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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).—The first anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 26th of October, at the Crystal Palace, Bro. J. M. Klenck, W.M., presiding. There were several visitors present, amongst whom were Bros. Levander, P.M. 507; Morgan, 211; T. Robertson, 1538; C. T. Johnstone, 1237; Rosenthaw, 1339; W. McKay, 1339; P. C. Leverdale, 1415; J. Webb, 55; Charles Fry, 913; and H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*). This is what is called a banner lodge, and several of a most artistic design were displayed, and with the chaste and elegant furniture the lodge room presented a most pleasing and unique appearance. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read, the W. Master vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. H. E. Francis, when Bro. Goddard, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the customary ceremonies all the brethren below the chair were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Goddard was installed into the chair of K.S. in a most able manner by the Installing Master. The brethren being admitted, the new W.M. was saluted in the Three Degrees, after which he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Sawyer, S.W.; Boswell, J.W.; Klenck, Treas.; Francis, Sec.; Woodham, S.D.; Bassnet, J.D.; G. R. Dodd, I.G.; S. Walker, D. of C.; N. J. Whitcombe, Asst. D. of C.; F. W. Goddard, W.S.; Partridge, Asst. W.S. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren having been delivered by Bro. Francis, the W. Master said it then devolved upon him to present a jewel to Bro. Klenck, their I.P.M., which was one of a most artistic design, and in presenting it to him he could sincerely say that he possessed their sympathy and good wishes on the termination of his year of office as the first W.M. of the Paxton Lodge. Might he long continue to wear it on his breast, and might he also long continue to be a member of the lodge, for to him the foundation of it was mainly due. Bro. Klenck briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, as he should have another opportunity of addressing them at a later period of the evening. The W.M. said that Shakespeare had said "Hang out your banners on the outer wall," but in that lodge they placed them within their walls, and he had great pleasure in presenting one for their acceptance, which was of elegant design, beautifully emblazoned, and the work of Bro. Francis, the Secretary. Bro. Klenck, I.P.M., proposed a vote of thanks should be entered on the minutes to the W.M. for his present, which was seconded by Bro. Sawyer, S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. briefly returned thanks. Bro. Francis said he also begged to present the lodge with a banner, which they saw behind the J.W.'s chair, and on which at present there were only three names, but he hoped the time would come when it would be filled with them. He considered that no lodge was worthy of support that had not its charity fund, for it was hardly worth the name of Freemasonry. He asked the brethren to accept at his hands the banner they saw before them (this banner contains the names of three brethren who have qualified themselves as Vice-Presidents of the Benevolent Institution). The banner was received with thanks to the donor. On the motion of the W. Master, it was agreed that the meeting nights of the lodge should be on the last Monday in March, April, May, September, and October. Apologies for non-attendance at the lodge were received from Lieut. Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Colonel Peters, Bros. J. Lucas, Allen, J. M'Cre, Lacey, J. Lord, Dr. Sterling, A. Durrant, and George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large

dining hall, where the banquet was served. At the conclusion the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and, in doing so, said they not only owed her fealty as their Sovereign, but she reigned in their hearts as the mother of their Grand Master. In giving "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England," he said they, as Masons, revered his exalted position as Grand Master, and the energy, cordiality, and assiduity with which he discharged the duties was universally acknowledged, and on the present occasion, they could not do less than express their esteem of their Grand Master. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," who formed a most distinguished conclave, and as no one could do justice to their merits he should "cut it short," and, without saying any more, give them "The Grand Officers." The toast was heartily responded to. Bro. Klenck, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and remarked, that as the brethren had known him from the foundation of the lodge, as one of its founders, they had had full opportunity of judging of his capability in the office he had occupied previously to that night. It was said that their W.M. had coveted three things, the first was to preach a sermon at Exeter Hall (a laugh), the second, to play a leading part on the stage of Drury-lane (renewed laughter), and the third, that he might become W.M. of the lodge. As to the two first, he knew nothing, but as regarded the last, his wish had culminated in obtaining the position of W.M. that night, and he had no doubt that in time he would achieve the others. Bro. Goddard was a true man, and he (Bro. Klenck) greeted him heartily on the post he then occupied, and he was sure that they would by acclamation accord what was unusually due to him for his services, and it is almost needless to say that this request was heartily responded to. The W.M., in responding, said he was "poor in thanks" and was inadequate to give expression to his feelings in reply to the toast which their honourable Past Master had proposed. It had been well said by their great poet that "when a well-graced actor leaves the stage the audience are idly bent upon him that enters next, thinking his profile to be tedious," and that was just the position in which he found himself at that moment. Having made some facetious remarks as to his appearance at either Exeter Hall or Drury Lane, he said, as he looked upon long speeches as an abomination, he should cut it short by merely saying that from the very bottom of his heart he thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him. The W.M. in giving "The Health of Bro. Francis, the Installing Master," said he was deeply impressed with the solemnity of his installation, and should that night go home with the deepest feelings with regard to Freemasonry. He had hitherto regarded Freemasonry as it was exemplified in brotherly love, relief and truth, but when he heard the solemn working of Bro. Francis, he was more than ever deeply impressed with it. He gave "The Health of Bro. Francis, the Installing Master." Bro. Francis, in reply, said he looked upon Freemasonry as a science, and a great moral institution, and whatever ceremony he had to go through he always put that feeling into it. He had no trepidation in installing Bro. Goddard into the chair, for he was sure that he had installed a man who would never disgrace it. He might not be perfect in the ritual, but as regarded the principles of Freemasonry, they might well be proud of such a Master. While he (Bro. Francis) was connected with the lodge he would do his utmost to promote its interests, and he trusted that they would never have a less happy gathering than they had that evening. The W.M. said that night they had only one Past Master, but he trusted with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U.; that they should in time have many Past Masters. That night their Past Master was Bro. Klenck, and he had to present him with a testimonial, supplementary to the one he had received in the lodge, and which he then placed on the table. (The testimonial was on vellum, beautifully emblazoned, in a deep gold frame, and it bore the following inscription:—"Presented to John Mathew Klenck, P.M., by the members of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, in testimony of the high esteem in which he was held by his brother members, his exertions on behalf of the Masonic Charities, his efficient services to the lodge, and to commemorate his being first W.M., and one of the founders." This was a work of art, and not only complimentary to the brother to whom it was presented, but might almost be looked upon as a revival of the well-known illustration of ages gone by, for in many silent cloisters the monks of old they pursued the delightful occupation of illuminating breviaries and other works. In libraries and collections of rare and beautiful art treasures of our day are specimens of their wondrous workmanship; but the exigencies of modern printing will not allow the expenditure of so much time and labour, and it is only when we see a testimonial so excellently illustrated as the one before us that we can recall the art so well practised in the olden time, and linger with pleasure over a work of art and beauty. It has been well said, that "a thing of beauty is a joy for ever." Masonic emblems are from the angularity and rigidity of their forms difficult to work into a design of this class, yet, Bro. Francis has succeeded admirably in introducing among a wealth of scroll work, flowers, and quaint devices, the emblems so prized by the Craft. The initial letters are bold and pleasing in their form. Gold and silver have been lavishly, though not obtrusively, used, and the colouring leaves nothing to be desired in its richness and harmony, reminding one somewhat of an Oriental carpet in the exquisite blending of the various tints. The portraits of the founders of the lodge, with their autographs, are well introduced and added to this; they are excellent likenesses. On the whole Bro. Klenck, I.P.M., may congratulate himself, not only on the

possession of a writing that doubtless conveys the feeling of his brethren, but is also meritorious as a work of art. After a few well chosen words, he said he presented the testimonial as a memorial of his career as W.M., and to shew still further how much he was estimated by the brethren, they had elected him to be the Treasurer of the Paxton Lodge. Bro. Klenck, I.P.M., in reply, said he thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the way in which they had received it. With regard to his connection with the Paxton Lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and if he had succeeded in giving them satisfaction as their first Master he was much pleased to receive their approbation. He thanked them for the jewel they had presented to him in the lodge, and he hoped that for many years it would adorn his breast. With regard to the additional testimonial, he should exhibit it in the best part of his house, and he could assure them that he was highly pleased at the cordiality and unanimity which reigned in the lodge, they were as members of one family, and he hoped and trusted that no differences would ever arise amongst them. As long as the G.A.O.T.U. allowed him to live anything he could do, to the best of his ability, was at their service, and he hoped in time to obtain additional favours at their hands. "The Visitors," "The Press," and "The Officers of the Lodge," having been given and responded to, the Tyler's feast brought a very happy meeting to a close, and the members and visitors returned by train to town.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge, (No. 78).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Asheton Arms Hotel on the 26th ult. There was a fair attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M., Bro. W. Percival, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Bro. Hewitt, and received confirmation. Mr. Thos. Dixon Yates was proposed as a candidate and the ballot was unanimous. Mr. Yates was accordingly initiated by the W.M., the working tools of an Entered Apprentice were presented by Bro. Hewitt, and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. Fothergill, S.W., in a most impressive manner. Bro. W.S. Whitaker was raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. Percival, W.M. The working tools were presented by the S.W., Bro. Fothergill. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree Bros. Jowett and Tellow signed and received their Grand Lodge certificates. During the vacation the lodge lost one of its most valued and esteemed brethren in the person of Past Master Bro. Samuel Henry Cheetham. The W.M. said he had a painful duty to perform in announcing the death of their brother Cheetham. He was well-known and highly esteemed by all the brethren of the lodge. He had filled nearly every office in the Imperial George Lodge, to which he was admitted in August, 1865. He became the W.M. in 1874. Throughout his whole career in the lodge his uniform kindness and gentleness of disposition endeared him to the brethren. He has now joined the Grand Lodge above. We deeply regret the irreparable loss which the lodge has sustained, and we can sympathise with his widow and family in their sad bereavement. I beg to propose "that a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow and family of our late Bro. Past Master Samuel Henry Cheetham be passed by the lodge, and that the Secretary be empowered to convey the same to them." Bro. Fothergill, S.W., in seconding the resolution, remarked that perhaps he had known their deceased brother more intimately than any other member of the lodge. It was Bro. Cheetham who had proposed him (the S.W.) as a joining member of that lodge. The resolution was carried unanimously. Hearty Good Wishes were accorded from Lodges 152, 163, 298. Charity was next attended to, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren adjourned to the social board. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated shortly before ten.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Royal St. Edmund's Lodge (No. 1008).—This lodge held its first meeting after the summer vacation on Friday, the 25th ult., and upon this occasion was visited by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D. Prov. Grand Master of the province, and Past G.C. of England. A godly muster of the brethren assembled to meet him, including Grand and Prov. Grand Officers. Among the number were Bros. W. H. Lucia, Grand Swd. Br. of England, and Prov. G. Sec. of the province; J. Hedley Bevan, P. Prov. G.S.W.; T. J. Huddleston, Prov. G. Treas.; C. T. Oakes, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Wm. Armstrong, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. R. Thompson, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. D. Paine, P. Prov. A.D. of Cer. The lodge was opened by the W. Master, T. F. Lucia, after which a deputation of Past Masters conducted the D. Prov. G.M. into the lodge, who was received by the brethren in a most hearty manner. The further business of the evening was to pass Bro. F. Machell Smith to the Second Degree, who, after the necessary prelude, was passed as a Fellow of the Craft, the ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by the V.W. the D.P.G.M., who explained the working tools of the Degree in a most lengthened manner. The usual proclamation was then made by the W.M., and the communications were read by the Secretary, after which "Hearty Good Wishes" from Lodges 959, 1224, and 1592, were given. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired from labour to refreshment. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, and at the finale, it was acknowledged by all present, that it was another red-letter day to be placed on the diary of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when the attendance was such as to clearly indicate the interest its members take in the support of the prominent position it has attained in the province. The junior members particularly were in

strong muster, and their evident attention to, and acquaintance with the work, testified to the judgment and discretion exercised by the lodge in the selection of its candidates. The presence also of visitors evinced the good fellowship that exists between it and the other lodges in the town and neighbourhood. The initiation and passing ceremonies were worked in admirable form, Mr. Edwin Belfield and Bro. Barr being the recipients respectively of the favours of the W.M. on behalf of the Craft. The subsequent nomination of three brethren as joining members, and one gentleman as a candidate for Freemasonry, proved the popularity of the lodge, and we express our fraternal wish that it may so continue to be, being assured that the popularity of any Craft lodge is solely due to judicious management, and an attention to the great principles of the Order.

