools. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. E. S. Stidolph, S.W.; Kemp, J.W.; Hatch, P.M., Chaplain; T. J. Sabine, I.P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; C. Hudson, S.D.; Faija, J.D.; Hawkes, I.G.; I. J. Hooper Wilkins, P.M., M.C.; Hatch and Graham, Stewards; Harrison, Org.; and W. Y. Lairg, Tyler. Bro. T. J. Sabine delivered the addresses, after which Bro. F. Walters, Secretary, proposed, and Bro. Stidolph, S.W., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Sabine for performing the installation, which was carried unanimously, and Bro. Sabine having acknowledged the compliment, he then asked permission before the lodge was closed to thank the brethren who were his officers during his year of office. He said this not with any view to flattery, but merely on account of the fact. He believed there were few W.M.'s in London who were supported by such officers. A great deal of the success of the lodge was due to the manner in which he had been supported by every officer, from the lowest up to the highest. They had given him their best services by good work and constant attendance. (Cheers.) The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The W.M., at the conclusion of the banquet, proposed the customary toasts, and after disposing of that of "The Queen," gave the toast of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales." In speaking on the toast, he said that the Prince of Wales took a deep interest in Freemasonry, and as a proof of this he might refer to his laying the foundation stone of the new Post Office at Glasgow on Tuesday week, at which he (the W.M.) had intended to be present, but was prevented just at the time for performing the ceremony by business calls in another direction. "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers" followed, and Bro. John Hervey, G.S., replied. Having but little to say, he could only refer to the Earl of Carnarvon as a man who took high degrees at college, and in the political and literary world, as well as in any attainments which may be mentioned among men. The abilities he had displayed in early youth he had fully sustained in his more mature years, and he had shown himself in politics, literature, and Masonry, one whom we could all look up to. He then referred to Lord Skelmersdale, who, though a much younger man and Mason, was still making his mark in the world. These officers were all that could be desired by the Order. Bro. Pullen was one of the Past Grand Officers, a very "excellent young man" in his way, whom they all admired; but he well represented the Grand Officers, all of whom deserved well of the Craft. (Cheers.) Bro. Wright, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. Pullen replied, and Bro. Sabine brought before the brethren the toast of "The W.M.," a Mason who had given proof that night of what he would do in the course of his year of office. The way in which he had invested his officers, he (Bro. Sabine) had not often seen equalled, and never exceeded, and he believed such a brother would conduce to the success of the lodge. The W.M. replied to the toast by saying that he could promise the brethren one thing, that he would fulfil the duties for the performance of which he had been elected as the head of the lodge. He was truly grateful for the honour which had been conferred on him, and he should endeavour to do honour to his appointment. (Hear, hear.) Bro. John Hervey, G.S., proposed "The Health of Bro. Sabine, I.P.M.," and passed a high eulogium on that brother for the great exertions which he had used in the first year of the lodge to bring the lodge to a position of excellence. He (Bro. Hervey) was consecrating officer of the lodge, and he had felt extreme pleasure in placing Bro. Sabine in the chair. His whole Masonic career had proved that he was a Mason in heart, and it was by such brethren that the Order achieved its high position. He then presented to Bro. Sabine, in the name of the lodge, a splendid epergne, with an inscription commemorating Bro. Sabine's services. (Cheers.) Bro. F. Walters, P.M., immediately rose and asked permission to present a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Sabine, whom he had himself initiated in 1863, and since then he had watched his career as a Mason. He had worked hard for the Masonic charities, fulfilled all the offices in his lodge, and had thoroughly supported the institutions by taking the Stewardship for them over and over again. Bro. Sabine replied, and expressed his desire to do all he

could for the good of Freemasonry. The same principle had actuated him ever since he had joined the Order. He had certainly endeavoured to do something for the good of Freemasonry, and that was what actuated the brethren who with himself had started the Chaucer Lodge. They had done something already for charity; they had supported the Institutions, and on the evening on which the lodge room was consecrated twelve months ago there was an extemporised subscription made for the relief of the sufferers by the French inundations, which had happened shortly before that time. (Cheers.) He would, as he had hitherto, in the future continue to advocate the claims of the charities, and he hoped to be successful, and expected to be so. Bro. Hyde Pullen proposed "The Masonic Institutions," to which toast Bro. James Terry responded, and recapitulated the great benefits which those institutions had conferred. His own institution, the Masonic Benevolent Institution, was now paying annuities to 253 poor old men and women, and had lately increased the amount of the annuities paid to them. Bro. Sabine proposed "Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73," who had recommended the warrant for the Chaucer Lodge. Bro. Rayden, W.M., 73, replied. "The Officers of the Lodge," was the next toast proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Stidolph, S.W., responded. As far as he was concerned he thanked the brethren, and promised the most untiring exertions, and energy, and attendance, to prove the undeniably strong feeling of friendship which existed between the officers of the lodge and the W.M. It was a great gratification to him to find that they were represented by a brother who took the difficult position of W.M. after so efficient a Master as Bro. Sabine had proved himself to be. The officers would do their very best to prove that they were all bound together by one strong feeling, to do their best for the Chaucer Lodge. The brethren shortly afterwards separated, having enjoyed a delightful evening, which was enlivened by some capital singing by various brethren.

CAWNPORE (East Indies).—Lodge Harmony (No. 438).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, on the 7th August, 1876. There were present Bros. I. G. Burbidge, W.M., in the Eastern chair; W. B. Eastaway, S.W.; W. N. Littlewood, J.W.; J. G. Cole, as S.; Lieut. H. Burton, S.D.; W. Ward, as J.D.; E. E. Hunter, as I.G.; and W. A. Corp, Tyler. Members: Bros. Bond, Beard, Maitland, Capt. Thomas, McDonough, Stewart, Walker, Alexander, Logie, and Haynes. Visitors: Bros. Harris, P.M., Whalley, Forbes, Murray, and De Castro. The lodge was opened in form at 6.30 p.m., when the minutes of last regular meeting were put and confirmed. Bro. Forbes signed and received his Grand Lodge certificate, after which Bro. Capt. Thomas and Haynes were admitted and passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the lectures on the second Tracing Board being given by the J.W. Bros. Beard and King having been found worthy, were admitted and raised to the high and sublime degree by the W.M., in his usual accurate and impressive manner. A letter of acknowledgment and thanks was read from P.M. Bro. E. Bedford, for the jewel presented him by the lodge in recognition of his services extending over a period of nine years. The W.M. informed the lodge that he had relieved a distressed brother to the extent of 50 Rs., which payment was unanimously agreed to. An application from another brother in distress, was read, and brethren appointed to enquire as to whether it was a deserving case, and if so, to relieve. The W.M. here stated that it gave him great pleasure to unfurl a splendid new banner which had been made a present to the lodge by Bro. Cruickshank. The absence of that brother was regretted, but a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be communicated to him. Several letters were read, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-hall, adjoining the lodge, where a pleasant evening was spent, enlivened with some good singing. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were done honour to.

CARNARVON.—Segontium Lodge (No. 606).—On Wednesday, the 25th inst., the brethren of the lodge mustered strongly in their beautiful Masonic Hall, within the ancient Castle of Carnarvon, to witness the installation of Bro. J. Sidney Boucher, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. B. Boucher, Shrewsbury, assisted by Bro. J. Salmon, Chester. The proceedings were graced by the presence of Bro. W. Bulkley Hughes, M.P., who was received with acclamation, and greeted right heartily on this his first Masonic appearance since his accession to the dignity of D.P.G.M., most worthily bestowed by the R.W.P.G.M., Sir W. W. Wynne, at the recent P.G. Lodge, held at Wrexham. Among the visitors were Bros. Major Lloyd Philipps, P.G.M. South Wales, Dr. Goldsboro, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Francis, P.P.J.W.; J. Ellis, P.M. 597; J. Hughes, W.M., and W. Jarvis, S.D. Bangor; and C. Davies, S.D. Portmadoc. The W.M. invested as his officers Bros. W. Harwood, S.W.; C. A. Jones, J.W.; W. E. Davies, Treas. and I.G.; D. W. Davies, Secretary; J. Wynne Jones, Chap.; L. Prothero, S.D.; T. Williams, J.D.; W. Hayden, Organist; O. Thomas and T. Bugbird, Stewards; and Sergeant Watkins, Tyler. The banquet was served in good style at the Sportsman Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. R. Davies, I.P.M., officiating as M.C. For Grand Lodge Bro. Lloyd Philipps responded in eloquent terms; and while thanking his northern brethren for their hearty welcome of him as an entire stranger from the south, expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the entente cordiale so happily established between the several portions of the Principality, which must be largely attributable to the benign influence of Freemasonry, whose special function and glory it was to bridge over sectional chasm, soften down social asperities, diminish, if not remove, class prejudices, round off the sharp corners of religious and political variance, and unite opposing parties

by the sacred bond of the mystic tie, on the holy neutral ground of brotherly and universal benevolence. In speaking to the toast of "D.P.G.M.," Bro. W. B. Hughes, M.P., very feelingly acknowledged the warm and cheery greeting accorded to him, and announced, amid much applause, that while he had reserved his first visit for 606, he proposed to attend every lodge in turn throughout his province, and personally observe the working of them all. At eight o'clock the visitors departed, and the W.M. left the chair.