LISCARD.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was recently held at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Liscard, when a large number of the Craft met to do honour to the new W.M. This lodge was formerly held at Seacombe, but, owing to the increasing numbers of the brethren connected with 1276, the accommodation was found to be too small, hence the committee resolved to remove—at first it was intended to the very commodious and centrally-situated Concert Hall but the committee were unable to come to terms as regarded the necessary alterations required to adapt the hall to the requirements of a Masonic meeting. Ultimately the Queen's Arms Hotel was selected, which is in every way admirably suited for the purpose; still many members would prefer, in deference to the recently expressed wish of the Provincial Grand Master, that as far as practicable, lodges should be held in buildings similar to the Concert Hall. However, on this occasion, the harmony and order of this lodge were very marked, owing doubtless to the admirable manner in which the duties of the lodge had been conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. Skinner. The brethren met in considerable numbers to assist in the ceremony, amongst whom were a number of P.Ms. and W.Ms. from both Liverpool and Birkenhead. The lodge was opened, after a little delay, in due form; and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Installing Master, Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. 537, proceeded to invest in a very solemn and impressive manner Bro. William Price, who appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Henry Skinner, I.P.M.; Henry Matthews, S.W.; John G. Parker, J.W.; J. H. Jones, Treas.; W. Danger, Sec.; G. Henderson, S.D.; M. Ellaby, J.D.; J. Taylor, P.M., M.C.; W. Williams, I.G.; T. V. Burrows, S.S.; G. Alister, J.S. The business being over, the lodge was closed down for refreshments, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided in Bro. Altree's best style. The talent connected with the lodge provided an excellent entertainment in the shape of singing, &c., the usual Masonic toasts bringing a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a termination.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 1505).—The brethren of this young and prosperous lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday afternoon, the 24th ult., to assist at the installation of Bro. Joshua Hocken, P.M. 673, Treas. 1505, the W.M. elect of the Emulation. Bro. W. E. Quayle, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge according to ancient form, and during the afternoon there were present Bros. H. Nelson, P.M.; H. Morris, P.M.; W. H. Carbin, S.W.; J. Capell, W.M. 1299, J.W.; H. Coulson, Sec.; R. Foote, S.D.; H. H. Smith, J.D.; M. Strong, S.S.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas., D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Hon. Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; B. S. Riley, C. Wynne, P. Thomas, W. Sweetman, J. Orford, J. Worthy, W. Roan, W. Foulkes, C. Sunderland, W. S. Banks, J. Haydock, T. O. Garratt, C. Haigh, A. Winsloe, A. McKenzie, G. Atkinson, J. Little, J. Hodges, G. Murcott, E. Jones, J. Skelly, J. Hossack, T. Leah, R. F. Jones, W. Matthews, W. Walley, A. H. Peters, W. Parry, and others. The visitors included Bros. W. Pughe, W.M. 1620; G. E. Hamner, P.M. 1086; J. L. Houghton, W.M. 594; D. Jackson, W.M. 673; T. Evans, 1182; J. Busfield, 216; the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, P.G. Chaplain; M. Corless, P.M. 673; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; J. K. Digges, P.M. 673; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Ellis, W.M. 667; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823, P.M. 1325; G. Kiddle, 1713; and others. After the transaction of some formal business, Bro. Quayle, the retiring W.M., proceeded to instal Bro. Joshua Hocken as his successor in the chair of the lodge, a ceremony which was performed with great impressiveness. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. E. Quayle, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C. Chaplain (re-appointed); J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas., P.M., Treas.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Hon. Org.; J. Capell, S.W.; H. Coulson, J.W.; R. Foote, Sec.; H. H. Smith, S.D.; M. Strong, J.D.; J. Irving, I.G.; W. H. Corbin, D.C.; W. S. Banks, S.S.; P. Thomas, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Quayle for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and the W.M. also presented him with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, in token of the estimation in which he was held by the brethren after an efficient year's service in the chair. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, most satisfactorily provided by Bro. W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., of the Canton, Victoria-street. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed during the evening, and "The Health of the W.M.," given by the I.P.M., was received with great enthusiasm. "The P.Ms. and Installing Master (Bro. W. E. Quayle)," was responded to by Bros. Quayle, Nelson, Callow, and Morris; "The Officers of the Lodge," by Bro. J. Capell, S.W., and the others; "The Musical Brethren," by Bro. J. P. Bryan; "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," by Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182; "The Visiting Brethren," by Bros. Pughe, Ellis, Jackson, Hamner, Digges, and others. An excellent musical pro-

gramme was furnished by Bros. Bryan, Forrester, Busfield, Waterson, Hill, Child, Ashmore, Quayle, and others.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. Colonel Francis Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex, &c.; J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; Fox, I.P.M. 1326, S.W. and W.M. elect; Jessett, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, Treas.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Sec.; J. Hurst, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D. (*Freemason*); Kent, I.G.; Hiscox, W.S.; Moody, A.W.S.; Raw, Hon. P.M.; S. Hill, Hon. P.M.; and Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Fisher, P.M. 834; Baldwin, P.M. 1423, P.P.G.P. of Middlesex; Hamilton, S.W. 1306; and Handel, Bewell, White, and Turner, of 1656. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the aid of his officers raised Bros. Bray, Cox, and Carpenter, passed Bros. Cole and Hanlon, and initiated Messrs. Bartlett, Russell, and another; the three arduous ceremonies being well performed. The W.M. having appointed Bros. W. Hammond, as S.W.; Hopwood, as J.W.; Hurst, as I.G.; and Baldwin, as D.C., proceeded to carry out the duties of installing his successor, Bro. Fox, into the chair of K.S., in a manner that left nothing to be desired; his rendering of the addresses being particularly good. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Jessett, S.W.; Ockenden, J.W. (by deputy); Hopwood, Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec.; Walls, S.D.; Kent, J.D.; Hiscox, I.G.; Moody, D.C.; H. Tagg, W.S.; Day, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, the pleasing duty of presenting Bro. John Hammond with a Past Master's jewel was performed by the W.M. The I.P.M. having made a suitable reply, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was catered for by Bro. Murphy and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the preliminary toasts briefly, but to the point. "The P.G.M. of Middlesex" was received with acclamation, and in reply, Bro. Colonel Burdett made some very interesting remarks upon the great progress of Freemasonry in Middlesex. In speaking of the Hemming Lodge he expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him to be present that day. It was very seldom that the whole ceremonies appertaining to the Craft were worked in one afternoon, but their I.P.M. had accomplished the feat by initiating, passing, and raising eight candidates for those degrees, and had also most impressively and ably installed his successor. This was an excellent example for the junior officers, and he trusted that they would profit by it. He was also pleased to see that they mustered so strongly, and that their staff of officers composed so many good working Masons. In conclusion, he thanked them for the very warm manner in which his health had been received, and he hoped that the lodge would continue to manifest the same high state of working excellence. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G.O's., Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. "The Health of the W.M." followed. In response, the W.M. expressed the gratification he felt in having been thought worthy by the brethren to occupy the proud position of W.M. His predecessors had filled the chair most ably. He hoped to emulate their good example. As their representative he felt his duty to express to their R.W. P.G.M. the thanks of the lodge for the very high encomiums he had passed upon the general efficiency and quality of the lodge. In conclusion he said he looked forward to a very prosperous and happy year of office. "The Health of the Initiates" came next, and was duly acknowledged by the three newly-made brethren. "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. In response, that brother complimented the lodge upon its progress, and said he could not sit down without contributing his humble meed of praise for the manner in which the work of the lodge had been carried out that day. As a P.M. of the Lebanon, of which this lodge was the offspring, he was gratified at the position it (the Hemming) had achieved amongst the Middlesex lodges. In conclusion, on behalf of his co-visitors and himself, he returned thanks for the very hospitable manner in which they had been received. The toast of "The Past Masters" drew from the W.M. a very warm eulogy upon their respective merits. This toast having been duly honoured and responded to, the W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Hopwood, the Treasurer, briefly said he was pleased to be in a position to state that the finances were in a good condition. This was greatly owing to the punctual manner in which the brethren generally discharged their dues, and to the economy which had characterised the terms of office of the different Masters who had presided over the lodge. He hoped that the lodge would continue to progress in the same satisfactory manner, and as long as they did him the honour to elect him as Treasurer they might rely upon their funds being carefully administered. The Secretary having also replied, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

LEICESTER.—The Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1560).—The opening meeting for the winter session of this lodge was held last week, in the Freemasons' Hall. This being the meeting for the election of the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing there was a fair attendance of members, and there were also several visitors from other lodges. Bro. John Hunt, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and there were also present Bros. J. G. F. Richardson, S.W.; the Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.G. Chap., J.W.; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Chaplain; the Rev. W. Langley, Sec.; J. F. L. Rolleston, S.D.; Richard S. Toller, I.G.; W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Toller, jun., P.M. 523. Clement E. Stretton, I.P.M. 279; Thos. Macaulay, P.M.,

1330, P.P.G.J.D.; Robert Waite, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86 (Lancashire); Edward Potter, 523; Joseph Jessop, P.G.S.B., 279; and A. Palmer, P.M. 279. The lodge having been duly opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. the Rev. F. P. B. H. Hutton, as a joining member, and Mr. Wm. Jesse Freer, and the Rev. Wyndham Maden Hutton, as candidates for initiation. All were unanimously elected, and Mr. Freer, being present, was initiated in the most impressive manner by Bro. W. Kelly, assisted by Bros. G. Toller and Partridge. Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, Secretary, then proposed the following motion, notice of which he had placed on the circular:—That during the winter session of the lodge, a course of lectures on interesting Masonic subjects shall be given by eminent Masons, (such for instance as Bro. Hughan, of Truro; Bro. S. B. Ellis, of Leeds; and Bro. W. Kelly, of Leicester); and that a committee be appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Chaplain, seconded the proposition, which was received with very much favour, the only question being as to its practicability, which was discussed at some length, and ultimately the Secretary was requested to make inquiries with the view of seeing whether the suggestion can be carried out. The ballot then took place for the election of a Worshipful Master, and Bro. J. G. F. Richardson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Captain P. P. Goodchild was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Dunn and Tanger were again nominated as Tylers. Bros. R. Toller and W. Langley were elected members of the Freemasons' Hall Committee, and Bro. C. E. Stretton, Charity Steward, on the Provincial Charity Committee. On the motion of Bro. W. Kelly, seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Chaplain, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hunt the retiring W.M., for his services in the chair during the past year, and Bro. Hunt suitably acknowledged the compliment, and afterwards presented to the lodge a handsome loving cup as a "parting gift," in acknowledgment of the kindness which had been shown to him during his year of office. On the motion of Bro. G. Toller, seconded by Bro. Rev. F. H. Richardson, and warmly supported by Bro. Kelly, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hunt for his handsome gift. The formal business of the lodge was then disposed of, and the brethren afterwards dined together, being joined by several visiting brethren, and at a later period by his Worship the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Stretton, who had been unable to attend earlier, having had to preside at the annual dinner of the members of the Widows' and Orphans' Friendly Society. In responding to the toast of his health, which was very cordially drunk, Bro. Hunt said, "Brethren.—As you are aware that this is the last night I shall have the honour and pleasure of presiding over you as W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, I embrace this opportunity to thank you for your great kindness and indulgence, as well as your valuable assistance, during my past year of office. I should feel myself very much remiss if I did not gratefully acknowledge the valuable services especially received by me from the Right Worshipful the P.P.G. Master, Bro. Kelly, who so kindly undertook those duties that I myself was unable to perform; to Bro. Partridge for the kind, efficient, and masterly manner he conducted my installation; to Bro. Toller for his kindness, and advice in all things Masonic or otherwise; to Bro. Langley, my Secretary, if he will allow me so to call him, for his kind assistance as Deputy W.M., for not being resident in the town it would have made it very irksome, and put me to much personal inconvenience if he had not consented to undertake to manage for me, and to Bros. C. E. Stretton and Sculthorpe. I never expected at my late time of life to have had the honour of being elected W.M. conferred upon me by the brethren of this lodge, an honour and position I must say I much coveted, and the highest that the brethren can confer upon a brother in Craft Masonry. However, here I am, with thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, at the termination of my labours. I can assure you that it has been one of my greatest pleasures to meet you in this hall for the transacting of our Masonic duties and labours, and enjoy your kind, social, and brotherly society afterwards at our festive board, and may I be granted a continuance of this pleasure. My year of office has been, I am happy to say, undisturbed by any unpleasantness of any kind whatsoever, and you have my best and most sincere wishes for the prosperity and happiness of the Albert Edward Lodge, and for an increase in your own domestic and personal comforts and pleasures. I must now congratulate my successor in office, the W.M. elect, upon his election and promotion to the high and honourable position to which he has been elected by the brethren of this lodge this evening, and I hope his year of office will be attended with as much enjoyment, happiness, and peace as mine has been, I regret that I am not sufficiently versed in the science of Freemasonry to install him myself, but feel assured that part of the ceremony, his installation, will be performed by an eminent and talented brother of the Craft in the most perfect and satisfactory manner. I have now a pleasing act to perform, and I trust it is one that will be acceptable to the brethren of the Albert Edward Lodge and meet with their approbation. As I have stated before, that this being the last evening that I shall have the honour and extreme pleasure of presiding over you in the capacity of W.M., I could not retire without presenting to the lodge some small token expressive of my good feelings towards the brethren of this lodge, and in grateful remembrance of the kindness and courtesy I have always received from them. Such gift I thought would be most suitable and useful in the form of a loving cup, which I now present to you. God bless you all and I hope you will like it; and may you long live to partake of the contents of this cup at your banquets; and, withal, may brotherly love continue. The cup was a very handsome one, very neatly and chaste engraved, it bore the usual Masonic emblems and a suitable inscription, recording Bro. Hunt's gift of it to the lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, which was very largely attended, was held on Tuesday, 22nd ult., at 2 o'clock, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and the proceedings were again marked by the complete success which has attended the lodge since its consecration. Bro. Lindo Courtenay, who was installed W.M. at the previous meeting, was in the chair of K.S. and most impressively fulfilled his duties, eliciting the admiration of all the brethren present. The officers present were Bros. W. I. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. B. McKenzie S.W.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Wadbrook, Treasurer J. Atkinson, Sec., T. Wilkinson, S.D.; J. Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; R. Burgess, Organist; W. H. Ball, Tyler. Mr. Henry Holden, unanimously elected, was initiated into the Order, and Bros. Webster, Williams, and J. G. Gough, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., both degrees being given by the W.M. with marvellously telling effect. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to dinner, and in the course of the evening the standard loyal, and Masonic toasts were given. A capital musical programme was given by Bros. R. Brough, W. Williams, J. Hill, Squire, W. Hildyard, and others.