MANCHESTER.—Blair Lodge (No. 815).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge rooms, Hulme Town Hall, on Friday, Oct. 13th. The lodge was opened at four p.m. by Bro. Henry Ellis, W.M. After the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Bertigans, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. of Derbyshire took the chair and opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. S. Royle, P.M., presented in due form the W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Cookson, to the Installing Master, who then proceeded with the ceremony up to the formation of the Board of Installed Masters. Bro. W. F. Fowle, P.M., then assumed the position of Installing Master, and completed the ceremony in his usual impressive and correct manner. After the brethren had been re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. had been saluted, the working tools were delivered to him in each degree by Bro. Newton, P.M. Bro. Fowle then invested the following officers, viz.: Bros. B. Kitchen, S.W.; J. Blum, J.W.; W. Norris, P.M., Treasurer; J. Almond, Secretary; J. O. Moore, S.D.; J. Pierce, J.D.; Fielding, Organist; Napier, I.G.; Sly, Tyler; and Hildeshiemer and Austin, Stewards. The address to the Worshipful Master was delivered by Bro. Bertigans, after which the choir (Bros. Miller, W. Dumville, N. Dumville, and Lister) sang the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful, &c." Bro. Newton, P.M., delivered the address to the Wardens, and Bro. Fowle, P.M., that to the brethren, at the conclusion of which the choir sang the solo and chorus "When the temples' first stone." Upwards of sixty brethren were present, and amongst the visitors were Bros. T. J. Hooper, P.M., P.G. Treas.; A. Woolstenholme, P.G.J.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, A.P.G.D.C.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G. Purst. Cheshire; Sykes, P.M. 204; J. E. Hall, P.M. 1459; John Ingham, P.M. 152; and others. The balance-sheet was read and approved. The W.M. commenced his duties by proposing that the sum of £50 be granted to the Girls' School, out of the balance of funds in hand, which proposition was seconded by Bro. Norris, P.M., and unanimously carried. After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to a most sumptuous repast, under the presidency of Bro. Cookson, the W.M., which was served by Bro. Lang, in his well-known style, and consisted of every delicacy in season, and wines of the choicest vintages. The comfort of the brethren was very much enhanced by a judicious arrangement which was made during the time the brethren were in the banquet-room. The lodge-room had been prepared and the dessert laid therein and as soon as grace had been sung by the choir, the brethren retired thither. This very agreeable change from the hot dining-room was appreciated by all present. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, and after each toast appropriate music was sung. The toast of "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie," was ably proposed by Bro. Blum, J.W.; and the next toast, "Bro. George Mellor, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers of this and other Provinces," was proposed by Bro. B. Kitchen, the S.W., who, during a very eulogistic speech, spoke of the services of Bro. Sillitoe, who had kindly performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies that day. The toast was responded to, on behalf of the neighbouring provinces, by Bro. Vertigans, P.P.G. D.C. of Derbyshire, and Bro. W. Goodacre, P.P.G. Purst. of Cheshire, who alluded to the very handsome donation to the Girls' School, and congratulated the W.M. on such a good beginning. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, A.P.G.D.C. of East Lancashire, responded on behalf of that province, and said that besides having to thank the W.M. and brethren of the Blair Lodge for the very kind expressions which had been made use of, and the hospitable manner he and his colleagues had been entertained, he could not refrain from expressing his admiration of the able manner in which the ceremony of installation, as well as the investiture of the officers, had been performed. He considered those ceremonies to be not only the most beautiful, but also the most important in Freemasonry. The success of the lodge would mainly depend upon the work of that day, that is to say, upon the newly-installed W.M. and the officers he had appointed to work with him. Freemasonry is wisely calculated to suit all ranks and degrees of men—some are more able, some more eminent, and some more useful than others—all men are not blessed with the same powers and advantages. The nature of some men's business or profession will not admit of that leisure which is necessary to qualify them to become expert Freemasons, therefore in the interests of and for the future welfare of the lodge, it is essential that great care and discretion should be used in selecting such brethren for officers who possess the necessary qualifications, and are willing to discharge the duties of their respective stations. From what he had seen that evening he thought that a very wise selection had been made, as every officer seemed not only competent, but also anxious to perform his duty. He advised those brethren who had not been appointed to office not to be discouraged, but to bear in mind that although we are not all equally qualified to govern, yet every one in his sphere can prove advantageous to the fraternity at large; for let it ever be remembered that he who faithfully discharges his duty, even though it be in a private or subordinate station, is as justly entitled to our esteem and regard, as is he, who is endowed with supreme authority. Bro. Ellis, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master;" he

dwelt at some length upon the services Bro. Cookson had rendered to the lodge, and his attention to the duties of the different officers which he had held, and he called upon the brethren to drink his health in a bumper. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. W. Dumville sang "Here's to his Health in a Song," all the brethren standing to their glasses and joining in the chorus at the end of each of the three verses. The brethren also heartily responded to the call of the Director of Ceremonies for "Twenty and One," which was given with a warmth seldom if ever exceeded. Bro. Cookson on rising to respond was loudly cheered. He assured the brethren that he was not an adept at speechmaking at any time, but, however, able he might at other times, his feelings at that moment were too much overcome to admit of his saying more than expressing briefly his heartiest thanks for their kindness to him that day; but before resuming his seat he begged to propose "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," to whom he should have to look for support and assistance in the discharge of his duties. Bros. Towle, Newton, Morris, and Vertigans, P.M.'s, responded. Other toasts were ably proposed, and songs and glees beautifully rendered by the choir, accompanied by Bro. Fielding, and the evening closed with the Tyler's toast at 11 o'clock p.m.

GREYMOUTH (New Zealand).—Grey-mouth Lodge (No. 1233).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Greymouth, on July 11th, 1876. The lodge was opened in due form at 2.15 p.m., and the installation of the W.M. and his officers was then proceeded with. The ceremony of installing Bro. J. Sewell as W.M. was impressively performed by I.P.M. Bro. Revell with all the ceremonies established with long usage, and the following brethren were also invested with the badges of their respective offices:—Bros. Woods, S.W.; Watkin, Chaplain; Holder, S.D.; Hayden, I.G.; Tremayne and Dow, Stewards; Hardy, J.W.; Black, Treas.; Pownall, Sec.; Buckley, J.D. In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet in the hall. The usual loyal and customary toasts were given. The musical portion of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Pownall, Organist.

WALTHAM.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, Herts, on Tuesday, the 17th inst.; the W.M., Bro. Wm. Gilbert, presiding, supported by Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Herts, Treasurer 1327, the Installing Officer; Charles Lacey, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts; E. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; J. K. Young, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Herts; J. Tydeman, P.M., P.P.G.P. Essex, J. W. King Harold, 1327; Gaskell, P.M.; Thomas Reilly, S.W., W.M. elect, P.G.P. Herts; A. Malcolm, P.G.S. Herts, Sec.; S. Jacobs, J.D.; J. Knight, D.C.; J. Fisher, I.G.; J. Noyes and W. Creed, W. Stewards; W. O. Bull, W. Bradstock, W. C. Bradstock, Brown, Calvert, A. Clements, G. Clements, W. F. Cox, Church, Eversfield, Fuller, John Gilbert, Goodale, Goggs, F. Hodges, J. Kent, Levy, Lumsden, Newman, Price, Robinson, Ridley, Sheldon, C. Shepherd. Visitors: Bros. Driscoll, P.M. 754; Etherington, S.W. Gresham, 869; Day, W.M. Capper, 1076; Dorton, S.W. Capper, 1076 and W.M. elect; White, J.W. 1076; Maller, P.M. 754; Jones, P.M. 754; Wood, Nelson, 700; Wiggs, Patmore, J.W. 1437; Heasman, 1437; D. Old, 1076; Leingstein, 212. The business before the lodge was to confirm the minutes of last meeting, to receive report of Audit Committee, to raise Bro. J. Gilbert, to ballot for a candidate for initiation, and also for a joining member. The W.M. raised Bro. Gilbert in a very able and impressive manner, and the other business having been disposed of, Bro. E. West, P.M., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, when Bro. J. K. Young, P.M., presented Bro. Thomas Reilly, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was very beautifully rendered by Bro. West, assisted by Bro. C. Lacey, P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—(Bro. Lacey investing them with the collars of their respective offices):—Bros. W. Gilbert, P.G.J.W. Herts, I.P.M., J. Tydeman, P.M., P.P.G.P. Essex, S.W.; A. Malcolm, P.G.S. Herts, J.W.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Treas.; J. K. Young, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.A.D.C. Herts, Sec.; J. Jacobs, S.D.; J. Knight, J.D.; W. Pritchett; P.G. Org. Herts, Org.; J. Fisher, D.C.; J. Noyes, I.G.; John Robinson, W.S.; W. Bradstock, W.S.; and Steedman, P.M., Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. E. West, P.M., &c., Installing Officer, coupled with the name of Bro. C. Lacey, P.M., &c., for the very able and impressive manner in which the ceremony of the installation was rendered. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Gilbert, I.P.M., P.G.J.W., in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. of the King Harold Lodge during the past year. Bro. Jas. Knight, J.D., kindly consented to act as Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Sheldon, the host, which was served in good style, and gave general satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toast were given and duly honoured. The evening was enlivened by some very good harmony, and brought to a close at an early hour, the brethren expressing their satisfaction at having spent so pleasant an evening.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, Middlesex, on Saturday, October 14th. A letter was read from Bro. John Baxter Langley, in which he expressed his regret and apologies that in consequence of urgent business he was detained in Liverpool and could not attend. Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., opened, the lodge

there being present during the evening Bros. E. H. Thiel-lay, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W., and W.M. elect; T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; B. Wright, Assistant Sec.; J. Mason, P.G. Steward Middlesex, Org.; E. W. Deveraux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; J. Johnson, D.C.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M.; E. Beckwith, J. H. Pearson, G. S. Elliott, J. S. Sweasey, and several more. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. T. Dand, P.P.G.S.B. Devon, P.M. 39, &c.; J. B. Shackleton, S.W. 1524, J.D. 1326, &c.; G. Dore, 376; B. Meyer, 1326; H. Meyer, I.G. 1524, &c.; and others. Apologies were received from all the absent candidates for the various degrees. The bye-laws were read by the Secretary. The result of the elections were unanimous in favour of Bros. E. H. Thiel-lay, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W., as W.M.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer, re-elected Treasurer. On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex, was re-elected Tyler; Bros. E. Beckwith, J. H. Pearson, and F. H. Harvey were elected Auditors. The Audit Committee meeting was appointed to be held on Saturday, January 20th. Some notices of motion were given to alter the bye-laws. Also that the usual twelve-guinea testimonial be given to Bro. J. B. Langley on his retirement from the chair. That ten pounds be given to the Female Annuity Fund in the name of the Secretary of the lodge for the time being. The ballot was unanimous in favour of a candidate for initiation. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. It was agreed to hold an emergency meeting on Saturday, December 9th, so as to complete all the work necessary to be done before the W.M. leaves the chair. It being resolved that at the installation meeting in February only the installation ceremony be done. The lodge was closed and adjourned to December 9th, at four o'clock p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Monday, October 16. There were present Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, W.M.; Ralph Robinson, I.P.M. 241; Maurice Hart, S.W.; Alexander Jones, J.W.; J. De Frece, Treas.; B. Levy, Sec.; S. Schönstadt, S.D.; B. Woolf, J.D.; S. Waring, J.S., acting I.G.; S. J. Henochsberg, A.S.; Rev. H. D. Marks, Rev. Dr. Stern, P. Barnett, A. Hart, J.W. 724; Prensau, Isaacs, S. Levy, W. Levy, Fraser, Tucki, Cohen, L. E. Levene, Parkes, Jacobs, I.G. 241; Lumb, Marcus, Silver, and others. As this was the annual election of W.M. and Treasurer, no degree were given. After the names of members eligible to serve as W.M. were read, Bro. Maurice Hart was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. De Frece was re-elected Treasurer (3rd time). Bro. M. Hart, Hon. Sec. to the Fund of Benevolence, then read the annual report of that fund, when he stated that they had accumulated the amount of £56 16s. during the past year; it being the first year of its existence. They were also very fortunate in having no call upon this excellent charity. We believe that this is the only lodge in Liverpool that possesses at present a Fund of Benevolence for the assistance of decayed members of the lodge, but several lodges intend following this excellent precept. Bros. R. Robinson, Dr. Lewis, and A. Lyons were elected Trustees, and Bros. Schönstadt, A. Jones, M. Aronsberg, A. J. Henochsberg, P. Barnett, and Rev. Dr. Stern as committee to manage the affairs of this fund. Bros. P. Barnett and A. Liebeschutz were elected Auditors of Treasurer's accounts. In accordance with notice of motion of Bro. R. Robinson, the sum of three guineas was voted towards the sedilia of Chester Cathedral. It was also unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented by the lodge to Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, W.M., for his affability and courteous behaviour, and for the excellent working he has shown during the past year. After a gentleman had been proposed for initiation by the S.W., the lodge was duly closed in peace and harmony. Slight refreshment followed, after which the W.M. proposed congratulations to Bro. A. Jones, J.W., who is about to enter the marriage state previous to the next meeting the members drinking his health and that of "The Bride Elect" with enthusiasm. The annual installation will take place on Monday, November 20th; Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, the present W.M., acting as Installing Master.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th ult., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, when there were present Bros. Wigginton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. of Worcestershire, P.G.S. of Works Middlesex; W. M. Birchill, P.M., &c., acting S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. of Norfolk, J.W.; Artus, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Kennedy, P.M., acting I.G.; Court, Sec.; Palmer, W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a letter from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was read, acknowledging the receipt in very gracious terms of the Francis Burdett vote of congratulation upon H.R.H.'s safe arrival home India. This reply having been ordered to be entered on the minutes, and several other matters having been disposed of the brethren adjourned till Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there were present at the opening of the lodge, in addition to the above officers, Bros. Saunders, S.W.; Knaggs, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; D. Orsey, Chaplain; Rogers, Sec.; Ashley, acting I.G. The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M. took place, when Bro. Saunders, S.W., was unanimously elected to that position, and who immediately returned thanks. Bro. Tomlinson, J.W., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and the Library Committee re-elected. Bro. Harrison was also re-elected Tyler. Upon the motion of the Senior and Junior Wardens, a jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. with a re-

quest that he would choose his own design. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent collation. Bro. Col. Maude, C.B.V.C., &c., No. 1., Ireland, was a visitor. The loyal and grand toasts having been given and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M. of Middlesex, Bro. Col. Burdett." In introducing this toast the W.M. remarked upon the great progress the Craft had made in the province since the appointment of their gallant and esteemed P.G.M. He hoped that at the installation of Bro. Saunders in November next that No. 1503, which had the distinguished honour of bearing the name of Bro. Col. Francis Burdett would be favoured by his presence. In conclusion he assured them that the P.G.M. took a very lively interest in the fortunes and prosperity of No. 1503. This toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Birchill, P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the lodge upon the great strides it had made, which happy state he said was principally if not mainly due to the exertions of the W.M., who had spared no time or trouble in the advancing of its interests. This toast having been drunk, the W.M. briefly replied. He stated whatever time he had expended in the foundation of the lodge was more than compensated by the gratifying result obtained, namely, its prosperity. In conclusion he said he would take that opportunity of thanking his Wardens and other officers for the great and valuable assistance they had rendered him on all occasions. The W.M. then gave his permission to the W.M. elect to propose "The Health of their only Visitor, Bro. Col. Maude, C.B.V.C., &c." Bro. Saunders said he felt exceedingly gratified in having the honour of proposing the health of one who had served his Queen and country in every part of the globe. He said he would expatiate upon those exploits not as they were doubtless known to them. Their distinguished brother had not taken any prominent part in the Craft because when not engaged in fighting the battles of his country he had been incessantly employed in discharging other military duties. This toast having been warmly received Bro. Col. Maude made an able reply in the course of which he gave the brethren some interesting details in connection with Freemasonry abroad. "The Health of the W.M. elect" followed. Bro. Saunders in his response stated that although he could not hope to discharge the duties of the position as well as their W.M. had done during his two years of office, yet he would endeavour to do his best, and trusted that his forthcoming year in the chair of K.S. would be a pleasant one. The remaining toasts, "The Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens and other Officers" followed in quick succession, and were severally responded to by the brethren named. The Tyler's toast at eleven terminated the proceedings, and the brethren separated until the second Wednesday in the ensuing month, when Bro. Saunders, S.W., P.G.S. of Surrey will be duly installed W.M.

INSTRUCTION.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual weekly meeting of this instruction lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., at the London Warehousemen's Association, 111, Cheapside, E.C. Present: Bros. G. W. Blackie, W.M.; J. K. Pitt, S.W.; T. Brown, J.W.; A. Goodman, S.D.; Thomas Hamer, J.D.; James Freeman, I.G.; C. Stuart Barker, jun., Sec.; Poore, Preceptor; J. W. Colmer, Treas.; and the following brethren:—C. Taylor, Cadot, Wiltshire, F. W. Potter, G. Wale, McMurray, D. H. Feltham, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Keith Frith having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The W.M., Bro. Blackie, then rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a very impressive and efficient manner. The First Section of the First and Third Degrees having been worked, Bro. Pitt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, after which the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Thursday next at 6.30 p.m.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, October 12th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Comps. H. A. Dubois, M.E.Z.; J. W. Baldwin, H.; John Mason, J.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., P.G.A. First S. Middlesex; E. Harris, P.Z.; and W. Smeed, P.Z., opened the chapter. The companions were admitted. The minutes of last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots were unanimous in favour of all the candidates for exaltation. Apologies were received from all the absent candidates. Some important notices of motion were given. Comp. T. W. Clarke, 177, a visitor, was proposed as a joining member. Several brethren were proposed as candidates for exaltation. The chapter was closed and adjourned to Thursday, November 9th, at six o'clock. Banquet was partaken of.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old established chapter held its first convocation of the season on Tuesday, the 10th inst. There were present at the opening Comps. Holbrook, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Elsam, H.; Wagner, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; P. Robinson, N.; Mander, P.S.; B. Sharp, P.Z. 84, acting I.P.Z.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Moss, Walls, Pratt, Bentley, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Two brethren for exaltation were on the agenda, but neither of them put in an appearance. Several propositions having been received, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the acting M.E.Z. proposed the customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts briefly but pertinently, and they were duly honoured by the companions. In introducing "The

Health of Comp. Hammond, M.E.Z., the acting First Principal deplored the circumstances that had prevented him from being present that evening—namely, having to attend a funeral. He said that the abilities of the M.E. were so well known to them, that it would be quite superfluous on his part were he to expatiate upon them. In conclusion he coupled the names of those two excellent and worthy companions, Elsam and Wagner, the Second and Third Principals, with the toast. Those companions, in reply, expressed their thanks for the kind manner in which their respective names had been mentioned by the M.E., and they hoped that when the time arrived for them to fill the First Principal's chair that they would be found equal to the requirements of the position. "The Health of the acting M.E., Comp. Harfeld, Treas.," was proposed by Comp. Holbrook in a few well-chosen words, and was duly honoured. "The Visitor, Comp. B. Sharp, P.Z., &c.," was then duly pledged. In introducing this toast, the M.E. said that from what he had heard from several companions, they were honoured by the presence amongst them that evening of a very excellent "worker" in the mysteries of the Royal Arch Degree, and he felt sorry that there had been no exaltation that day, because he should very much have liked to have shewn their worthy and talented visitor the "working" of the Jerusalem. This toast having been duly honoured, Comp. Sharp replied. In the course of his speech he stated that he came there that evening at the invitation of their M.E., Comp. Hammond. With regard to what the acting First Principal had stated respecting his knowledge of the Royal Arch Degree, he could only say that he had been connected with it for many years, and that he had been, and was a great admirer of its beautiful ritual. He came there that evening as a visitor, but he hoped at some early period to become a member, provided the chapter should deem him worthy of that privilege. The toast of "The P.Z.'s of the Chapter" followed, and was acknowledged by those zealous and energetic Comps. Holbrook and Davage. In proposing the next toast, that of "The S.E.," the M.E. congratulated the chapter upon possessing so useful and indefatigable a S.E. as Comp. Davage had proved himself to be. He was always at his post, and he appeared to spare no pains to render the companions comfortable at the banquet. He said that the thanks of the chapter were also due to the Second Principal, Comp. Elsam, who, previously to the appointment of Comp. Davage, had acted as S.E., and who had succeeded in putting the books of the chapter in good order, they having been left by the sudden death of their late S.E. in a very involved state. This toast having been responded to, "The Health of the Subordinate Officers" followed. The M.E., in introducing the toast, passed a very high compliment on the Royal Arch abilities of Comps. P. Robinson, N., and Mander, P.S. Those officers, in the absence of their assistants, briefly replied by thanking the M.E. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the companions for the warm manner in which they had received it. In the intervals Comps. Robinson, Walls, and Mander vocally entertained the companions, who shortly after ten o'clock separated until the second Tuesday in December next.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The October meeting of this excellent chapter was held on the 18th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel; Comps. George Newman, M.E.Z.; F. W. R. Copestick, H.; H. Birdseye, J.; Geo. Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; King, P.Z.; Francis Fellows, S.E.; Jones, S.N.; Chas. Arkell, P.S.; Chapman, First Assistant S.; Abbott, Cohu, Potter, Curle, Cann, Kent, Gillam, Ewens, and others. Visitors: Comps. Forbes, Sincerity; W. Worrell, William Preston, 766; Jas. Forsyth, P.Z. Victoria; Thos. White, 22; F. Woodbridge Carnell, 1216. The chapter was opened in due form, and the following brethren balloted and elected unanimously:—Bros. J. Lorkin, Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192; Chambers, Robert Burns Lodge, 25. Bro. Chambers (who has been long connected with the Cannon-street Hotel, and given such attention and satisfaction to the brethren as to earn for himself the respect of the members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge) was (by desire of the companions in chapter) exalted to the Supreme Degree of H.R.A.M., the regalia being presented by the members present. The ceremony was very impressive, rendered particularly so by the fine working of the companions in office. It would be impossible for the three chairs to be filled by better workers than Comps. Newman, Copestick, and Birdseye. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Comps. F. W. Copestick, M.E.Z.; H. Birdseye, H.; Chapman, J.; Geo. Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Francis Fellows, S.E.; Chas. Arkell, S.N.; Geo. Phythian, P.S. The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent supper, and a happy evening was the result.

Ancient and Primitive Rite.

HAVANT.—Orion Council (No. 3).—The members of this council met on Tuesday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of dedicating the Carnarvon Lodge Rooms (recently dedicated to Craft Masonry) also to the purposes of A. and P. Masonry. A Grand Council of Sublime Masters of the Great Work, 30° was opened by Illustrious Bros. H. Trigg, S.D.; J. Clay, 1st Mystagogue, J. Harrison, 2nd Mystagogue; and J. Clarke, Grand Expert; and Illustrious Bro. J. N. Hillman, G.M. General of Ceremonies, 33°, 95°, as the Representative of the M.I.S., Bro. John Yarker, Grand Master General, 33°, 96°, dedicated the temple to the purposes of Sublime Masonry in Ancient and Primitive form.

It is understood that His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Ireland, will relinquish the office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland about the middle of next month, and that His Grace the Duke of Marlborough will immediately enter upon his duties as Lord Lieutenant.

Scotland.