GOSPORT.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1705).—The first annual celebration of the constitution of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th October. Present: Bros. C. B. Whitcomb, W.M.; G. Grant, J.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, Prov. Grand Deacon, Treas.; J. W. Stroud, Sec.; J. Warden and A. J. Eades, Deacons; G. Des Geneys, D.C.; T. Batchelor, Prov. G. Org., Org.; Capt. Balliston, R.N.; R. W. Mitchell, W. Smith, G. A. Wright, E. J. Smith, G. Darby, A. T. Cave, W. Brunwin, C. Johnson, A. Allen, and C. J. E. Mumby. Visitors: Bros. W. Payne, W.M. 342; H. J. Guy, I.P.M. 342; W. Hillier, W.M. 903; W. H. Townsend, I.P.M. 1428; T. P. Hall, W.M. 804; G. Pearman, Org. 487; S. W. Misselbrook, Org. 903; and about fourteen other brethren. The W.M. opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee, shewing a small balance in favour of the lodge, was received and adopted. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. W. Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, having at the last lodge meeting been re-elected Master for another year, was saluted by the brethren, and then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. G. Grant, S.W.; J. W. Stroud, J.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, Treas.; G. Des Geneys, Sec.; T. Batchelor, S.D.; C. Johnson, J.D.; E. J. Smith, I.G.; C. J. E. Mumby, D.C.; G. Darby and A. T. Cave, Stewards; and L. Cauvin, Tyler. Bro. Lancaster gave the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren; and the following brethren sang some appropriate music, viz., Bros. Grant, Stroud, Des Geneys, Batchelor, Prov. Grand Org.; Knight, E. J. Smith, and Bro. Pearman, Org. 487; and Musselbrook, Org. 903, as accompanist. The following vote of thanks, illuminated on vellum and richly framed, was presented by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M., on behalf of the brethren, viz., "Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1705. Extract from minutes of meeting held on 26th September, 1878. Resolved unanimously; 'That the best thanks of this lodge be, and are, hereby heartily accorded to Bro. Charles Benjamin Whitcomb, W.M., for the very able, painstaking, and courteous manner in which he has, as first Master of the lodge, performed the duties of his office.'—J. W. Stroud, Secretary." A proposition for raising the initiation and joining fees having been unanimously approved, the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet, and after the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and principal Masonic toasts in happy terms, and they met with a most hearty reception. In responding for the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master and his Officers, Present and Past," Bro. G. F. Lancaster, Prov. Grand Deacon, said, the brethren of Gosport had been most fortunate in having had the pleasure and benefit of witnessing the Prov. Grand Master engaged in Masonic work on several occasions recently in their town, and they could readily understand the warm esteem in which he was held all over the province, after their experience of his courteous and kindly bearing to all with whom he was brought in contact. They also knew, and could fully appreciate, the high respect felt for the Prov. G.M. (not only in his province, but throughout England) as an eloquent exponent of Masonic ritual. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman, and the P.G. Secretary, were also entitled to their highest esteem for their genial qualities, and for their persevering efforts in the cause of Masonic Charity. For the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past, he had no doubt they did all they could in their several localities to advance the interests of Freemasonry generally, and to uphold the dignity of Provincial Grand Lodge. He thanked them for their enthusiastic reception of the toast. Bro. G. F. Lancaster gave "The Health of the W.M.," and warmly eulogised his exertions to ensure a correct rendering of the ritual in the lodge, and his never failing attention to all his duties, which, with his kindly good temper, had so endeared him to the brethren as to result in his re-election. The toast was drunk with great applause, and the W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily, and promised to relax none of his efforts to raise the lodge to a high pitch of perfection. The W.M. gave "The Health of Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, and P.G.D., Treasurer," as a brother to whom the lodge was largely indebted for its existence; and presented him, on behalf of the brethren, with a handsome silver-mounted meerschaum pipe, and a smoking set, in Wedgewood ware, as a small tribute of their gratitude to him for the great assistance he had rendered to them as a founder of the lodge, in the arrangements for its constitution, and at each subsequent meeting. The W.M. also tendered him his personal thanks

for the ready help he had received in carrying on his duties. Bro. Lancaster (who met with great applause, and was evidently unprepared for the gift) thanked the brethren in feeling terms for their kindness, and said he had simply done his duty to the lodge, and no more, and as to his exertions in starting the lodge it was by the mere accident of his being the Senior Past Master present at the meetings of the petitioners that put him in the chair on most of those occasions. He would still continue to do all he could for both officers and brethren, and again thanked them for their kind favours. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by the representatives of many lodges, and that of "The Officers," by Bros. Grant and Stroud, Wardens. "The Tyler's" toast, given by Bro. Cauvin, after one of his old Scotch songs, brought the proceedings to a close. The musical brethren, enumerated above, gave a choice selection of glees and songs during the evening.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday evening, 21st ult., at which a very numerous attendance of the brethren of the Mystic Art were present. The following were the officers: Bro. J. G. Milbourn, No. 13, W.M.; J. Shaw, P.M. 79, S.W.; J. J. Hutchings, S.D. 1531, J.W.; J. Pook, 13, S.D.; G. Waterman, S.W. 147, J.D.; E. Caterson, 548, I.G.; Jas. Griffin, P.M. 548, Preceptor; and G. Gibson, Hon. Sec.

1st Section 1st Lecture	...	Bro. Wilson, 169.
2nd "	"	Hassall, 13.
3rd "	"	Gibson, 1531.
4th "	"	Hutchings, S.D. 1531.
5th "	"	Beavis, 879.
6th "	"	Shaw, P.M. 79.
7th "	"	Stephens, P.M. 879.
1st Section 2nd Lecture	...	Gloster, W.M. 1531.
2nd "	"	Jenkins.
3rd "	"	Waterman, S.W. 147.
4th "	"	Beavis, 879.
5th "	"	Shaw, P.M. 79.
1st Section 3rd Lecture	...	Caterson, 548.
2nd "	"	Goldsmith, H. Sec. 1531.
3rd "	"	Church, 147.

SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 879).—There was a strong muster of the brethren at the above lodge of instruction on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. Kent, the esteemed Preceptor, worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by several other brethren, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him for his admirable working. The W.M. also proposed a vote of thanks to those brethren who had so ably assisted him. There were several visitors, who afterwards became members, amongst them being Bro. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, and Bros. Bradstock, Robinson, and Noyes, 1327.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Martin, 879.
2nd "	...	Bowen, 1310.
3rd "	...	Holloway, I.G. 1158,
4th "	...	Cox, W.M. 765.
5th "	...	Milbourn, 13.
6th "	...	Pulsford, P.M. 1158.
7th "	...	Stephens, P.M. 879.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Martin, 879.
2nd "	...	Wise, P.M. 1158.
3rd "	...	Taylor, S.W. 753.
4th "	...	Beavis, W.S. 879.
5th "	...	Milbourn, 13.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. J. Tarryer, 879.
2nd "	...	S. Smith, S.W. 1158.
3rd "	...	Davis, J.D. 879.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A lodge of instruction, in connection with the Wandsworth Lodge, was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, when the following brethren were present: Bro. C. Digby, H. R. Jones, W. A. Morgan, W. J. Huntley, A. N. Newens, J. Sanders, W. Wardroper, J. J. Holland, A. Mason, J. Rowe, J. Featherstone, P. V. Denham, and A. A. Denham. Bro. C. Digby acted as W.M., and delivered the ritual in such an impressive and perfect manner as to call forth the united approbation of the brethren. Bro. Featherstone went through the ceremony of raising, Bro. Huntley acting as S.D.; Bro. Past Master Jones as J.D.; and Bro. A. N. Newens, as S.W. Upon the motion of Bro. Jones, seconded by Bro. Holland, Bro. A. A. Denham was appointed Secretary. The names of several brethren anxious to join the lodge of instruction were given in and accepted. The business was concluded by the lodge being closed in the Third Degree.

Mark Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 161).—The annual meeting of the above lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Tuesday, the 1st ult. A large number of brethren were present, amongst the visitors being Bros. H. Williams, P.G.A.D.C.C., N.W.; John Hayes, W.M. 65; J. C. Fish, 65; and D. H. Newbiggin, 327. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, the W.M., P.P.G.C., after which Bro. J. C. Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., installed Bro. G. E. Hanmer, P.G. Purs., who appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Dr. Hyde, I.P.M.; Wm. Archer, S.W.; W. Newsome, J.W.; L. Peake, M.O.; W. Nelson, S.O.; J. Parry

J.O.; J. C. Lunt, Treasurer; and Isaac Leece, Secretary. A candidate being proposed for the next regular meeting the lodge was duly closed, the brethren adjourning to the banquet room for substantial refreshment. The above lodge also held a meeting of emergency in the same hall, on the 16th ult., when Bro. Captain C. W. Reid, of 1081, who had been balloted for some time previously, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of a Mark Master Mason, by Bro. G. E. Hanmer, the W.M.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The second meeting of this new lodge was held on Friday evening, the 25th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present Bros. W. F. Lamony, W.M. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Bailey, J.D., as Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Black; W. Shilton, I.G.; F. Jackson, Steward, and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates for advancement were absent, one of whom sent an apology, and promised to be ready next lodge night. The proof sheets of the by-laws not being ready, it was agreed that each member should be furnished with a copy thereof with the summonses for next meeting, so that the code could be at once adopted, prior to confirmation by the Grand Lodge and Provincial authorities. The W.M. gave notice that at next meeting he will move the lodge to hold a ball in the month of January, in conjunction with Skiddaw (Craft) Lodge, No. 1002, and Dyke's Conclave, No. 36, Red Cross Knights. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, the address also being given from the chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons for Cheshire was held on Monday afternoon, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, where there was a large attendance of companions of the Order. Comp. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, M.E.P.G. Supt., took the first chair; Comp. J. Wood, P.G.H., the second chair; and Comp. J. Salmon, P.G.J., the third. Amongst others present were Comps. George Latham, P.G.S.E.; John Siddeley, P.G.S.N.; Edward Friend, P.G.P. Sojourner; F. Jackson, P.G. Treas.; C. H. Hind, P.G.R.; Henry Kenyon, P.G.S.B.; Andrew E. Cokayne, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Henry Kirk, P.Z. 1045, P.G.O.; Mark Alcock, P.G. Janitor; S. Gilbert, P.Z. 321; Saml. Jones, P.Z. 477; Wm. Bennett, P.S. 477; Enoch Evans, 477; J. G. Adams, H. 477; Thos. Barrow, 477; J. Higson Johnson, P.Z. 477; A. Samuels, P.Z. 477; Robt. Thomas, 477; H. Seaman, 477; J. Tomlinson, 321; Henry Bulley, P.G.H.; W. Hopkinson, 477; James Bishop, P.P.G.T.; J. P. Platt, P.G.H., 537; Thos. Coxhead, 721; W. Johnson, Z. 721; G. Robinson, P.Z. 428; Thos. Lockwood, S.E. 425; Chas. Dutton, P.P.G.H.; Fair, Z. 941; James Smith, P.Z. 185; W. Robinson, P.Z. 423; R. M. Townsend, S.E. 537; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, 357; John Hibbert, 1166; John Beech, P.Z. 361; George Fox, P.Z. 361; Robt. Ridyard, 477; James Marsh, 477; J. C. Robinson, P.Z. 425; J. Oswell Bury, Z. 425; A. E. Coveney, 605; Geo. J. Davis, 605; L. Ellis, Z. 537; E. W. Cross, 477; J. W. Jennings, 249; Wm. Gibson, 1045; Richard E. Mellor, 249; John Hamilton, E. 1045; Thos. Kent, 1045; J. Raiton, 477; W. Penk, 477; J. W. Newett Tanner, P.Z. 321; George H. Holden, H. 295; Eustace G. Parker, 1045; Thos. Gaskell, Z. 295; Thos. Thorburn, 537; Fredk. Thompson, 477; S. M. Davies, No. 16, G.R.C.; Wilmot Eardley, P.P.G.A.S., 321; Jas. Blackhurst, H. 321; Thos. E. Gibson, J. 321; Thos. E. Tomlinson, 477; J. Siddeley, H. 1045; Josiah Hill, Z. 323; J. Dennis, H. 721; A. Russell, 477; T. Gregory, 605; J. Smith, 477; J. R. Simm, 605; J. B. Sparks, 216; R. Beales, P.P.G.A.S. 321; S. Spratley, P.P.G.J. 321; J. Sillitoe, P.Z. 605; J. Fothergill, P.Z. 758; W. S. Sutton, 537; W. Milner, 537; D. Fraser, P.Z. 605; Z. 477; J. Hooper, 477; R. Hutchens, P.Z. 321; F. T. Tapp, S.N. 287; J. F. Rounthwaite, 425; J. H. Holt-avenue, Janitor 477; W. Grotorerex, P.Z. 287; and M. McNerney, Z. 605.