ABERDEEN.—Lodge St. Nicholas (No. 93).—On Saturday evening, the 14th inst., a funeral lodge in memory of Bro. John Gordon, P.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Exchange-street. The W.P.G.M. of the City Province (Dr. Beveridge) presided, and was assisted by the P.G. Chaplain, and the W.M. of the lodge. There was a large turn out of brethren from the different lodges, besides representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The lodge having been opened on the Third Degree in due form, and prayer engaged in by the Chaplain, several anthems were sung, and the other formulæ incidental to this beautiful service gone through, after which the W.P. G.M. delivered an oration, in the course of which he passed a high eulogium on the character of the deceased, and referred to the many acts of kindness and genial disposition which had marked Bro. Gordon's intercourse with the brethren, and endeared him to the hearts of all with whom he had come in contact in the discharge of his duties. An anthem was then sung, and votes of thanks to Bro. Dr. Beveridge and the P.G. Chaplain, on the motion of the W.M. of the lodge, concluded the proceedings.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the Agenda of business for Wednesday, 1st November, 1876:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Report of the Committee of General Purposes:—The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th July to the 17th October, 1876, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter.....	£399	1	11
" " Unappropriated Account.....	178	7	11
" Subsequent Receipts	258	2	0
	£835	11	10
By Disbursements during the Quarter.....	£182	7	10
" Balance	475	11	1
" " in Unappropriated Account ...	177	12	11
	£835	11	10

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Thomas John White, as Z.; the Rev William John Lyte Stradling, as H.; Thomas James, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Cambrian Lodge, No. 464, Haverfordwest, to be called the "Hwlfordd Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, South Wales (Western Division).

2nd. From Comps. Edward Bremner Smith as Z., Robert De La Poer Beresford as H., Samuel Hazlitt as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge, No. 1432, Oswestry, to be called the "Fitzalan Chapter," and to meet at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry, North Wales.

3rd. From Comps. George Hunter Wildie as Z., Wm. Williamson as H., John King as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1137, Timaru, to be called the "St. John's Chapter," and to meet at Timaru, Canterbury, New Zealand.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have further to report that a complaint was preferred by Companion Charles Horsley, the Z., of the Yarborough Chapter, No 811, Brighton, against the Scribe E., Comp. C. J. Smith, of the same Chapter. The various letters which had passed between the above-mentioned companions having disclosed a very serious absence of harmony among the members generally, the committee felt compelled to suspend the chapter. Having summoned the parties before them and fully investigated the case, the committee continued the suspension until the members of the chapter could arrive at a good understanding amongst themselves, and petition for its removal. This the committee are happy to be able to report has been effected, the suspension has been removed, and the chapter authorized to resume its labours.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The following is the corrected list of the Stewards for the anniversary festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Friday, November 24th, 1876:—

R.W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W.; the Hon. Wm. Warren Vernon, J.G.W.; Fredk. Pattison, P.G.W.; John Havers, P.G.W.; Capt. William Platt, P.G.W.; Sir Albert Woods, Garter, P.G.W.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon, Bro. Col. J. Creaton, Trustee and Vice-Patron, in the chair. Among those present were Bros. Tattershall, White, Boyd, Dubois, Browse, Col. Peters, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Stewart, Ramsay, Rucker, Kenning, Rev. P. M. Holden, Levander, Sabine, Massa, Finney, Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D.; Capt. Philips, Capt. Wordsworth, Murlis. The minutes of the last General Committee were read and verified, and the minutes of several other meetings were read for information.

Three petitions were approved, and the chairman authorized to sign cheques for the accounts for the September quarter. The following motion by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Dr. Ramsay, and supported by several brethren, was carried unanimously:—"That the salary of the Secretary be increased £100 per annum, dating from 1st January last.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.—The following letter has been published by Colonel Loyd Lindsay:—"National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded, Turco-Servian Relief, October 23, 1876. Sir,—I have found so much concurrent testimony to the great service performed by the English surgeons of the Red Cross Society attached to the head-quarters of the Turkish army before Alexinatz that I am induced to ask you to mention their names, which are as follows:—Dr. Leslie, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Barker, and Mr. White. Dr. Leslie writes to me from Alexinatz that he and his colleagues have attended to more than 2,000 wounded during the three days' fighting at the beginning of the month; that they were engaged from Thursday till Sunday, day and night, with only short intervals of rest, and that the estimation in which they are held by all parties in the camp stands very high. He adds that the camp has proved a very healthy place. I am, &c., R. LOYD LINDSAY."

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has been graciously pleased to grant a dispensation to the Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, by which the members are entitled to wear a centenary jewel.

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The Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire, has arrived in London from his tour in Eastern Europe.

Preparations are being made at the Royal demesne, Sandringham, for the approaching visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales for the winter season. Their Royal Highnesses are expected here on the 3rd proximo, and after celebrating the Prince's birthday, will proceed to Norwich, for the installation of Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk.

We understand that the Foreign and Colonial Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland have agreed to recommend the recognition of the Grand Orient of Egypt, and in all probability the recommendation will be confirmed at the Grand Lodge to be held on the 6th prox. We believe that a similar proposition is shortly to be made in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, thus following the example of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall is to be held in the Masonic Hall, New Public Rooms, Truro, on Tuesday, the 7th November, at 2 p.m. The R.W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., the Prov. G. M.M.M., is to preside, and reports from the six lodges in the province are all expected to be very favourable. Particulars of the meeting will appear in due course.

Bro. J. E. Saunders, P.G.D., has consented to come forward as a Liberal candidate for the London School Board at Greenwich, in conjunction with Mr. Henry Gover.

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BIRTHS.

ALABASTER.—On August 28th, at Amoy, China, the wife of C. Alabaster, H.B.M.'s Consul, of a son.

GODWIN.—On the 23rd inst., at Ladbroke-grove, the wife of H. Godwin, of a son.

WILKINSON.—On the 19th inst., at Belgrave-road, the wife of W. L. Wilkinson, of a daughter.

WOODCOCK.—On the 19th inst., at Auckland-hill, Lower Norwood, the wife of W. H. Woodcock, of a son.

DEATHS.

BARTER.—On the 3rd ult., near Simla, East India, Richard Travers Barter, sub-lieut. 73rd Regt., in his 21st year.

BELDAM.—On the 20th inst., at Banyers, Royston, Cambridgeshire, Edward Beldam, Esq., J.P., aged 65.

CRAWSHAW.—On the 18th inst., Simon Crawshaw, of Dewsbury, in his 72nd year.

GORDON.—On the 9th inst., at Saltash, South Devon, Thos. Gordon, Esq., aged 59.

HOLKER.—On Aug. 4, at Wallandool, Albury, N.S.W., Wilson, son of the late S. Holker, Esq.

KERSHAW.—On the 17th inst., at Bromley, Kent, John Evans Kershaw, Esq.

KING.—On the 20th inst., at Loughborough Park, Brixton, T. B. King, aged 35.

LATHAM.—On the 17th inst., at Eritli, Henry Turner Latham, aged 68.

LOCKWOOD.—On the 20th inst., Bro. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, aged 78.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCT. 28, 1876.

FATHER FOY'S LAST ATTACK ON
FREEMASONRY.

Father Foy is a Roman Catholic preacher of some celebrity, it seems, who has lately been enlightening and astounding the pious Roman Catholics at Hastings with his revelations respecting secret societies in general and Freemasonry in particular. He has, we believe, before addressed his co-religionists on the same topic, but we must say that in his last oration, or whatever you like to term it, the reverend Father has excelled himself, if that be possible. To what particular Order the reverend orator belongs we are not told, and we do not know, but we should not be very much astonished to hear, that Father Foy is a stout and zealous affiliate of the Jesuit confraternity of Ignatius Loyala. So remarkable are his long addresses, that we can merely glance at them, as it were, to-day, but they will be published "in extenso" in the "*Masonic Magazines*" for December and January, and we recommend our many readers to peruse them carefully there. This kind assailant of *Freemasonry* objects to its "secrecy." Well, that is an "oft-told tale," and we cannot afford time or space to revert to it now. Suffice it to say, that at the very time Father Foy denounces a society because it is secret, he forgets the great secret Jesuit Association, and he is utterly oblivious of the early history of Christianity itself, and the famous "*Disciplina Arcani*." A secret society is only objectionable when forbidden by the laws of the land, as many very harmless societies, whether benevolent or social, like to throw around their gatherings the harmless conditions of secrecy and mystery. And then Father Foy goes on to inform his hearers of the real cause of Lord Ripon's resignation of the Grand Mastership of English Freemasons. It seems that our former noble and constitutional ruler was so alarmed by the aims of the secret societies of Europe, and especially of the Freemasons—that very Order over which in England he presided so happily—that he determined not only to become a Roman Catholic, but to disavow Freemasonry. We utterly disbelieve Father Foy, and we fancy he speaks with no authority on the subject. As we understand the matter, and we are open to correction, our late Grand Master, finding that he was about to join the Roman Catholic Communion, felt that after the Papal allocations he could not consistently remain the chief of English Freemasonry as a Roman Catholic, and therefore, though with deep personal regret, severed his connection with a fraternity to which he could not, in his opinion, any longer fitly or conscientiously belong. But that, our readers will see, is a very "different position of affairs" indeed from renouncing Freemasonry because, as Father Foy tells his confiding hearers, it was a secret society, with dangerous aims and revolutionary tendencies. No one knew better the real tone and temper, the professions and practice of English Freemasonry, than did Lord Ripon, and we will venture to add, from old knowledge of himself, that he is far too honest and high-minded to allow even his zeal for Roman Catholicism so far to sway his private opinions or his public declarations as to make him in any way unjust to his ancient brethren. He would, on the contrary, we feel assured, be ready at once to uphold the loyal character and unpolitical colouring of English Freemasonry, and to deprecate the far too common attacks upon it of ignorant assailants and contumelious combatants. Father Foy then proceeds to contend that Freemasonry is still "*Illuminatism*," and seeks to derive the proofs of his statements from the old and well-worn volumes of Barrall, &c., &c. We have nothing to do with the "*Illuminati*," and whatever in some portions of the continent Freemasons may have had to do with the dangerous schemes of the *Illuminati* in the latter part of the last century, we never knew anything of them in Great Britain, and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry never has had anything to do with them even in the re-

most degree. It always seems to us idle for Roman Catholic impugnors of Freemasonry to go back to such things in respect of the Freemasonry of the day. *Illuminatism* is a theory of the past, and we do not believe that at this moment either its principles or its practice are known or developed in any Masonic lodge. Our good Roman Catholic adversaries, if they wish to be both real and effective in their attacks on Freemasonry, must therefore deal with the present, not with the past, and we shall be always ready to meet them. Father Foy then seeks to trace a connection with the French Revolution and Freemasonry, and describes Freemasonry proper as the "fautor" of revolution everywhere. No greater mistake or unfounded untruth ever was persistently put forth. If here and there a French lodge was favourable to the dread principles of the *Illuminati*, or the turbid violence of Jacobins and Girondins, the effect of the French Revolution was to shut up the French lodges altogether, and to suspend the sittings of the Grand Orient of France. If there was that wonderful sympathy between Freemasonry and revolution which Father Foy asserts to have existed, how came about this indubitable historical fact? The truth is, that this grave error and this mendacious assertion are founded on the want of discrimination as between individuals and the general body. At all times, in all generations, individuals have done very foolish things, and spoken indefensible words, and too often the body has been blamed for the act of the person; but Freemasonry itself, as an institution, never was identified with revolutionary principles, and cannot be, because some of its great dogmata are, and ever will remain, peace and order, loyalty and obedience to civil Government, toleration and tranquillity, brotherly love and good will to man. The laws and teachings of Freemasonry itself are one thing, and the opinions and acts of individual Freemasons another, and often a very different thing indeed. Father Foy himself would not have the Roman Catholic Church condemned for all the cruel deeds and despicable words of individual Romanists, and Lord Ripon himself pointed out this fact in the history of the Roman Catholic Church in an able speech which he recently delivered, we think at Salford or Manchester. Freemasonry cannot, therefore, be condemned for the isolated speeches of individuals, or even the acts of separate lodges which never were sanctioned by the body politic of Freemasonry in any country. We say this because we are aware that some foreign Freemasons have laid themselves open to most severe animadversion by the very untrue character they have themselves given to the principles and the practice of their Order. What our opinion on this head is we point out carefully in another article to-day, and we need not repeat it here, the more so, as we, who belong to Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, have always protested, and still do protest, against anything which seeks to affix either a political or anti-religious or revolutionary character to Freemasonry. That some of the proceedings of the French Freemasons, to whom Father Foy alludes, are not wise, and in our opinion are not Masonic, we have often said, and shall say again, but then Father Foy must bear in mind the hopelessly bitter and irreconcilable feelings which seem to actuate Ultramontanes and Freemasons in France and in other continental States. Much of this is, no doubt, owing to the indiscriminate censure cast upon Freemasons by hot-headed ecclesiastical functionaries, without discernment and without distinction. Even in Great Britain and Canada, and the United States, our loyal, and law-abiding, and peaceful and tolerant Order is nothing in their eyes but a secret political organization, actuated by the worst principles, and directed to the most unholy ends. It is against this wholesale system of Ultramontane lying that we Freemasons warmly object. Father Foy frightened all his readers by a description of the orgies of Masonic Lodges, a description, however suitable for the "respectable gentlemen and ladies" who are said to have attended his "high spiced" lecture—delivered, we observe, on the "altar steps," in a Roman Catholic Church, by the way—is far too foul for our pages. We recommend all our brethren and readers to study

carefully Father Foy's "ipsissima verba" in the "Masonic Magazine" for December, and they will agree with us, we feel sure, that no more ridiculous and yet untruthful description of Freemasonry and Freemasons was ever palmed off on the credulity of the most credulous, or offered to the swallow of the greatest of "gobemouches." We shall remind our readers of these very "sensational addresses" when our December Magazine appears, but we have thought well to advert to them now for the comfort and edification of many worthy brethren in Hastings and the vicinity.

THE PRESENT ASPECTS OF FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

We wish that we could conscientiously say that such were reassuring; alas! in our humble opinion, they are greatly the reverse. We have very warm feelings towards our French brethren, and we wish devoutly that historic truth did not compel us to point out in all of solemn sternness, the very uncomfortable impression the reports of the last meeting of the Grand Orient of France have left upon our minds. The Grand Orient of France has decided, by 110 votes to 65, to refer to the consideration of all the lodges Article II. of the Constitutional laws, which relates to the "existence of God and the immortality of the soul." After a very long discussion "and much divergency of opinion among the Bureaux," the Grand Orient divided on the report of the "Commission," which, principally in respect of the opportuneness of the discussion, proposed to pass to the "order of the day," or, as we should say, "the previous question," and so, for the moment, shelve a disagreeable discussion. But 110 votes as against 65, as we said just now, declined this proposition, and determined to bring the matter to a distinct conclusion one way or other, and we cannot say that in this they were actually wrong, though we are very sorry that any such question has been raised at all. We note that in the discussion Bros. Nicoulo, Baer, Mamark, and Marechal de Nancy, took what we should call the English view of the subject, regretting that such a discussion should arise at all, and pointing out its real sectarian character, while Bro. Massicault seems to have dwelt most upon the inopportuneness of the proposal. The arguments by which the Council of the Order, under the esteemed Bro. St. Jean, Bro. Caubet, the able G.S., and Bro. Wyrubouff, the eloquent Orator, have since practically defended the result of the division, have, we confess, filled our mind with regret and alarm; and we feel bound to say to those most distinguished brethren, in our humble opinion, that such arguments are radically wrong, and Masonically unsound. For what is the view they are now seeking to establish, the defence they put forward, for this act of unquietness and revolution? It is this, that in expunging the assertion of the belief in the "existence of God," and the "immortality of the soul," they are not negating dogmata, but affirming toleration, that as Freemasonry is essentially tolerant and universal it can express a belief in nothing, inasmuch as by affirming credence in anything you offend the consciences of those who don't believe in anything at all, and "par consequence," the only true position of Freemasonry is that which declares that its highest teaching is absolute negativism. Bro. Wyrubouff says that Freemasonry is bound to remain neuter on all points of politics and religion, and leaves to each individual his own faith. We agree with him in general, but not in particular. Our English position is a very different one, and, we think, a far better one. It asserts that a Freemason can neither be a "stupid atheist or an irreligious libertine," and it demands belief in the Great Architect of the Universe as a necessary condition of admission into Freemasonry. It declares, undoubtedly, in its teaching, ritually and otherwise, also in the immortality of the soul, in the resurrection of humanity, in the Fatherhood of God, and in the Brotherhood of Man, and there it stops, leaving at a distance all question of creeds, all other portions of individual belief. Our great objection then, to this movement in French Freemasonry is twofold, first as regards its own

position in France; and secondly, in respect of its relationships with other branches of the great Masonic family. In France the only effect will be to play into the hands of the Ultramontanes, and to give new weapons to the able assailant of Freemasonry, Monsignor Dupanloup. In his remarkable "Etude," unfair and illogical in part as we deemed it to be, owing to his confusion of individual acts with general principles, he himself pointed out what the logical necessity of the case must lead the French Freemasons to. And sure enough here we have his words already fulfilled in this inopportune and regrettable discussion of these most important truths. In the present temper of French Freemasons, we fear that there is but little hope of their maintaining the constitution of the Order, in "statu quo," and of resisting the "voice of that destructive charmer," which is luring them on to the "Caudine Forks" of hopeless isolation. Indeed, we should almost be inclined to think, remembering that our good friends the Jesuits have more than once tried their "prentice hand" on Masonic lodges and Masonic teaching, that such a movement might owe its origin to some concealed and unsuspected affiliate of that universal society. For we can see nothing but gain to the Ultramontane press and party, and grave consequences to the French Freemasons, by this hasty surrender of their outworks to the first attack of the enemy. French Freemasonry will henceforth be distinguished by one great characteristic, that it will possess within it the full luxury of unbelief, and that that great Order which has ever openly professed its manly adherence to the Great Creator and Ruler and Father and Friend of all, now openly abdicates its old position, declares that whether a Freemason be a believer in God or a pure atheist, matters nothing at all. Such a rôle for French Freemasonry is, we believe, alike dangerous and unworthy. It simply paves the way for spiritual and political despotism, as no real liberty can exist on the negation or non-avowal of positive belief, and it undermines the foundation on which all true Freemasonry rests, its religious, reverential, and tolerant character. It is a fallacy almost unworthy of notice, it is a subtlety too Jesuitical, it is a subterfuge only too patent, which would represent such a movement as an effort of toleration, not a destructive negativism; a conservative step, not a revolutionary proclivity; a concession to the tendencies of modern thought and teaching, not a surrender to the army of indifference or infidelity, the dealing with a dogma inconsistent with the universal and liberal genius of Masonry, not the erasure of a living truth, bound up indifferently with the very existence and true progress of Freemasonry. On the arguments of our worthy brethren, mistaken as we hold them, nothing positive or true can stand, the objective must give way to the subjective, "tout ce qu'on reveré," to the idle phantasies of the hour. Henceforth French Freemasonry will be described by its adversaries, as without belief at all, and who can gainsay their words? If such a decision is upheld and becomes part of French Masonic law, forbidding to French Freemasons any doctrine of external or public belief in God, and resolving its teaching into a bare and lifeless system of human morality, whether based on a "morale independante," or the destructive theories of a so-called "positivisme," which seems to leave everything in dilemma and obscurity, amid a chaos of contending passions, and the insolvable doubts of the finite intellect of man, it will be an evil day for French Freemasonry. In these our remarks we hope that our French brethren will not believe that we are actuated by any other than pure Masonic sentiments. We write freely and decidedly because we feel warmly, and because, above all, we like plain speaking, truthful declaration in all things, and greatly object to the mealy-mouthedness and insincere utterances of the hour. As regards Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry the decision of the French Grand Orient, if supported by the majority of French Masons, must render the chasm between French and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry impassable, and must prevent Anglo-Saxon Freemasons entering a French Lodge. As some of the French brethren well put it in the debate, its only result can be

the isolation of French Freemasons, a result to be very deeply regretted. We Anglo-Saxon Freemasons cannot, and will not, give up our own ancient and distinguishing formulæ, and on our own principles we cannot conscientiously enter lodges in which the existence of God is not even admitted, but in which His sacred name is never used, which neither begin nor end with prayers, and from which the Bible has been almost contemptuously rejected. We await with great anxiety the appeal to the French Lodges, deeply as we deplore that any such step should be taken, though, as we said before, we cannot blame those who merely on the score of "inopportuneness" refused to accept the "ordre de jour." We confess that we have but little hope of a favourable response in our view of things, though, as we say, "when things are at their worst they sometimes mend," and "the stormy night is sometimes followed by a sunshiny morning." As it is impossible in a short article to do full justice to the arguments of Bros. Caubet and Wyrubouff we shall revert to them next week.

PEACE OR WAR.