The P.G. Chapter having been opened in solemn form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The P.G.S.E., Comp. Latham, reported that twelve chapters were represented, there being between seventy and eighty companions present; and that the Committee of the province had examined the books of fifteen chapters, and had found them kept with extreme accuracy. Royal Arch Freemasonry, the Committee said, seemed to have flourished in the province during the past twelve months.

The thanks of the P.G. Chapter were voted to the Committee for their labours, and they were requested to continue their services during the ensuing year, Comp. Jackson being appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Captain Cope, who is in ill-health.

The P.G. Superintendent said that, following the custom of previous years, he would address a few remarks to the companions. It was most gratifying to him to see such an influential attendance that day, exceeding as it did that of the previous year considerably. Royal Arch Masonry was evidently proceeding most satisfactorily in the province of Cheshire, and it was pleasing to witness the zeal and ability with which the affairs of the various chapters were conducted. He was sure they would all unite with him in endeavouring to promote the interests of Freemasonry in that province.

His lordship then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope	...	Prov. G. H.
J. C. Robinson	...	Prov. G. J.
G. W. Latham	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.

John Siddeley	Prov. G. S.N.
Mathew McNerney	Prov. G. P.S.
S. Meadows	Prov. G. 1st S.
J. Blackhurst	Prov. G. 2nd S.
C. H. Hinde	Prov. G. Reg.
John Siddeley (1045)	Prov. G. S.B.
R. M. Townsend	Prov. G. S.B.
W. Mathews... ..	Prov. G. D. of C.
T. H. Kirk	Prov. G. Org.
Ferdinando Jackson, jun.	Prov. G. Treas.
Mark Alcock... ..	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Treasurer's accounts, showing a balance in favour of the province of £68 6s. 4d., were submitted and passed. The sum of £63 was voted to the Masonic Institution for Girls, which sum, with previous contributions, will entitle the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent to become a Vice-President.

Lord de Tabley having selected Crewe as the town in which to hold the next annual meeting, the P.G. Chapter was closed according to ancient custom.

The whole meeting was eminently successful and marked by that enthusiasm and cordiality which the Masonic brethren of Cheshire have displayed so frequently; but it was in the arrangements and decorations of the banqueting room that perhaps the greatest spirit and taste were displayed, to an extent rarely equalled in the province. The decorations of the Masonic Rooms, in which the festive board was spread, were of the most artistic character, and many hours of anxious consideration, arduous toil, and no small expenditure of money must have been necessary to the proper carrying out of the elaborate scheme of ornamentation by Comp. S. Williams, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, and valuable help was given by Comp. Holtaway, Janitor 477. A first-class banquet was provided by Comp. Berry, Ranelagh Hotel, Birkenhead, who again sustained his good name as a purveyor of "creature comforts." Comp. Lord de Tabley presided at the banquet, which commenced at 4 o'clock and was numerously attended, and expressed himself as thoroughly delighted with the manner in which he had been received that day, as well as with the really effective style of the decorations of the room.

A MASONIC ORATION.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., Prov. G. Chaplain West Yorkshire, on the occasion of the dedication of a Masonic Hall at Shipley, reported in our pages of October 12th.

Brethren,—We have met together to assist in a stirring and interesting ceremonial, and our heartiest wishes accompany the performance of the act. In addressing the members of the Airedale Lodge on this auspicious occasion, I am not addressing a young lodge, but one that has already attained to a respectable and respectful age. It is composed of well-instructed brethren, many of whom are better qualified to teach me than I am to tell them anything which they have not already learned, and endeavoured to practice as true and loyal Masons. The Airedale Lodge is in the fifty-second year of its existence, its Warrant of Constitution bearing date 12th March, 1827. It seems in its origin to have risen, phoenix-like, out of the ashes of an old lodge, viz., the Duke of York's Lodge, No. 428, originally constituted at Doncaster in 1788, and removed to Bingley in 1807. In 1815 the Duke of York's Lodge at Bingley is supposed to have closed its career, and the Airedale Lodge sprang into existence, at Baildon, in 1827, its originators being Bro. Wainman Holmes, of the Lodge of Hope, Bradford, and other brethren of the defunct Bingley Lodge. From Baildon it finally settled here at Shipley, where we trust it will long continue to pursue an honourable and useful career. This wandering life will account for the circumstance that no dedication of the lodge should have occurred earlier. During the period between 1827 and 1877 its number has been twice changed, owing to the closure of extinct lodges; the first time in 1832, when from 814, it was recognised on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England as No. 543, and the second time in 1863, when it obtained its present number, 387. It is not necessary that I should enter more at length into the history of the lodge and its vicissitudes, because that history has been compiled by Bro. P.M. Riley, and printed in a very handsome volume. I shall simply add what I believe will be felt by every member of the lodge, that the brother who must always be gratefully recognised as its founder and mainstay, and whose long and active services have contributed to its prosperity, is the venerable Bro. P.M. Wainman Holmes, who, to quote his own words, stated last year that "out of the fifty years that the Airedale Lodge has been constituted, I think I should be W.M. and Secretary at least thirty or more years (perhaps 40 years), and whatever I had to do I did it with pleasure, and particularly in my younger days, when Masonry was my 'hobby horse.'" I will venture to say that there is probably no other lodge in this province that can grasp the warm hand of its living founder at the end of fifty-one years. May the prayer of the lodge, uttered last year be fulfilled that the G.A.O.T.U., may make Bro. Holmes's closing years happy and contented. Before making a few general remarks I cannot forbear alluding very briefly to two points which come to light in the printed history of this lodge, because they indicate in a forcible manner that the brethren have been in the past, and continued to be at the present time, imbued with the true spirit of Masonry; that they have not only maintained a careful adherence to its ritual, but have practically illustrated its principles. Firstly, the brethren have, throughout the long career of their lodge, manifested the deepest sympathy in the sufferings and distress of sick and mourning members. Secondly, to the Masonic Charities the lodge has been a liberal contributor; and owing to the zealous exertions of its indefatigable Charity Steward, Bro.

F. W. Booth, P.M., a large increase of charity votes has been secured. This example is worthy of imitation on the part of all lodges of the province. You are no doubt, as in duty bound to be, firm believers in the great antiquity of the Craft, and you have been taught that as regards structural science, there was a period in the history of mankind—a period dark, dreary, and comfortless, when Masonry had not laid her line or extended her compasses; when men took refuge from storm and tempest, and the attacks of savage beasts in thickets of woods, and in dens and caverns of the earth; and that from these poor recesses and gloomy solitudes the Grand Geometrician of the Universe in pity drew them and instructed them to erect buildings of a rustic kind in artless imitation of simple nature. This remark of the author of the Fourth Section of the Second Lecture contains the element of a truth of which he was probably little conscious at the time. The earliest buildings of which antiquarians have any knowledge were not of the Tuscan order, as he states, however rustic that order may be, but were structures of cyclopean architecture, many of which in all their majestic proportions and solidity have survived through tens of centuries of civilization (in spite of civilization itself which is not always disposed to show a conservative reverence towards the works of former times), and remain to this day as footprints of Masonry. These rude monuments may be briefly described as constructions whose walls are composed of ponderous unquarried stones, selected with a certain amount of care and suitability, on which are placed, so as to form a ceiling, blocks of far greater dimensions and weight, the whole being hidden from sight by an outer covering of earth or of small stones, often of considerable altitude, and constituting a chambered mound. In process of time, and from various causes, natural and regrettable, which need not be detailed here, these mounds fell away, or have been in many instances partially or wholly removed, and the denuded chambers now stand forth in imposing nakedness and grandeur, and proclaim to us the mighty power of united action, of the enduring nature of works undertaken with combined energy and resolution, even when those works have been accomplished with the aid of simple and mean appliances. In their exposed condition they are commonly called cromlechs, which are ignorantly considered, by some persons (happily an almost extinct family) to have been connected with the bloody rites of Druidic worship. These constructions, which have been observed in all parts of the world, are rude, yet, in a certain sense, skillful Masonic institutions of those natural dens and caverns in which men of the palaeolithic age lived, and were oftentimes buried, and were intended for sepulchral purposes only. They are, however, standing, and imperishable witnesses to truths of considerable importance, for they tell of a belief in the G.A.O.T.U., the Almighty and Eternal Teacher of His people, of the immortality of the soul, and of a future life. They speak also of respect and reverence for chiefs and heroes, of brotherly and family affection, and of mystic rites of religion, which have been, from the earliest ages, inseparable from burial customs. May we not perceive in this parallel how the grand principles of the Craft are amply illustrated? If the origin of Freemasonry is not lost in the mists of pre-historic antiquity as some sceptics suppose, it possesses similar attributes to those possessed by the monuments of which I have spoken. It can boast of an immemorial existence. It is universal in its distribution, and its chief glories are reverence for the Eternal Architect and Ruler of the Universe, loyalty to the throne, brotherly love, and truth, based upon a comprehensive faith. It teaches us that in our perishable frames there resides a vital and immortal principle, and that when we consign the mortal remains of a faithful and true brother to the cold bosom of the grave, it is with a holy confidence that the immortal principle is in the merciful hands of the Lord of Life. A Provincial Grand Master once remarked that if any brother wishes to raise to eminence in the Craft, he should give to the subject deep study, much thought, and constant antiquarian research, for Masonry is a well stored mine, in which treasures are deeply hidden. Research thus directed may never be able to decide to the satisfaction of the fraternity the conjectures that Julius Cæsar and his generals were patrons and protectors of the Craft in England, that the Emperor Caracaus held its tenets in the highest veneration, that Alban, the canonized martyr, presided over British Masons as their Grand Master, and that Athelstane was a promoter of the art in the same capacity; but, however interesting these investigations may be to the inquirer, we may rest assured that a wide field of study is open in the direction of those grand principles, which have exalted Masonry into a moral science, and have helped to humanize mankind. It is an inspiring reflection that our God-honouring institution advocates and upholds a morality of the highest kind, and a never failing charity in a cold unsympathizing world. The G.A. of the Universe has not placed us here and endowed us with various gifts that we may live for ourselves alone. The immortal bard has uttered this sentiment in these sublime words:—

"Heaven doth with us, as we with torches do,
Not light them for themselves, for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not. Spirits are not finely
touched,
But to fine issues."