The sensational paragraphs we published last week, and which the "Times" took from the "Central News," were, as we thought, pure "canards," symptomatic we are inclined to think of one or two "lame ducks" on the Stock Exchange. The Ministry has had a meeting and there are still hopes for European peace. All of us, and Freemasons especially, must wish for peace, not indeed peace at any price, not a dishonourable peace, not a peace procured by menace, or culminating in national disgrace, but peace, if possible, as preferable to the horror, and ruthless arbitrament of war. Some of us often talk in flippant tones and rowdy words of the possibilities of war, and seem to treat very lightly the great, the sacred blessings of peace. To all such we recommend the calm perusal of Dr. Johnson's famous, but forgotten words in his pamphlet on the "Falkland Islands," and which commend themselves equally to the understanding of the reflective and the sympathies of the Freemason, interested in the preservation of European peace, and the cessation of the cruelties and evils of war.—"As war is the last of remedies, cuncta prius tentanda, all lawful expedients must be used to avoid it. As war is the extremity of evil, it is surely the duty of those whose station entrusts them with the care of nations, to avert it from their charge. There are diseases of animal nature which nothing but amputation can remove; so there may, by the depravation of human passions, be sometimes a gangrene in collective life for which fire and the sword are the necessary remedies; but in what can skill or caution be better shown than preventing such dreadful operations, while there is yet room for gentler methods? It is wonderful with what coolness and indifference the greater part of mankind see war commenced. Those that hear of it at a distance, or read of it in books, but have never presented its evils to their minds, consider it as little more than a splendid game, a proclamation, an army, a battle, and a triumph. Some indeed must perish in the most successful field, but they die upon the bed of honour, resign their lives amidst the joys of conquest, and filled with England's glory, smile in death. The life of a modern soldier is ill represented by heroic fiction. War has means of destruction more formidable than the cannon and the sword. Of the thousands and ten thousands that perished in our late contests with France and Spain, a very small part ever felt the stroke of an enemy; the rest languished in tents and ships, amidst damps and putrefaction; pale, torpid, spiritless, and helpless: gasping and groaning, unpitied among men, made obdurate by long continuance of hopeless misery; and were at last whelmed in pits, or heaved into the ocean, without notice and without remembrance. By incommodious encampments and unwholesome stations, where courage is useless, and enterprise impracticable, fleets are silently dispeopled, and armies sluggishly melted away. Those who suffer their minds to dwell on these considerations will think it no great crime in the ministry that they have not snatched with eagerness the first opportunity

of rushing into the field, when they were able to obtain by quiet negotiation all the real good that victory could have brought us. Of victory indeed, every nation is confident before the sword is drawn; and this mutual confidence produces that wantonness of bloodshed that has so often disolated the world. But it is evident, that of contradictory opinions one must be wrong; and the history of mankind does not want examples that may teach caution to the daring, and moderation to the proud."

LETTER OF BRO. CAUBET TO THE EDITOR OF THE "FREEMASON."
TRANSLATED FROM THE "MONDE MAÇONNIQUE" OF OCTOBER.

Very dear Brother,—

You have had a thousand-fold reason for considering the assertions of the "Globe" newspaper calumnious. There never have existed under the obedience of the Grand Orient of France lodges belonging partly to Freemasonry and partly to Carbonarism.

The Masonic work and the work of the Carbonari have no resemblance in any manner. The first is a work of peace and fraternity among honest men of all beliefs.

The second has been a special work of combat against a political party. The Grand Orient has no authority, and never has had any, but over Masonry.

Carbonarism had to direct it, a Vente Supreme (Supreme Vente), completely alien in all things from Masonic authority.

Never have the French lodges thought of substituting any sort of parody on the civil marriage, the only legal one in France.

The opinion of the immense majority of Masons would have protested against such a proceeding, and the Grand Orient would never have authorised it.

Mr. A. Naquet certainly wrote in 1869, a volume in which he lauded extremely Free Love. This book had for a title, Religion, Propriété, Famille, and not as the "Globe" says, "La Famille et L'Etat social."

I am ignorant if Mr. Naquet has changed his opinion. I am much disposed to believe it; but I do know this, that in his book he has made no allusion to Masonry, and especially to the pretended Masonic marriages of which the "Globe" speaks.

This matter of the marriages is evidently a bad joke of the editor of that journal, or the reproduction of one of those "contes bleus," given forth by certain Ultramontane Roman Catholic writers, whose speciality is to calumniate our grand Institution.

Accept, dear brother, the assurance of my fraternal sentiments.

CAUBET.

A POINT OF LAW.

Many Freemasons of eminence, probably alarmed at the late extraordinary spread of the craft, have left no opportunity unmissed of earnestly advising and imploring the founders of lodges which they have been called upon to consecrate, to be particular to the utmost degree in investigating the characters of the candidates proposed for admission into the Order. That this advice is required, and that it is high time that Grand Lodge should interfere in a manner strong enough to prevent the occurrence of another scandal of a similar nature, must be evident to the mind of every one who peruses the report of a case tried at the Westminster County Court, on Thursday, the 10th inst., before Mr. Judge Bayley:—"The Hervey Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1260, versus Fielder." The plaintiffs sued the defendant, a gentleman residing at 10, Torriano Avenue, Camden Town, to recover the sum of £15, under somewhat peculiar circumstances.—Mr. Stone, counsel for the plaintiffs, said the claim was for ten guineas initiation fees and five guineas subscription.—At this stage of the case the learned judge said that as the Freemasons were not a body corporate they could not sue, and that Freemasons in point of law were a nonentity.—Mr. Stone, on the other hand, said that, on reference to "Pollock's Law of Contracts," p. 775, all clubs could recover if by law established.—The Judge: In that case you assume to sue as a corporation.—Mr. Stone: No; I assure your honour that, by the fifth order of the New County Courts Act, and on the eighth rule, all persons connected with any society are each and severally liable to sue.—The Judge: But here no person is named.—Mr. Stone then asked the learned judge to amend the particulars, and allow Mr. King's (the Secretary of the lodge) name to be substituted on the part of the plaintiffs, and quoted the case of "Rugby v. Bishop," Law Reports, 733, where a similar case was decided in his favour; and again stated that Pollock on Contracts supported him at page 193, where one of many parties who had an interest in a club or society were individually entitled to sue. If his honour were adverse to him on this point perhaps leave would be given to appeal.—The Judge: You have no right to appeal, as the case cannot be supported, as no individual person was mentioned in the plaint.—Mr. Stone: But the text-books I have quoted are in opposition to your honour's views.—The Judge: I say you cannot support the claim, and I am not bound by Mr. Pollock's text-books or any others. I shall, therefore, nonsuit the plaintiffs and allow costs.—Judgment for the defendant with costs.—"Sunday Times."

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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.]

FEMALE FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

Once again I trespass on your valuable space, but this time in self defence, and to let "A Freemason's Wife" know that, whatever her doubts may be upon the subject, I am a woman, if one by myself, as she suggests. I expected to find many Masons' wives against me, knowing from experience the feeling existing upon the subject, but I trust some will be of my opinion. Your correspondent appears to think it such a remarkable occurrence that my husband and self can converse freely upon Masonic matters when he is bound by such awful oaths. This idea is simply absurd, as there are so many interesting subjects connected with Masonry—even the matter contained in your weekly journal is always food for conversation and argument—that she need wonder no longer on that score. She then admits the lodge is no place for modest women (how about immodest ones?)—this is not saying much for the Countess Hädick. However, my idea is this—let Freemasons' wives give over fretting and fuming for knowledge unattainable, and worrying their husbands in the matter, and rest contented. This would, I think, bring more real happiness between them than an enlightenment as to the mysteries of the Order, even were it possible.

I could say much more, but feel now I ought to apologise for occupying your time upon such a controversy. Before concluding, however, I must acknowledge being gratified with your editorial remarks, agreeing with my views upon the above subject, and trust others were the same.

Believe me, dear Sir, faithfully yours,

A FREEMASON'S WIFE.

ULTRAMONTANISM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Pray give me space to draw the attention of our brethren to the subjoined extract from the "Times" of Thursday week:—

"RELIGIOUS SCANDAL.—A Roman Catholic scandal has occurred in Nottingham. A married lady worshipping at the Cathedral, unknown to her husband, consulted Bishop Bagshaw the other day as to the spiritual condition of a girl of 14 who lived with her. The girl having stated that her parents were Protestants, the Bishop said there was no hope for salvation without the pale of the Catholic Church, and he could not even allow her to leave that day without the bestowal of a baptismal blessing, and through fear she submitted. In reply to the husband's remonstrance, the Bishop contends that duty to the Church overrides duty to parents and husbands."

Far be it from me, if even you were to permit me to take such a course, to say one word either for or against Roman Catholicism, or indeed, any other religious belief or system whatever; but I must point out that this over-riding of all authority, human and Divine, this severing of the holiest of all ties, dear alike to God and man, is the action of those who calumniate us, slander us, revile us, excommunicate us, deprive us of the rites of sepulture, desecrate our very graves, and find no worthier epithets to bestow upon our inoffensive peacefulness than "putrid," on our charity than "leprosy of heresy."

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

FAIR PLAY.

[We think that the correspondence on Ultramontaniam had better now cease.—Ed.]

FATHER FOY ON FREEMASONRY.

The following correspondence relative to Father Foy's address appeared in the "Hastings Observer," October 21st:—

Sir,—In his lecture on Secret Societies reported in your last issue, Father Foy brandishes his spiritual shillelagh with great vigour about the heads of Freemasons. I trust he will accept my assurance that in his account of the frightful oath which he says is enforced on every free and accepted Mason, he has either been hoaxed, or has sought for his authority in the pages of a "penny dreadful" or one of the sham publications which innocent countrymen purchase in the delusion that they contain the secrets of Freemasonry. Father Foy must have a most high imagination if he believes that sensible men, in these days of police and sanitary inspectors, could talk of hanging bodies like the scarecrows magnified by distorted vision into Turkish impalements. I would also assure Father Foy that Masonry, unlike his own creed, inculcates a ready obedience to the laws of whatever country it may be practised in, and as an instance of its worth from a religious point of view, may mention that I have presided over a lodge where a high-taste Brahmin and a Mussulman joined with Catholics and Protestants regularly in praying to their common Father, "O, Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosever is counted dead before Thee," a prayer which, both in word and spirit, I would recommend Father Foy to add to his daily devotions.

Yours obediently,

A FREEMASON.

St. Leonards Club, 17th October, 1876.

Sir,—As one perfectly unbiassed with regard to the subject on which the Rev. Mr. Foy is now lecturing, and with a view solely of gaining information, I have read

the discourse chronicled in your last week's number, and am obliged to confess my complete disappointment therewith.

The real question in my humble opinion appears to be this, "What is the relation between the Society known in England as Freemasons, and those on the Continent to which Mr. Foy attributes such 'atrocities?'" (that is, I believe, the popular word just at present.) Mr. Foy has said a great deal that has been said a thousand times before, perhaps not less forcibly than he has himself just said it; but with regard to what appears, in my humble opinion, at least to be the point on which information would be valuable, he has told us nothing, and I would therefore venture respectfully to suggest, that, unless this omission be supplied in the forthcoming lectures, it is more than possible, not only that they will be totally innoxious, so far as Masonry is concerned, but that like a celebrated personage of ancient times, he may find that he has "altogether blessed" where he intended to curse.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

St. Leonards-on-Sea.

A NON-MASON.

Sir,—Having read in your paper of the 14th inst. the address on "Secret Societies" delivered by the Rev. Mr. Foy in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas in your town, I beg to state, as an English Mason, that, so far as it was intended to apply to English Masonry, the discourse does not contain one word of truth, but, on the contrary, is a gross and wicked libel. I have very little knowledge of foreign Masonry, but I believe the same observation would equally apply to it.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

JOHN CASTLE GANT.

Reigate, Oct. 17, 1876.

P.S.—I hope some members of the Craft at Hastings and St. Leonards will defend it against such a vile attack.

PROTESTANTISM IN SPAIN.

[The following appeared in the "Times" of Monday. We do not know to what Masonic procession Sir George Bowyer alludes.—Ed.]