With one other quotation I will conclude. In 1876, our very excellent and greatly respected Provincial Grand Master expressed a wish that there might be "on the part of the fraternity in his province an earnest desire to study the principles upon which our ancient and time honoured Order is founded," being well convinced, that by doing so, they would become better men, and better fitted for higher things than if they confined their attention to the mere routine work of the lodge. As, in the monuments of which I have spoken, the outer covering of earth hid from sight the massive and imperishable

portion of the sepulchral structure, which, when its solid materials are brought into view, is a token of marvellous engineering skill; so should the external ceremonial of Masonry be regarded as the simple clothing which conceals from the superficial observer those everlasting principles of Heaven-born truth, which it is our duty to study and to teach. May the lofty purposes of Masonry, which have been so earnestly fulfilled in the past by the members of the Airedale Lodge, continue to animate them through a long future, causing them to work harmoniously, in obedience to the will of Him who would have all men to be steeped in the effulgence of His Divine love.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

The Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society gave its opening performance on Thursday, October 24th, at the Freemasons' Hall, and when we say that it was a perfect success we do not exaggerate in the slightest degree.

This society was instituted by the Sheffield brethren to give a series of entertainments, in which their wives, sisters, daughters, and lady friends might participate; and all praise to those brethren in their practical determination to enlist the interests of the "fair sex" in Masonry—directly or indirectly. Each member of the society received a certain number of tickets—admission could be obtained only by such tickets—and, as was anticipated, the gathering proved to be a very select one, in fact, like a large family party.

A temporary stage was erected in the spacious banqueting hall, 250 seats were arranged, and as many tickets were speedily subscribed for.

At seven o'clock the curtain rose, when Bro. Thomas Blair recited a prologue written by himself expressly for the occasion, it was at once witty, sententious, and, we may say, epigrammatic; being delivered in an easy style, every point told and received marked applause.

"Charles the Second" was then presented, King Charles being most ably represented by Bro. Captain Mills. The Earl of Rochester was rendered by Bro. Reaney in a manner which showed careful study and great ability. Edward, a page, was played by Bro. Lieut. Pallin, most naturally, in fact, as if "to the manner born." Captain Copp proved a masterly conception in the hands of Bro. Gatty, whose facial powers alone are nearly sufficient to insure the success of any part he may undertake.

The "discreet" Lady Clara was earnestly, carefully, and admirably rendered by Miss Frederica Taylor; whilst Miss Marie Montgomery as Mary, "the fair maid of Wapping" (Copp's niece), left nothing to be desired.

The after-piece was "My Uncle's Will," in which Charles Cashmore was cleverly played by Bro. Joseph Brailsford, jun.; Mr. Barker, by Bro. Gatty, was simply inimitable, his get up was a complete metamorphosis from Capt. Copp; the rapid changes in his mobile countenance again eliciting roars of laughter.

Miss Marie Montgomery, Florence Marigold, was simply charming; the pointed, yet graceful, delivery of the witty repartee which fell to her share was very clever, as was also her bye-play, especially in the scene with the hand-glass, and the photograph of her supposed rival, which brought down the house.

On the following evening was presented Tom Taylor's celebrated comedy of "Still Waters Run Deep." Mr. Potter found a careful and consistent representative in Bro. Scargill, who not only looked but played his part well. Capt. Hawksley was entrusted to Bro. Gatty, and, certainly, he left nothing to be desired. John Mildmay fell to Bro. Capt. Mills, and received thorough justice at his hands. The minor characters of Dunbilk, Bro. J. M. While; Langford, Bro. Blair; Markham, Bro. Garnett; Gimblet, Bro. C. While; and Jessop, Bro. Styring; were all ably given.

The Mrs. Mildmay of Miss Marie Montgomery was easy and natural, from the indifferent, at the outset, to the loving wife, at the close.

Miss Frederica Taylor played Mrs. Sternhold in an exceedingly clever style; in the scene with Capt. Hawksley she was fully equal to the occasion, infusing into the part a dramatic fire which fairly rivetted the attention of the audience.

The comedietta of "Cup of Tea" was to have followed, but by especial desire "My Uncle's Will" was repeated, and a most wise decision too, for the very excellent manner in which that charming piece was played the previous evening it was no wonder; indeed, its repetition was inevitable, sooner or later.

The arduous duties of "prompter" were ably executed by Bro. Blair.

The band, under the superintendence of Bro. G. E. Webster, was a thorough success, it is not too much to say that it was very superior to many regular theatre bands; it has been our lot to listen to.

The stage was very pretty; the costumes, from Messrs. L. Theophilus Nathan, of Tichborne-street, London, were very much admired. The scenery, though modest, was excellent—in short the "mise en scène" was as near perfection as ever amateurs can hope to attain—this, and the selection of the two lady-professionals, reflects great credit on the managers, Bros. Reaney and Robertshaw; the former also acted as Hon. Sec. of the society, and infinite credit is due to him for his untiring zeal and energy, not only did he work "con amore," but he seemed to inspire all others around him similarly. It strikes us that but a few of the audience were prepared for the treat in store for them, they went to see "amateurs," and were not a little surprised to see the histrionic abilities which had been lying latent in their very midst.

Two more performances are announced to take place the end of this month, and we shall look forward to them with considerable interest; in conclusion, we congratulate the Sheffield brethren on their brilliantly successful entertainment, and we say, "go on and prosper."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, November 6th:—

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

The report of the Committee of General Purposes to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th July to the 15th October, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To balance, Grand Chapter	£	s.	d.
" " Unappropriated account	452	1	4
" " Subsequent receipts	203	5	5
	238	19	6
	£894	6	3

By Disbursements during the Quarter	£	s.	d.
" Balance	194	18	4
" " in Unappropriated Account	507	17	6
	191	10	5
	£894	6	3

Of which balances there is in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d., and in the London and Westminster Bank and Bank of England £310 10s. 7d.

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

1st. From Comps. John Robert Willson as Z., Henry William Townsend as H., John Lind as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth, to be called "The United Service Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, in the County of Hants.

2nd. From Comps. Howell Davies as Z., Henry Adams as H., George Parry as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, Tenby, to be called "The Dinbych Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Gate House Assembly Rooms, Tenby, in the County of Pembroke.

3rd. From Comps. Robert Hudson as Z., Mark Douglass as H., George Moore as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, to be called "The St. Helen's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool, in the County of Durham.

4th. From Comps. Richard P. France as Z., John Hayes as H., John Lamb Houghton as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Liverpool, to be called "The Downshire Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster.

5th. From Comps. Alfred Wallis Paul as Z., Robert Phillips as H., William Lloyd as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Everest Lodge, No. 1525, Darjeeling, to be called "The Canning Chapter," and to meet at the Lodge Rooms, Darjeeling, Bengal, in the East Indies.

6th. From Comps. the Rev. Robert Bowden as Z., John Thompson Goodridge as H., John Piggott as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Torbay Lodge, No. 1358, Paignton, to be called "The Torbay Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Paignton, in the county of Devon.

7th. From Comps. Wesley Francis as Z., Thomas Joyce as H., William Sink as J., and fifteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Natalia Lodge, No. 1665, Pietermaritzburg, to be called "The Natalia Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Longmarket-street Pietermaritzburg, in the Colony of Natal.

8th. From Comps. James Richard Bishop as Z., Isaac Dawe as H., William Fenwick as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, East Looe, to be called "The St. Anne's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, in the county of Cornwall.

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

9th. They have also received a petition from the Principals and other members of the Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, West Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being entirely decayed, and the Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report:—

That Comp. Joseph Smith, Past Director of Ceremonies, of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was on the 30th of July last suspended, by order of the Board of General Purposes, "from all his Masonic functions and privileges for a period of two years." That the said suspension was reported to and approved by Grand Lodge, on the 4th of September last, and in accordance with Article 10, page 6, of the Royal Arch Regulations, Grand Chapter will proceed to declare Comp. Joseph Smith suspended from his Arch Masonic functions.

The President will therefore move:—

That Comp. Joseph Smith, P.D.C., be declared suspended from his Arch Masonic functions for the period while such Craft suspension continues in force.

Comp. Joseph Smith, being an elected member of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter, is, by reason of his suspension, disqualified from attending such Committee, it will, therefore, be necessary that the Grand Chapter elect another companion to fill the vacancy thus caused.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. J. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. A. Rucker, S. Rawson, H. Browne, A. H. Tattershall, Col. James Peters, Major E. J. Finney, Jno. G. Stevens, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Potter, H. A. Dubois, John Boyd, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Hacker, E. Letchworth, Thos. F. Peacock, Edw. Spooner, Geo. R. Shervill, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, Thos. Cubitt G. Faulkner, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, one petition of a candidate to be placed on the list for April Election was received. Two others were deferred, not having been received in time.

A proposition of the Chairman for the payment of £10 to the School of Cookery to enable some of the Girls of the Institution to attend that school was agreed to.

The following letter from Bro. John Caldwell was read and ordered to be acknowledged with thanks.

Sea View Cottage, Starcroft, Devon.

To the W.M. of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London.

Dear Sir and Brother. As I find my health is so bad I fear I shall not be able to attend my Lodge any more, so beg to resign myself in lodge, but beg to enclose a cheque for to be divided between the Boys' and Girls' Schools of £100 each, which I will thank you to acknowledge through the Masonic journals (receipt for the same) and the *Exeter and Plymouth Gazette*. Cheque for £200 forwarded to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, to the account of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

Yours fraternally, (Signed) JOHN CALDWELL, P.M. 61.

Oct. 29, 1878.

A letter was also read from Bro. Peter Matthews, dated Oct. 1878, and stating that failing health compelled him to give up his professional duties as dentist-surgeon, and retire into private life. He must, therefore, resign the office to the Girls' School, which he had held for twenty years.

This letter was also received with many expressions of regret and thanks for past services.

Bro. Gladwell said that as a Sub-committee had been appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Institution he should like to impress upon them the propriety of altering the laws as to the price to be paid for buying a girl into the school. At present the price was 170 guineas; but as the children were admissible from eight to eleven years of age, either the price was too low at eight years or too high at eleven.

The Chairman in reply, said that this subject would be taken into consideration by the Committee. The Chairman also stated that the Committee would meet on boxing day.

Bro. Dicketts proposed, and Bro. E. Spooner seconded, the admission by purchase of the daughter of Bro. Charles Jardine, a brother who was drowned in the collision between the Bywell Castle and the Princess Alice.

The Committee then adjourned.

THE ELECTION OF CITY REMEMBRANCER.

At the Court of Common Council on Thursday afternoon, on the motion of Mr. Deputy Taylor, the names of the candidates for this office were read. They were as follow:—Mr. Vincent Baines, Mr. A. B. Elliott, Bro. F. G. Faithfull, Mr. Wm. Griffith, Mr. W. Hardman, Bro. H. Howkins, Mr. Walter Hughes, Bro. W. G. Lemon, Bro. Macrae Moir, Mr. E. C. Nepean, Mr. Henry Paull, Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, M.P., Mr. John Proctor, Mr. C. H. Roberts, Mr. A. Turner, Mr. John Turner, Mr. Wheelhouse, M.P., and Mr. Yardley. The candidates were invited to take seats on the alderman's bench, and answer to their names by rising. This having been done except in two cases it was arranged, on the motion of Mr. Deputy Lowman Taylor, to reduce the number of candidates by show of hands, to six, and then further reduce them, by show of hands, to three. From the three two would be selected by poll, and a poll would finally decide the election. Bro. J. B. Monckton, the Town Clerk, read a letter from Mr. Paull, resigning his candidature, as he found it would involve his giving up many of his present engagements.

The election was then proceeded with, Bro. Alderman Hadley assisting the Lord Mayor to count.

The first show of hands resulted in the retention of the names of Bro. Faithfull, Mr. Hardman, Bro. Lemon, Bro. Macrae Moir, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Yardley; the second further reduced them to Messrs. Faithfull, Moir, and Roberts.

Deputy Shephard and Mr. M'George were elected scrutineers, and the first poll was at once commenced, the result being declared by the Lord Mayor as follows:—Roberts, 154; Faithfull, 87; and Moir, 86. The second poll, to decide between the two former, followed immediately, when Mr. Roberts received 135, and Bro. Faithfull 55 votes.

Mr. Roberts having been declared duly elected, thanked the Court for the honour they had conferred on him, which he trusted they would never regret.

Bro. Faithfull also briefly thanked those who had given him their support, and the Court adjourned.

FREEMASONRY IN MADRAS.

The minds of the brethren of the mystic Craft are now being very much exercised in this presidency over a matter of no small importance to themselves. Who is to be their Grand Master is the burthen of their thoughts, and the question is causing them a very great deal of anxiety. The selection of a successor to the important position rendered vacant by the lamented death of the late Right Worshipful Bro. John Miller virtually rests solely with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of all English Masonry. But it has been customary for each district to recommend a candidate for nomination, and in deference to this prayer, their candidate has invariably been accepted. The advantages of this plan are manifest, as the candidate recommended is the one who obtains the largest number of votes from the brethren of his district, and is, therefore, the one above all others, that would be the most acceptable to the majority. This plan has ordinarily worked well. Somehow there has always been some one who was most popular, and before whom all other candidates withdrew. Now, however, there is a great commotion in their midst. There are two candidates, neither of whom is willing to withdraw in favour of the other. These are Major Saunders, the present Deputy Grand Master, and ergo, acting head of the Craft, and the other Dr. Cockburn, A.M.D., a comparative stranger to this district, but a very high and reputedly zealous Mason. The former candidate is a prime favourite of all the three Madras Lodges, as well as of a larger percentage of the Mofussil Lodge. He has intimately been connected with Masonry in this district for upwards of sixteen years, during the whole of which time he rendered good Masonic service, as testified by the subjoined review of his career:—

- 1862 Resuscitated and ruled Lodge Orther.
- 1864 do. Lodge Good Will.
- 1865 Re-elected Master of above.
- 1866 Ruled Lodge St. John.
- 1867 Re-elected Master of above.
- 1869 Resuscitated and ruled Lodge Astræa.
- 1871 Re-elected Master of above.
- 1876 Appointed D. District Grand Master.

The rival candidate, Dr. Cockburn, has, however, not yet done anything for the Craft in this Presidency, but brings a high reputation for zeal and bonhomie from Gibraltar, where he attained high rank. He is strongly favoured by the Masons in Bangalore and St. Thomas' Mount, who are very numerous, and who are briskly canvassing in his favour, and he is said to be also in favour with the Home authorities. How the matter will eventually be decided remains to be seen, and in the meanwhile, the members of the Craft are on tenterhooks of excitement to learn who will head the poll.—*Madras Times*.

THE LATE BRO. R. W. LITTLE.

At the installation meeting of the Hemming Lodge, 1512, in reading the minutes of the emergency of the 7th May, the following resolution, fraught at present with so much interest in honouring the memory of a very popular and lamented brother occurs. "That condolence be expressed to the widow of our deeply lamented V.W. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, late D.P.G.M. Middx., honorary member of this lodge, sympathising with her in her domestic grief, assuring her of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and offering the last services of the lodge in any undertaking that may be projected to do honour to his memory, for his Masonic ability, his genial, benevolent nature, his intellectual acquirements, his devotion to the best interests of the province, to Masonry in general, and to the success of the Orphan Institution for the daughters of Freemasons in particular." This resolution was followed by voting ten guineas to the Girls' School.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The King of Bavaria has ordered for himself alone a performance of the Wagner Nibelungen Tetralogy at the Great Theatre of Munich. "Rheingold" is to be performed on the 11th, "Walküre" on the 12th, "Siegfried" on the 14th, and "Götterdämmerung" on the 15th of November.

Last week an important fragment of fasti consularis was discovered in the excavations on the Via Sacra. It contains fifteen names, and connects with that in the Capitoline Museum numbered XXVII. in the Corpus.

The Grosvenor Gallery Winter Exhibition will include a collection of drawings and sketches by the late French artist, Ingres. Two of Ingres' best known paintings, the "Sphinx" and the "Source," are now in the Paris Louvre.

With the end of the Long Vacation comes the annual show of chrysanthemums in the Temple-gardens. The cultivation of these pretty winter flowers has been brought to such perfection by Mr. Newton, the head gardener to the Inner Temple, and the exhibition has become so well known that the public avail themselves largely of the permission given by the Benchers to visit the gardens freely during the continuance of the show. The earlier varieties are now in full bloom. Some of the flowers have not yet arrived at perfection, but the show bids fair to be a very good one.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.—The *Times* has lighted up its "Chapel" with Mr. Rapiéff's system of the Electric Light.

There is reason to believe that the Corpus Professorship of Jurisprudence at Oxford, which Sir Henry Sumner Maine resigns at the end of this year, will be converted into a Professorship of Constitutional Law and Legal History.—*Athenæum*.

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Nicholl, W. A., Rangoon	...	0	12 6
Scarle, F., San Francisco	...	0	12 0
Sparke, G. T., Bengal	...	0	12 0
Titus, C. H., Boston	...	0	9 0

Answers to Correspondents.

QUERIST.—The Duke of Edinburgh is not a member of the fraternity.

MASONIC ANTHEM, by Bro. Crow, and Reminiscences of the Worcester Lodge by Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths—review in our next.

ATLAS.—George Frank Gouley died April 11th, 1877.

A YOUNG M.M.—Craft and Royal Arch only.

ENTHUSIAST.—Attend a Lodge of Instruction. For list see page 526.

P.G.M.—Doubtless a printer's error. It ought to have read, "Devon and Cornwall Foresters' Court."

MEMBER 1472.—Thanks, but we think we have already exhausted the subject.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow;" "London Express;" "Der Bund;" "New York Dispatch;" "Australian Freemason;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Voice of the People;" "Bundes Presse;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Newcastle Daily Journal;" "Hull Packet;" "Hornet;" "John Sarchman's Lantern;" or a Guide to the Bible, Testament, and Al-Koran: being an impartial attempt to investigate the trinity or unity of God;" "Hajnal;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Risorgimento;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts;" "The Masonic Newspaper."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

WILSON.—On the 22nd inst., at Cliffe Hall, the wife of J. G. Wilson, Esq., of a son.

DEATHS.

ACLAND.—On the 25th inst., at Oxford, Sarah, wife of Professor H. Acland, aged 63.

COLEMAN.—On the 26th inst., at 121, High-street, Wandsworth, Mr. James Coleman, aged 49. Friends will please accept this intimation.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1878.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

We cannot fail to be struck with two great facts when we consider English and Foreign Freemasonry, namely, the altogether unpolitical character of the one, the quasi-political character more or less of the other. Of course, the remark does not equally apply to all foreign jurisdictions, though none are so wholly free from political leanings as we should like them to be, in greater or less degree, actually or by implication. And, no doubt, the remark does apply with greater force to some sections of the foreign Masonic community than to others just now, and because the fact is so undoubtedly and distinctly, we think it well to call attention to the subject. Our Royal Grand Master at his auspicious Installation, made that most true remark, and gave that ever sound advice, which all English Masons realize and abide by, "keep clear of politics." And it is happily the unchanging normal characteristic of English Masonry, its ceaseless law of life and action, to follow out that axiom both of prudence and of wisdom, closely and confessedly, in the letter and in the spirit. If English Masonry has some defects more or less patent, more or less hidden from vulgar gaze, political tendencies cannot honestly and properly be included among them by even the most carping of critics, the most captious of opponents, the most bitter of anathematizers. But abroad it is unfortunately not so, and in some special sections just now of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, (not so far from our own peaceful shores), the work and life of Masonry constitute an abject parody on Masonic profession and Masonic theory. Masonry thus becomes in their hands quite a different matter, quite a different personality, (if we may so say), from what we believe it to be, from what we see it to be, from what we hail it gladly as being among ourselves. It assumes other proportions, and "tumbles to," (excuse a slang expression), other proclivities! It ceases in fact to be Masonry. It may be anything you like to call it, but it is not Masonry. What has peaceful religious, loyal, reverent, English Masonry, to do with the "stump" of a political faction, the memories of the commune, the reveries of positivists, the vagaries of unbelievers, and above all, with the aspirations of factions? Masonic charity is in abeyance, Masonic order is disavowed, Masonic unity is forgotten, Masonic teaching is ignored, and in its stead, we have an association, whose professions are the professions of a nihilistic positivism, and nothing more and nothing less. With all this, as English Masons, we will have nothing whatever to do; we adhere to our ancient formulae, we stand by our venerable laws, we acknowledge reverently, religiously, and truly T.G.A.O.T.U.; and we are loyal citizens, opponents of sedition and strife, illegal conspiracies, and secret political associations, and such as we are we hope those who come after us will be, still the same charitable, faithful, religiously-minded, patriotic, Confraternity, we have sought to be in our time and generation! Therefore we keep at home, and we keep to ourselves; and we decline to allow the honoured name of English Masonry to be associated with such childish and grotesque parodies on all the principles of our good old Craft, which, as honest and devoted, Masons, we are bound steadfastly to proclaim, and manfully to uphold, under all circumstances, and under all the changes and chances of this mortal life.

THE FETE AT THE TROCADERO.

Though for many reasons we are not anxious to dwell any longer on this subject, we yet think it well to remark that the report of the gathering fully justifies our prudential advice to our brethren on the subject. Had the invitation been simply addressed to members of the Ancient and

Accepted Scottish Rite alone, we should have said nothing, but as it was professedly addressed to English brethren generally, we thought it only right and proper to express our humble opinion and offer our humble advice, and all that has transpired fully confirms alike the doubts we expressed and the caution we recommended. From the various accounts which have reached us, the "order of the day" was as follows. The "Fete" took place at the Trocadero, on Thursday, 24th ult., professedly given by the Supreme Council of the Freemasons of the Scotch Rite to the foreign Masons at present in Paris. M. Cremieux, the Grand Master of the Order, presided. The fete began with the "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn on two organs. M. Crémieux then delivered a speech, which, after an interval devoted to music, was followed by another from M. Emanuel Arago. The meeting wound up with the "Marsellaise." We are told that there was a large attendance of Englishmen and ladies, and that Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, a member of the English Grand Lodge, responded. Some reports estimate the number present at 4000, others at 450. We believe that there is some inaccuracy, or rather want of Masonic accuracy in these remarks, and when we receive, (if we do receive), any authentic account of the meeting, we shall be happy to publish it in our pages, and to call attention to those salient points in it which are in any way interesting or edifying to our readers. We have reason to believe that the Eminent Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in England, Lord Skelmersdale, our very distinguished brother, also spoke, and with considerable eloquence and effect. Our esteemed Bro. Montagu would return thanks, we think it well to remind our readers, not as a P.G. Officer of the English Grand Lodge, but as a dignitary of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The English Grand Lodge was not represented on the occasion, as is indeed obvious, and thus Bro. Montagu, though a P.G. Officer of merit and distinction of our Craft Grand Lodge, was not its representative, but he either was accredited, or he acted in his individual capacity as one of the 33°, a member of the English Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. In the evening a grand banquet was given at the Continental Hotel.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

This Association, about which a good deal has been said, and probably will be said, "pro and con," is now before our Masonic public in working order, asking simply for "a fair field and no favour." Like all new associations, it has been attacked from various quarters, actively, determinedly, and to say the truth, somewhat unfairly, with great zeal, though we venture to think with little discretion. Much that has been said about it clearly proceeds from unintentional misrepresentation, or from complete ignorance of its real meaning and its actual utility. Its "raison d'être" may be summed up in a few words. Without dictation, without dogmatism, without officious interference, or unwise intermeddling, it seeks to give to some of our poor London candidates a better chance of success than personal prepossessions, or individual support, seem now likely or able to afford them. We do not think it needful to go through the various objections which have been raised to its formation, for most will be found not really to be objections at all, but in truth its merits and recommendations, to all who will take the trouble to think. But one objection has been made persistently, that it is a "dictatorial interference, an unwarrantable liberty on the part of a body of London Masons to ask their brethren for their votes." But how can this be? Do not some of us receive cards and circulars, signed by individual brethren, asking us for our votes? Are we not repeatedly pressed by circulars and personal requests by individual brethren to vote for this or that particular candidate, not because it is the most distressing case, or a distressing case above others, but because Bro. Buggin's supports it, because Bro. Higgin's gives it his name, because Bro. Popper has taken it up, and because Bro. Pippin is "much interested in it?" Now, surely, what an individual brother

can do a committee of brethren can also do. Where is the difference in point of abstract theory, or concrete action? Practically and positively there is none, and its a proof of no little jesuitism, or perversity, or any thing else you like, to say that there is. The old adage "Defendit Numerus," might well be employed to shew that there is no possible harm in a carefully selected committee seeking to collect and combine votes and voting papers, it is, in fact, only the present system expanded, organized, and scientifically conducted. And as such,—if London candidates are to succeed in the future, it becomes the "necessity of the case." Let us take as an illustration the case of the "boy Watkins," an episode in the history of our Masonic elections, which we believe to be irresistible in its direct application, and the best reply to all crude and petty objections, as the safest explanation to all bonâ fide or peddling objectors. Watkins, the fourteenth boy on the list for the Boys' School election, and unsuccessful by ninety-eight votes, is one of *nine orphan children*. His mother has been unsuccessful in the Girls' School election also, having few friends. The poor boy has made six applications in vain, and this was his last chance. He had no distinguished brother to obtain for a first application 1600 votes. He had no *private committee* to secure his election; he had no "leading member of the Order" to issue a "personal card" in his favour, but a few zealous friends, hard working Masons, and Life Governors, mustered up for him about 300 votes, and the London Masonic Charity Association polled the rest, only taking up the case on its sheer merits, and also on its absolute necessity. The poor lad Watkins ought to have been successful, if some brethren had only been kind enough to remember that other candidates had five or six chances, he, poor orphan boy, had none. Here, surely, as we said before, is the best and truest answer to hasty objections, and perverse objectors. Here is the need, the apology, (if apology is required), of the London Masonic Charity Association, and bearing in mind how warmhearted and sympathetic our good London brethren are, we doubt not eventually, that they will see the need of the Association, and give to it hearty and active support.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The editorial comment appended to my letter of the 13th ult., which appeared in your issue of the 19th, although dissenting from my expressed opinions, is still in some measure satisfactory to me, since it gives me the right to demand from you the privilege of a reply. Such privilege is one which your well-known courtesy will hardly refuse, more especially when it is borne in mind that this subject is one of a nature very interesting to Freemasons, and also one on which free discussion, if conducted in temperate and gentleman-like language, cannot or ought not to lead to evil results. If the aims of the "London Masonic Charity Association" be directed towards the advancement of Masonry and of charity, publicity and fair criticism are not ordeals from which its promoters ought to shrink; while if the reverse be the case, it cannot surely be contended that it is in the interests of Freemasonry that silence should be kept regarding its proceedings.