Sir,—I regret the course taken in Spain on the 11th Article of the Constitution (if what we are told is correct), for intolerance, or even the appearance of intolerance and bigotry, is much to be deprecated on principle, as well as dangerous to religion and to public security. It is well that the English Government should give friendly and respectful advice on this subject. But some such action would be both becoming and useful elsewhere. I mean in Italy.

In Spain the dissenters from the national religion are not only a small minority, but a mere fraction, and some deference to the predominant opinions of the country may be expected from them. Italy is a Roman Catholic country, and the vast majority of the people are, or profess themselves, Roman Catholics. Yet the Roman Catholics of Italy are restricted in the same manner as the Protestants in Spain from any manifestation of their religion outside the churches. Thus, though religious processions are a national and historical institution in Italy, no public processions are allowed except those of the Freemasons and Liberi Pensatori. And a law is announced to take the property of all religious societies and associations, and another to compel all children to receive not only an education without religion, but what is called a "Progressist education," which is irreligious."

It is also worth while to point out that the other day a "Church Congress" at Bologna, presided over by the Cardinal Archbishop and the Duke Salviati, and including five Bishops and many laymen of high rank, and held in a church, was broken up by the Prefect because the police and the authorities allowed a mob to make a riot, a subscription having been collected to pay the rioters.

I may be asked how it is that in Italy the majority allow themselves to be dominated over by the minority. There are three answers to this question:—1st, the military discipline of the army; 2nd, the secret societies; and 3rd, the fact that Italy is inhabited, not by Englishmen, but by Italians.

Requesting the publication of this letter, I remain, your obedient servant,

GEORGE BOWYER.

CHARITY ORGANISATION.

The following letter has appeared in the "Times":—
Sir,—Having seen in a recent paper a paragraph headed "Shocking Death from Starvation," I have been induced to address you and make known the following facts:—About eight months ago myself and son, who is twenty years of age, arrived in London. At that time we were tolerably well off as to money, &c. From that time to the present we have been most indefatigable in endeavouring to procure employment in fair copying or anything else next to menial, but have failed to succeed. Our last shilling being expended, and we being at the time in arrears for lodging and washing, we received notice to leave. Being compelled to do so, we had to wander the streets for two nights in succession. My son being in a very delicate state of health, is now considerably worse, owing, I have no doubt, to exposure and want of food. I am advanced in years and very feeble. Some eight or ten days ago, when going down St. James's-street I saw on the door of No. 21 a brass plate, on which are the following words:—"Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Fund, first floor." I went upstairs and had an interview with a gentleman who appeared highly respectable. My son waited my return in the street. I briefly stated our sad case, and that we had not tasted food of any description since the previous morning (this was three o'clock in the afternoon). My statement was true, to which he appeared to listen attentively. His reply was that no relief could be obtained there, that the only relief given was by the clergy, and they visited the persons on whom

it was bestowed. He then said, "You had better go to the 'Charity Organization,' in Buckingham-street, Strand" (which address he put on paper), "where, in all probability, you will get some relief." On our arrival I saw on a board in large letters the words above stated. I there had an audience with a gentleman, who desired me to be seated, and asked me numerous questions, the whole of which I answered correctly. He then asked who it was that recommended us there. I told him, when he said he knew no such place, but if there was it was out of their district. He then said "I cannot do anything for you," but gave me the name and address of a relieving officer whose residence was some three miles from there. I said "We at present are quite exhausted," and told him that we had not eaten anything since the previous morning; but every entreaty was in vain, and I left the office. My son, as in St. James's, remained at the door. A gentleman, seeing us leave, accosted us, and said, "You will excuse me—have you been endeavouring to procure relief?" I said "Yes." He asked, "Did you succeed?" The answer was "No." He said "Not likely," and that scores to his knowledge who were in a most distressed condition had made similar appeals there, but were rejected with the only redress of the name and address of the relieving officer. He commented on the conduct of some four or five who were in the same office (one of whom passed at the time) in the most bitter terms, and in language which I forbear making use of. He requested us to remain a short time, and on his return brought us some bread and butter, folded in a piece of newspaper, and gave us all the money he had—viz., threepence halfpenny. We then wended our way to St. James's Park, sat on a form there, and ate the bread and butter. We remained in and about the Park until 1 o'clock in the morning. A policeman came to us and said we were not allowed to remain there. I told him we were not bad characters, had nowhere to go, and were destitute. He was remarkably civil, but again said we could not remain there, and told us to go to Covent-garden, where we should be out of the rain. (It was slightly raining at the time.) We went there and saw some scores of men, women, and children lying in groups, and it grieves me to say, making use of the most blasphemous and dreadful language. A most terrible night it was, and when daylight appeared we had nowhere to go to obtain a mouthful of food. We have had no assistance from any one in London ever since, but have lived most economically on small remittances sent from the country by some relatives, who, I am sorry to say, are in very indigent circumstances, and these are now, for want of means, discontinued. What to do I am quite at a loss to devise, and am much afraid the fate of the late poor Mr. Arthur French will be mine if no kind friend will come to the rescue in procuring us employment. We have lived in the same town for many years, and our character will bear the most strict investigation as to honesty, &c.; to corroborate which I beg to state that the Mayor and magistrates where we have so long resided will give ample testimony of the same.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,
October 20, 1876.

VETA.

Reviews.

FAUST.—Illustrated by Frederick Bruckman, 17, Southampton-street, Strand.

This is a remarkable work. It is an edition of Goethe's Faust, with the translation of Theodore Martin, C.B., and illustrated by Professor Kreling, a pupil of Kaulbach's. The work is in folio size, and will contain 78 wood engravings, and 14 high-class permanent photographs. This is a very fine library volume, and the specimen submitted to us is alike most striking in typographic elegance and artistic excellence. We wish it every success. To all the admirers of Goethe it will be very welcome.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST. Part I, Illustrated. By F. W. FARRAR, D.D., Canon of Westminster.—Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.

We have received Part I. of this remarkable work, which we think will be a great boon to many readers.

We do not profess to review as a general rule religious works, but as the "Times" truly says, "apart from all theological prepossessions this work is 'sui generis,'" standing isolated on the great plateau of literature, from the teeming myriads of purely spiritual productions, whether in respect of dogma or of practice. It is in itself a great fact in the history of religious literature, it is a striking testimony of the writer's power, of the gift and grace of his effective style. And then what a history is set before us, so wonderful, so solemn, and so subduing.

We will defy any one to rise from the perusal of Dr. Farrar's "Life of Christ" without experiencing deep emotion, and being greatly affected by the sustained but thrilling narrative. Some of us may have read Renan's "Vie de Jesus," and may recall the mingled sense of sadness and sorrow, of fear and depression, of doubt and dismay, with which they closed, somewhat gladly, at last, melancholy pages, that mournful monument of perverted ingenuity, and unreliable criticism. But with Dr. Farrar's "Life of Christ," the effect is quite the contrary. There are passages in the work we are willing to read over and over again; and none of us can put the two volumes down of the original edition without a deep feeling of admiration for the writer, and a vivid memory of a very wonderful work. We do not intend to go into to-day the questions which always arise, especially if a book is successful, as to any defects, or doubts, which some have discovered or expressed concerning it. We are not aware of any work in past times or the present which has so seized on to the public mind, and so gained the public approval, and though both of these things so to say are not everything, yet they are and mean

great deal. But we may fairly say this, that we cannot enter into the narrowness of that intellect, or the pettiness of that criticism, which finds fault with Dr. Farrar's writing, because it is too much of "word painting," or because it appeals to the subjective sympathies of the age too much, in the opinion of the writer. We hold that all really great works are suited in the Providence of God to the age which witnesses their appearance, and that as each age has its own special tastes and tendencies, and habits of thought, nay, even its views of theology, so we are not to condemn a writer who honestly seeks to do good by skillfully availing himself even of the passing characteristics (if you like) of literature. We do not like, some of us, Lord Clarendon's style; we think it verbose, heavy, hazy, too ponderous, and dogmatic; but who can doubt that those who first read it thoroughly appreciated its "tangled periods," and somewhat pompous sentences, and even now it may be doubted whether we have a truer or better history of the period. In our opinion, those who find fault with Dr. Farrar's work because it is too "sensational," too full of striking contrasts, hardly understand their own criticism, and sure we are of this, that all who have once perused those often startling pages, will feel forcibly alike the faithful realism of the writer, and the distinctness of the truths and message he has sought to uphold and deliver. We congratulate Messrs. Cassell, Petter, & Galpin on this opportune offering of very high-class literature, on very reasonable terms, to that somewhat exorbitant body—the British Reading Public.

MUSIC.

"A SISTER'S FAREWELL." Music by H. ANDERSON; Words by ELIZA COOK.

"MY NELLY WALTZES." By HARRIET ANDERSON.

We have received these two "morceaux," and feel it to be our duty, for several reasons, to commend them earnestly to the support of the Craft. There are some touching incidents attending the publication of these two pieces of music, which appear to us to constitute a claim both on the attention and sympathy of Freemasons. Mr. Charles Williams, who was about to be initiated in The Great City Lodge, died on the very day on which he was to have been initiated, leaving a widow and five children unprovided for. Bro. Anderson is now publishing these two efforts of musical skill and power for the benefit of the widow and children of one who, though not a brother, intended to be one, had it so pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. Miss Eliza Cook, the well-known poetess, speaks in high and well-merited terms of the melody of the late Miss Anderson's compositions, and we feel sure that they will please alike amateurs and skilled musicians. We think that many of our brethren will be willing to lend Bro. Anderson a helping hand in his truly Masonic efforts, and whether charitably or artistically, we are convinced that their generous support will not be a subject of disappointment to them. We may add that David Walter Williams, aged 3 years, is seeking for admission to the Alexandra Orphanage for Infants, and that any votes will be gratefully received by Bro. W. Anderson, 47, New Kent-road, S.E.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. BOLLON.

In all old lodge minute books of 1866, to which I have called attention in the November "Masonic Magazine," a Bro. Bollon, in the list of members, is said to have "gone to America." Is anything known of that brother in the history of American Freemasonry? I ask the question because he seems to have been an active member of Lodge 194 (Antient Masons), and formerly its W.M. He was also a member of the Royal Arch.

EDITOR "MASONIC MAGAZINE."

Obituary.