Your note to my last letter says that I have "misapprehended alike the *raison d'être* of the institution and the position of affairs." This is a very sweeping condemnation, but whether it be an exact statement of fact or not I do not propose to discuss. I leave it to such of your readers as may chance to have seen my letter to decide for themselves as to whether I did or did not mis-state the objects of the Association, and the reasons which have called it into existence. My conclusions may be wrong, but that is a matter of opinion. The question of misapprehension (and consequent misrepresentation) of the objects of the Association in my former letter is a question of fact, and this, as I have already said, I do not wish to argue.

I turn to another part of your paper, and I find a "Report of the London Masonic Charity Association," occupying a prominent place. This report is not signed by any Secretary, President, or Chairman, and I am left in doubt as to whether it emanates from the editorial pen, or whether it is the actual report of the Association as adopted by their Committee. The form and substance of the report strongly support the latter supposition, were it not that in some respects this otherwise official report replies in an argumentative manner to some of the objections raised in my letter.

So strongly marked is the phraseology in one or two places as to afford the most convincing and conclusive evidence that the writer had the manuscript of my letter before him when his "report" was drawn up. This compels one of two conclusions. Either my letter was submitted to the responsible Secretary of the Association: before it had appeared in print, in order that he might refer to, and answer it in his report; or this report was written in the office of the *Freemason* by the Editor himself or by one of his subordinates. The first supposition I dismiss as an impossibility. It involves a very grave charge of serious indiscretion on the part of your journal and its management, and such a charge would not be made by me if not capable of demonstration by absolutely irrefragable evidence. I am driven, therefore, to accept the second hypothesis as above set forth, and must conclude that the report of the London Masonic Charity Association was written in the office of the *Freemason* by some one at least equal in rank to the sub-editor.

If this be the fact, and I have shewn that it must be the fact, the same ought, in fairness, to be avowed, and explicitly set forth in your columns. It is due to the Craft generally that it should be known that the *Freemason* and the "London Masonic Charity Association" are virtually one and the same, so that the arguments of the former in support of the latter may be accepted by Masons in London and elsewhere, *quantum valeant*.

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

THOS. EDMONDSTON,
Master, 1658.

23rd October, 1878.

[As this correspondence is becoming purely personal we decline to continue it. Bro. Edmondston is again clearly in utter error as to the facts of the case.—ED. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With respect to the remarks of Bro. Edmondston, which I have seen, I beg to state that the "Report" accepted by the London Masonic Charity Association was drawn up without the slightest reference to his letter, and that all his remarks "thereabout" constitute a tissue of absurdities perfectly beneath notice. I am sorry to write thus of a brother Mason. The "Report" was drafted on the evening of the Boys' School Election, and when Bro. Edmondston's letter had certainly not been read by me, and certainly was not referred to by me in the remotest manner.

THE DRAFTER OF THE REPORT.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From some delays in the post my *Freemason* did not duly arrive, and it is difficult to write under the excitement of travelling, with a very extended journey still to perform.

I had certainly hoped that Bro. Lamony would not have deserted his assumed character of historian, and it is a matter of regret that "Ecce Signum," who has written a letter should almost commence by remarks personal to myself, as his only argument or resource. Of course to use Sheridan's phrase "it is only the gentleman's way of saying that he differs from me in opinion," and such a brother as "Ecce Signum" might have written very much nonsense before I had troubled his repose with a criticism; yet when a gentleman claiming to belong to the Republic of Letters writes it is a different thing. Such a man is no more justified in writing nonsense in the *Freemason* than in the *Times* or *Standard*. Any discourtesy to Bro. Lamony I utterly deny, having only criticised his history and claims to recognition for the Mark Association, and do not doubt he himself fully admits the truth of all I said.

I may further here remark that my reply to "Ecce Signum" is simply one of courtesy, he has no right to mingle in a discussion unless he seriously enters into that discussion. It would be bad management on my part, having started the fox, to hunt any stray hare that chooses to cross the scent, whilst even if accepted, in any learned society the speaker who wandered from the subject of discussion would soon be called to order.

Our Bro. Lamony has failed to reply to my arguments, neither has any one else offered in argument to supply his place. I therefore claim to have shown, 1st that his account of the connection of the brethren of the Mark Association with King Solomon is untrue; 2ndly, that my statement that such an institution in the time of King Solomon was an impossibility is not disproved; 3rdly, that the same remark holds good, as to its connection with Melrose Abbey, Masons' Marks, and time immemorial.

I claim therefore the right to assert that his entire statement is a delusion, and to uninformed minds a snare.

I say this deliberately, for I consider the question of this so-called Mark Degree, one of the very highest importance requiring the fullest liberty of discussion, and believe a step inadvisedly taken in this direction would leave an impassable gulf between Freemasonry on one hand and reason and philosophy on the other.

I am entirely without works of reference, or I could readily point my brother to a very careful speech of the Prince Imperial of Prussia not many years since, in which, in discussing the subject, he distinctly calls the attention of the Craft to the fact that there is but one portion of Masonry which has properly the right to be considered as such, and he further states that some of the ideas connected with Masonry in the minds of many, may require revision.

I have, therefore, some support when I claim for the brethren of the Craft Degrees, that their rite is the sole inheritor of what may be called ancient Masonry, and to the question, "what do I think of the Second Degree?" I would premise in replying that what is learnt from the First Degree is that the Mason's lodge retains all the characteristics of the ancient corporate or municipal institutions,

and that such an institution never existed in the old eastern world.

As applied to Masonry, the First Degree teaches what I will not here describe, but which is based on everlasting truth and is dear to us all.

The Second Degree directs us—I will not say to what here, but its directions are clear and definite, and calculated to call out all the faculties which can adorn the world.

The Third Degree also indicates—I will not say what here—but also very important subjects.

There is nothing, however, in all this but what accords with philosophy, and the idea of the Great First Cause.

Looking at our Degrees, thus far they are unique, and, in a literary point of view, perfect. At the end, however, of the Third Degree we find the well-known and much abused story of King Solomon. It is, no doubt, a difficult subject, and in the absence of all other than inferential knowledge, the only mode of argument is that by analysis.

The name of King Solomon is a symbol, a name recognised and known—equally by the grand religions of the world, the Jew, the Christian, the Mahomedan—a name before which as a symbol all may bow who hold belief in the Great Architect of the Universe—the one eternal—the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob. Such, indeed, is the original idea which pervades Masonry.

I believe it would have been far better had Masonry adhered to this form, pure and simple. It has, however, (unfortunately), in my opinion, diverted this idea to a certain extent into something different, and this most glorious symbol we have so far degraded as to bring him bodily on the stage and make him talk of purely personal trivialities.

Pure hearts make right prayers, and many there are amongst us who have not in their hearts bowed the knee, but carefully treasure up the idea of the true symbol, and although what has been done in times past we may be bound by, the question now is, are we to go farther in this degradation of our sacred symbol? I ask our brethren to study the simplicity of our Second Degree; I ask whether they will consent to have it degraded by that with which it can have no possible relation, which is at utter variance with its spirit. I claim to have some literary knowledge of the Mark Institution; but thanking sincerely my brother for his invitation, feel that I could not conscientiously take it without feeling myself a traitor to the Craft.

Let me finally ask my brethren of our noble Craft Masonry to hold to their own, to assert its rights and dignities, and never to forget the true meaning of its oft abused symbol King Solomon. I warn my brethren also against all and every one who shall try to make of Masonry the travesty of a religion, and finally, to ask our friends, who propose to disfigure our cherished symbols with their "Beautiful" to offer us some better claim to do so than glib absurdity. Yet, properly understood, there is nothing in Masonry opposed to common sense.

This question was not raised by me, but by our esteemed Bro. Lamony. I have merely given his history a logical sequence. Can we touch pitch without being defiled? Can we trifle with falsehood without being debased? How long will it be before our enemies say, "the sect that believes a lie?"

W. VINER BEDOLFE, M.D.
P.M. 1329.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A short time ago a man, professing to be a Mason, applied to me, as Almoner of the Royal Edward Lodge (892), for relief. He knew enough answers to Masonic questions to pass himself off as a Mason generally, but our W.M. was not satisfied, and pressing him rather closely, discovered that he was not a Mason. I wrote to the Secretary of what he called his lodge, and received the following answer:—"Keystone Lodge (363), Whitworth, Oct. 14th, 1878. Dear Sir and Brother, I have been abroad for the last three weeks and did not get your letter until last night. We have no such person on our books as John Fox, neither do we believe him to be a Mason. He has applied to us for relief, which was refused. I remain, yours fraternally, J. H. Scholfield."

The application for relief was in writing, as follows (which appears to be his general method, as he applied here for relief in a very similar letter about a year ago, under another name, which I cannot give you, having unfortunately lost his letter):—"Leominster Station, Wednesday night. Sir and Brother, I am sent to you as a 'Mason,' to beg the favour of your good offices in an unexpected difficulty, and I am ashamed to be obliged to trouble you in such a way. I have come from the North of England, and had arranged to meet a relative of mine here at the station, upon whom I had entirely depended for ways and means, for all immediate purposes. He has, however, failed to keep his appointment, and I am consequently detained in the utmost misery and suspense, completely penniless, weatherbound, and broken down. In this extremity if you could be of any service to me, just *pro tem.*, I should feel it a great kindness, and would do my best to square the obligation soon as possible. Deeply regretting such an intrusion upon your sympathy and attention. I am, yr. ob. ser., John Fox, 363."

I have been careful, in above copy, in following italics, contractions, and pointing. I inclose originals of above letters, which please return. I have no doubt that there are a number of similar applications to the above, and that persons are making a living out of the Craft, and that a good means of stopping it will be to relieve no one who cannot produce a proper certificate, on the back of which all relief should be endorsed.

Yours truly,

C. J. SAXBY.

Leominster.

WARNING TO THE CHARITABLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The warning came too late for our lot. A man, calling himself a brother, called upon us, stating that he was in difficulty, not able to pay his lodgings, and that he was promised something to do in a week's time if he could get assistance to enable him to stay and to pay what he owed. The W.M., very charitably, recommended him to be assisted.

In giving a receipt for the money he described himself as J. Weir, Affability, 317, Manchester; 307, 275, S.C.; 531, Aufgehende Morgen, Rothe, Frankfort-on-Maine. He is a young man, about 5ft. 4in., with a foreign accent, stated that he was a Swiss.

I made enquiries of his being a member of the Affability, No. 317, which proved against him; "I beg to say he is not a member of our lodge," they stated further, "that the Charity Committee knew him, and reported not worthy of relief."

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

ANOTHER DUPE TO THE UNCHARITABLE.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It was with some surprise I read the letter of Bro. Doctor Bedolfe, P.M. 1329, in your issue of the 19th ult., and would like to be informed, first, is it lawful for any member under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland, or Scotland, to visit the Grand Orient after the decisions which were promulgated, no change for the better having taken place? If it be lawful, is it expedient for any brother to do so? Can he hope to stay them in their downward course, and bring them back within the old landmark? I doubt both the lawfulness, and expediency of such a step. Fraternal yours,

JOHN DE RENZY, P.M. 297.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE ON THE TWO GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a letter over the above signature, published in your issue of 14th ult., and which some zealous brother has had reproduced in the *Montreal Gazette* of a recent date, doubtless with the view of strengthening the position assumed by the brethren under Scotland in this city, through the attempt at ridicule by your correspondent in replying to my letter to the *Craftsman* of August last.