DEATH OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF SUFFOLK.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, rector of Belstead, which took place at the rectory on Friday from an attack of gout. The deceased, who was 78 years of age, was a widower, and leaves four daughters to mourn their loss. He was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge, and took his degree of B.A. in 1820. He was created deacon in 1822, and received the degree of M.A., and was ordained a priest by the Bishop of Chester in 1823. In 1846 he entered upon the living of Belstead, which was in his own patronage, and had consequently at the time of his death been rector of the parish 30 years. The living is worth £370 per annum. He was initiated as a Freemason at the Stuart Lodge, Bedford, and became a member of the British Union Lodge, 114, Ipswich, in 1861. In 1863 and 1864 he filled the office of W.M. in that lodge with great credit to himself, and to the benefit of the lodge, and on vacating office was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Sir Alexander Shafto Adair (Lord Waveney) became a member in the same year, and on being made Prov. G.M. of Suffolk appointed Bro. Lockwood, Deputy, an office which he held up to the time of his death.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Sores, Wounds and Ulcers.—The readiness with which Holloway's unguent removes all obstructions in the circulation of the vessels and lymphatic, explains their irresistible influence in healing old sores, bad wounds, and indolent ulcers. To insure the desired effect the skin surrounding the diseased part should be fomented, dried, and immediately well rubbed with the Ointment. This will give purity to the foul blood, and strength to the weakened nerves, the only conditions necessary for the cure of all those ulcerations which render life almost intolerable. No sooner is this Ointment's protective powers exerted than the destructive process ceases and the constructive business begins—new healthy growth appears to fill up the lately painful excavated pit.—Adv.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

[We thank our distinguished brother for transmitting to us a copy of the following speech. It would have appeared last week, but was crowded out by the report of our Grand Master's visit to Glasgow.]

At the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, held at Harrogate, Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, the Provincial Grand Master, gave the following address:—Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge,—The time has again arrived when it becomes my pleasing duty to address you as your Provincial Grand Master, and in so doing, I am sure I cannot gratify both yourselves and myself more than by inviting you all to participate in the pleasing duties of this Provincial Grand Lodge, assuring you that the matters in which we are about to be engaged could not well fail to give you unalloyed satisfaction. Receive, I beg of you, my warmest acknowledgments for the salutation with which you have greeted me in Harrogate, a place familiar to me for a long period in connection with my yeomanry command, and for the cordiality of the Masonic compliment you have rendered to the office I occupy amongst the brethren of West Yorkshire. We assemble to-day under the banner of a lodge established in one of the most popular inland watering places in Yorkshire, a place annually visited by about forty or fifty thousand persons from all countries, in search of health or of recreation, and celebrated for the hospitality of the brethren of the Claro Lodge, as well as for its baths, mineral springs, and hospitals. There was a period far back in the chronicle of time, when the whole of this neighbourhood was a thick forest, and when Harrogate was an almost inaccessible nook in the Wolds of Yorkshire. To-day, however, the town is approached by railway and other means of communication, and is replete with every convenience. We meet for our autumnal gathering in a lodge—the only one in this fashionable resort—which, although small in numbers, has twice entertained Provincial Grand Lodge since the date of its constitution. To the hospitality of the Worshipful Master we are indebted for the privilege of meeting here on the present occasion. Like some other lodges in this province, the "Harrogate and Claro" has had its difficulties to overcome, but it has conquered its vicissitudes, and is now, I am happy to believe, in a prosperous condition. It has been enabled to establish itself in rooms adapted to its requirements, and its treasury is carefully administered and protected. The late Deputy P.G.M. at Doncaster, on this subject said, on the 8th July, 1874, that he "desires to impress upon the brethren the fact that, excepting the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, there was no officer of more importance than the Treasurer, and he impressed upon those officers the desirability of calling upon members for their subscriptions before they got into arrear." I endorse his advice. The brethren, I hope, will have observed a paragraph which has appeared in several of the Provincial Grand Lodge quarterly summonses, relating to the safe custody of old lodge books, records, and papers. The notice runs thus: "The Provincial Grand Secretary is anxious to form a complete set of Provincial Grand Lodge summonses, and will take as a favour, if any old copies can be furnished." My deputy informs me that many of the lodges he has visited regret the loss of old minute and cash books, which destroys the links of history in the constitutions of the lodges between the present and the past, and thus the continuity of the history and progress of the lodges from their dates of constitution cannot now be traced. Let me firmly impress upon the Masters of Lodges that steps be taken in every lodge to provide proper boxes or safes for the better and certain custody of these invaluable documents. And I earnestly recommend that each lodge at once form a small committee, to not only search for these scattered records, but also to make an inventory of them. Whilst on this topic, I desire to add that our Provincial Grand Lodge archives, under the care of the Provincial Grand Secretary, are still short of a large number of previous Grand Lodge summonses from the year, A.L. 5823, when the province of West Yorkshire was constituted. At our July meeting I mentioned that I and my deputy had determined to have the Huddersfield edition of our Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws reprinted, and it would be desirable to add another bye-law to the list, as it is my earnest desire that Worshipful Masters should be better acquainted with these bye-laws, as well as with the Book of Constitutions. Our able Provincial Grand Registrar, who has done a great deal of work this year, has given notice of such a bye-law, with which I and my deputy perfectly coincide. In conclusion, I have only to remark that the province, I believe without exception, is in a prosperous condition, and the brethren, I trust, in perfect unity and harmony. And now that I have entered upon the more active season of the year, when the 61 lodges meet regularly, I trust there may be an earnest desire to study the principles upon which our ancient and time-honoured fraternity is founded, and to guard at the same time our portals from unworthy candidates, whose object is not merely to gratify a vain curiosity, but to join for the privilege of participating in convivial meetings; and to admit those novitiates only who enter of their own free will and accord to participate in the privileges of our Order, and who are likely to become esteemed and illustrious upholders of piety and virtue.

Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie has appointed Wednesday, the 22nd prox., as the day on which he will hold the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire, Eastern Division. The Grand Lodge will be opened at one o'clock in the Commissioners' Rooms, Middleton, the banquet being held in the Co-operative Hall at four o'clock.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE FALCON LODGE, No. 1416, AT THIRSK.

On the 7th inst., the members, accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. Bro. A. T. Atwood, M.A., Rural Dean visited Leake, and inspected the church and hall. Here many centuries ago stood a large village, which was destroyed under successive attacks by the Danes, the Normans, and the Scots, its existence and extent being yet partially traceable in the ridges and buried foundations found in the neighbouring fields. The church, dedicated to St. Mary stands in proximity to the hall, and is a venerable building, comprising nave, chancel, aisles, porch, and an interesting tower in the Anglo-Saxon style. The tower and nave are evidently the oldest parts of the structure, and without buttresses. The chancel has a buttress at each angle, and one in each side; the entrance door of the chancel being through one of the buttresses. The east window is of four lights, in the perpendicular style, and filled in principally with plain glass; those of the nave, clerestory, and chancel of two lights each. The roof is of low pitch, and covered with lead, and over the entrance of the porch is a sun dial inscribed "Labitur et Labetur."

The three arches dividing the north aisle from the nave are circular, as is also the arch opening from the nave into the basement of the tower; all the capitals differ, and are adorned with sculptured foliage. It is a matter for conjecture whether the south aisle may not be of later date, the arches being pointed. One of the capitals deserves special notice, being carved into a profusion of oak leaves and acorns. The existence of a piscina in the wall of the south aisle seems to indicate that at some time there had been a small chapel here. In 1854 the church was renovated, and several alterations made. The stalls throughout are of oak, and in excellent preservation; two panels inserted in the screen to the pulpit have originally belonged to the squire's pew, and show some singular ornamentation. Two of the stall ends removed to the chancel are beautiful specimens of carving in oak, although one of them has been partially mutilated, and bear figures of rondsdescript animals, symbols with brief legends, and the date of the work, 1519. The tablets in the chancel do not possess much interest; but in the middle aisle of the nave is a brass with male and female figures, and in excellent preservation. The largest bell in the tower was brought from Riveaulx Abbey.

The parish registers commence in 1570. During the Protectorate, from 1648 to the Restoration in 1660, the Church of Leake appears to have been shut up, as no entry is made in the registers during the whole of those twelve years; and it seems as if not even a parliamentary sequestrator had been appointed, as no mention is made of the parish in the parliamentary surveys of 1649 and 1655. Kewick, in this parish, belonged to Lord Fauconberg, who married the third daughter of Cromwell.

Having crossed the churchyard, in which stone coffins have frequently been found, the party visited the "Danes' Lane," said to have been associated with the massacre of the Danes A.D. 1002, and Mr. Atwood read a remarkably interesting statement, taken from the lips of an old man to whom it had been handed down by oral tradition. Several years ago a great quantity of skeletons were discovered in that part of the churchyard adjoining the lane, apparently having been indiscriminately thrown together as into a pit, and indicating some great and terrible destruction of human life, as also many silver coins, principally of the coinage of Edward I., and minted at York.

Leake Hall, the only remaining house in the village, has been occupied for 200 years by the Morton family, and was formerly one of the residences of the Danbys and Scropes. It is an antique building, retaining many of the features of the manorial houses of the 16th century, a wide staircase of massive oak, and having its rooms wainscoted in panels. These, together with a curious old painting on oak, but in a very dilapidated condition, representing the events of our Lord's Passion, were very kindly shewn to the party, who soon afterwards left Leake, having been much interested by their visit, and highly gratified with the courtesy and generous hospitality of the Vicar and Mr. Matthew Morton.

[This would have appeared last week, but we could not find room for it.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 3, 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, OCTOBER 28.

Audit Com. Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-ct.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchdster, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

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' Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., Church-rd.,
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Grand Chapter, at 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Holloway.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
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.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Furtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Village Club.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav.
" 1539, Surrey M.H., S.M.H.

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, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
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.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 3, Fidelity.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
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.
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.
Duric, 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.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 4, 1876.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R. Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1313, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1473, Bootle, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.
Chap. 758, Bridgwater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3.
Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 4, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 292, St. John, Bishop-st., Rothersey.
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-st., Glasgow, S.S.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Chap. 73, Caledonian of Unity, 213, Buchanan-st.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, M.H., Kilwinning.
" 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 162, Kent-rd., Glasgw.
" 21, Old St. John, M.H., Lanark.
" 86, Navigation, Navigation Arms Hot., Troon.
" 117, St. Mary, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 128, St. John, M.H., Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, M.H., Airdrie.
" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms Hot., Maybole.
" 202, St. Clement, Cem. H., Croft-st., Kilmarnock.
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hot., Hamilton.
" 331, St. Peter, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate, Glasgw.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms Hot., Maybole.
" 22, St. John Kilwinning, George, Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 149, St. Andrew, Masons' Arms, Irvine.
" 157, St. John Kilwinning, M.H., Beith.
" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
" 290, Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.
" 320, St. John, R.A., M.H., Saltcoats & Ardrossan.
" 370, Renfrew County Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew, 69, Garngad-rd., Glasgow (7.30).
" 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.
Chap. 114, Baron of Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lodge 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, M.H., Hamilton.
" 114, Royal Arch, M.H., Cambuslang.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 156, St. Barchan, Masons' Arms Inn, Kilbarchan.
" 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.
" 217, Cumberland Kilw., Old T.H., Port Glasgow.
" 242, Houston St. Johnston, Cross Keys, Johnston.
" 275, Shamrock & Thistle, 22, Struthers-st., Glsgw.
" 335, Argyle, Drill Hall, Dunoon.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 459, Kelburn, Cumbrae Hot., Millport.
" 512, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.
Chap. 112, Paisley, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.
Lodge 458, St. John, Wilson's Hall, Busby.
" 544, St. Andrews, M.H., Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 4, 1876.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 97, St. James, M.H., Writers'-ct.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3.
Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hot., E. Register-st.

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CHAS. J. BURGESS, Secretary.
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