I desire the privilege of briefly replying to that communication through your columns.

Your correspondent makes an extract from my communication which, either from carelessness or design, is materially garbled, and does not fairly represent my argument. But as it is simply the question of fact which I propose in this letter to discuss, I shall let the injustice of his misquotation pass.

I asserted that Masonic jurists, wherever they had given a free and unprejudiced judgment on the question of concurrent jurisdiction had uniformly arrived at the conclusion that it was wrong in principle and inexpedient in practice, and, I added, "such is the universal testimony of Masonic juriconsults on this continent." To this, my brother "The writer of the Article on the Two Grand Lodges" replies—in a manner which I trust is peculiar to him alone—"I have never in my life read (begging Bro. Murray's pardon) such an audacious and utterly incorrect statement. If there is one thing Masonic juriconsults are agreed on, it is the absolute and inherent right of the lodge to adhere to its warranting authority, as indeed such must be from the nature of the case. I know of no American or Canadian juriconsult (of any authority) who has laid down such law." All that ever has been said is, that "for the sake of harmony, peace, uniformity, symmetry, &c., it would be better for such lodges by a friendly concordat to join the new Grand Lodge. But in all the American States, just as in Canada, the previous right of the original constituting Grand Lodge, and the equal privilege of the individual lodge to adhere to the sources of its Masonic life have never been questioned."

Now, sir, here are questions of fact which can be settled by any one taking the trouble to investigate the records available, and one would naturally have expected to find some definite reference to authorities in support of such a statement. But as the case stands my assertion is, at least, as valuable as your correspondent's counter one. But, to the proofs of the correctness of what I asserted, and again reiterate.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed, and claimed recognition, on clear and well defined principles, and a more lucid and comprehensive statement of her position and pretensions, than that she gave to the Masonic world could not well be conceived; and one of the leading planks in her platform was, supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over every lodge and brother in her territory—defined to be the Province of Quebec. Nearly every Grand Lodge on this continent (and some in Europe) has extended recognition to Quebec on these principles, many of them specially endorsing their correctness; and Pennsylvania has withheld recognition, only because Quebec has not yet enforced her position as regards lodges still under England and Scotland in her jurisdiction. Surely such uniform testimony to the soundness of the pretensions of Quebec goes far to establish the correctness of my statement, as to the views of Masonic jurists on this continent, for by the advice and council of such brethren, learned in the law of Masonry, have these Grand Bodies acted.

But to come to Canada. Your correspondent states he knows of no Canadian authority of any note who holds such views of Masonic law. This is simply an admission

that he knows nothing whatever of the history of the Craft in Canada, or of the Grand Lodge of Canada in particular. Here is an extract from the address to that Grand Body, in 1864, by M.W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harrington, then Grand Master—a distinguished brother, well known to the Craft here, and in England, though, perhaps, a total stranger to your correspondent.

"It was a great mistake we made in not determining a fixed date when there must be exclusive jurisdiction throughout Canada, and serving a formal notice to that effect on the Grand Lodges having subordinates here, that these last might be numbered and registered, and receive warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, or choose the alternative of dissolving. It was the natural sequence to the events occurring in and since 1855, and no compromise should have been entered into by us, except as to time."

"We are not absolutely the Grand Lodge of Canada, though declared and acknowledged so to be, while these few commentary fragments revolve in our system. They are theoretically under our control, but practically they are not. . . . I believe no dishonour could attach to the Grand Lodge of Canada, if, considering the practical trouble we have to encounter, were we even now to issue a notification with respect to these lodges, such as we should have done when we took our place among the other Grand Lodges of Freemasonry. It is a delicate subject, but a matter of real grievance, and certainly opposed to Masonic jurisprudence, and causes an important defeat in our otherwise perfect structure."

Bro. Harrington is not one likely to make such statements without having good grounds for so doing. I could fill your columns with similar quotations from Canadian and American authorities, but will simply refer you to two, viz.: the recent deliverance of the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Illinois.

I shall only add a few comments on the general question of concurrent jurisdiction—a question which is likely to be of more world-wide importance ere long than superficial observers may be disposed to admit at present.

Your correspondent, in his opening paragraph, says he feels strongly where "the shoe really pinches," but he carefully avoids pointing out the sore place to your readers. It was this object I had in view in writing to the *Craftsman*, and, I humbly believe, I presented a case for the Grand Lodge of Quebec which cannot be gainsaid. Where the shoe really pinches is the power those lodges have, to act with utter disregard of the rights and prerogatives of the governing Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction; the power they have, and which, so far as Quebec is concerned, they have exercised too—to set at defiance her regulations for the admission, advancement, or rejection of candidates, the qualifications of candidates for office, the fees of entrance, &c., &c., as set forth in detail in my communication to the *Craftsman*. And while in fact these lodges in the Province of Quebec have for many years been virtually a law unto themselves, yet, as component parts of the Grand Lodge of England and Scotland they may legally—this right of concurrent jurisdiction being admitted—ignore the very fundamental principles of Freemasonry, supported by the authority of the Grand Lodge they choose to acknowledge, in defiance of the recognised Masonic authority of the province. Few would have believed it possible that such a revulsion of principle as we have lately witnessed in the Grand Orient of France could possibly have taken place; fewer still—among the Anglo-Saxon Masons at least—could have believed possible the recent disruption in the Grand Lodge of Scotland; yet both are facts; and it is impossible to say where the next deliverance may lead us to, and if this erroneous principle of concurrent jurisdiction is to be permanently admitted, it is hard to predict what the consequences to the Craft may be. I might profitably discuss at length the principles involved, but I fear I have occupied too much of your space already; permit me only to say that if "for the sake of harmony, peace, uniformity, symmetry, &c., it would be better for such lodges by a friendly concordat to join the new Grand Lodge." Surely it is a Masonic duty devolving upon the parent Grand Lodge so to instruct her daughter lodges, for the ignoring of such responsibility as those above recited cannot be the fulfilment of a Mason's obligation towards his brethren.

I have left much unsaid which I could have wished to say on this important topic, but must for the present forego further comment, merely adding that although only colonists, we on this side the Atlantic are not altogether unobservant of what transpires in the Masonic world, and there are probably not a few among us well qualified to judge of the soundness or otherwise of what is still supposed to be Masonic law.

I am, yours fraternally, ALEX. MURRAY, P.D.D.G.M., G.L. of Q.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The fortnightly meeting of this Association took place at the office of the Association, Clifford's Inn, October 30th, at 11 o'clock, and we may observe that the Committee meets every fortnight at No. 1, Clifford's Inn, at 11. The routine business was transacted and the Committee adjourned to November 13th, at 11.

A special annual meeting of the Association will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 4 o'clock, for much important business.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Liver, Lungs, and Kidneys.—A large number of internal maladies arise from obstructions over the removal of which these celebrated pills exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for almost all chronic affections—as liver complaint, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause much present suffering, and if neglected lay the foundation of innumerable diseases. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action placing them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous affections, gout, and rheumatism, these pills have raised themselves a universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigour. [Advrt.]

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

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It was a matter of course in this life (continued Bro. Stean, in response to "The Health of the W.M."), and though men might be enjoying themselves at the festive board and other entertainments they did not know the ground on which they stood. Sometimes when they thought their feet were firmest they slipped; but by supporting the Charities they left something behind for those that could not help themselves, and, therefore, it was their duty to use whatever exertions they could. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had responded to Bro. Terry's toast. He did not think he merited a quarter of what Bro. Terry had stated; still, knowing his kindness, he (the W.M.) was extremely grateful to him, as well as to the brethren. He hoped this day would be the commencement of a very prosperous career for Shoreditch.

Bro. Stean then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers;" and, in the first place, apologised to those brethren for an oversight he had been guilty of in lodge. It had been his intention to propose that the Consecrating Officers should be elected honorary members of the lodge, but having forgot to do so he wished it to be understood that at the next meeting of the lodge he should bring that motion forward, and he trusted that it would be carried. He next had to thank the Consecrating Officers for what they had done that evening. He had heard consecrations before performed by many brethren, but he had never heard the ceremony more ably performed than it had been that evening. All the brethren were very much indebted to Bro. Terry and the other brethren who had assisted him. He was sure the ceremony had made a great impression on such brethren as had never heard the ceremony before. With the toast he should wish the brethren to drink "Success to the Masonic Charities," and as Bro. Terry would have to reply to that part of the toast he would call on Bro. W. Clarke to first respond.

Bro. W. Clarke, in responding, said he felt in rather a difficult position when called upon to return thanks for several brethren as well as himself, but he did so with a great deal of pleasure. If the part which he and the other Consecrating Officers had taken that evening had afforded any gratification to the brethren, it had afforded gratification to the Consecrating Officers, and for any trouble they had taken they were compensated by the grand reception the lodge had given them. If the brethren had enjoyed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, he had no doubt they had also enjoyed themselves at the festive board. But he was one of those Masons who thought that Masonry did not finish at the festive board, and, if it did, he, for one, would be the first to secede from it. He believed that Masonry had a destiny to fulfil, and he also believed it was fast fulfilling that destiny. He thought that every member of the Craft ought to endeavour, as far as lay in his power, to disseminate the beautiful principles, tenets and practices of Freemasonry. Could any one of them who had listened to the ceremony of that evening go away without some profit. He fancied he heard many, and many older brethren than himself sitting there, saying why should he dictate to them? but he did not do so, he spoke in all charity and all love. Could any of them leave that room without feeling the solemnity of what had taken place? If so, could they go into the world to-morrow, not only among their own brethren as Masons, but among those in the outer world without being actuated by what they had heard? If they could Masonry was but a mockery. He would say, each of them ought to go into the world and practise what they had heard, to show to the world that Masonry was not a myth; to show to the world that it was everything good and nothing bad; to show to the world that they were not ashamed to belong to the Craft, that they were not ashamed to be called Masons; that although there were some who railed against Masonry it was a glorious institution. Although he could not boast of being a Mason so very long he could boast of having since he entered into Masonry a love for his fellow creatures, a love for mankind, and a love for those around him he did not experience before. He was sure many of them must feel the same; and if they did, let them go into the world and practise what they felt. Then he was sure Masonry would be upheld throughout the length and breadth of the land. The appreciation of Masonry was becoming more and more spread every day throughout the world. They saw many and many joining its ranks, but he hoped they did not join it without profit, and with that profit he hoped they learned a lesson. He did love Masonry, and he came to this lodge upon the invitation of Bro. Terry to assist in the consecration of the new lodge. He delighted to take part in the performance of the ceremonies, and what he had done had been amply repaid by the kind reception the brethren had given him. He tendered the brethren the sincerest thanks of himself and assistant officers for the reception they had had.

Bro. Terry said when the W.M. was kind enough to couple the whole of the Consecrating Officers together in the toast, and then in the latter part to place "Success to the Masonic Institutions," he thought it would be far better that any observations relating to the Consecrating Officers should precede the few observations he (Bro. Terry) might have to offer to the brethren, as one of the Consecrating Officers, in reference to the Masonic Institutions. The day had been to him a very proud day; it had been an opportunity of ushering into the Masonic world a new child, a child which he was sure had been begotten with all kindness, all care, and all forethought. The brethren had witnessed its birth that afternoon into this Masonic world of ours with every hope as well as every prospect of being successful, and with every wish on the part of those

present at its birth that it should become so. He was not new at consecrating lodges; this was the 107th lodge that it had been his honour and pleasure to assist in consecrating, and, therefore, he assured the brethren that if, as the W.M. had said, the ceremony had been performed to his and the brethren's satisfaction, it would be a very poor compliment to himself (Bro. Terry), if after securing their patience and their time he was unable to render the ceremony worthy of their acceptance. The gratification he had in consecrating the lodge was increased by the honour he had had of installing in the chair a brother like Bro. Stean, who had filled the various offices in Masonry, and with whom he had worked for many years. When the W.M. stated in the course of his observations that he hoped the day would come when every chair of the lodge might be endowed as Vice-President of one or other of the Institutions, that was all that he (Bro. Terry) could take exception to. It was not what the W.M. meant. What the W.M. meant to convey was that he wished to see the brethren Vice-Presidents of all the Institutions. The Masonic Institutions had achieved a very great success—during the last five or six years an unprecedented success—a success beyond any they had achieved before. Why was this? Since the advent of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the throne of the Grand Master there had been an immense increase in the number of lodges. Before that time the Grand Master used to grant about forty warrants in a year; now there were ninety-eight or a hundred granted. With the increase in the number of lodges there had been a corresponding growth in the number of subscribing members to the Craft, and over and above all that had been this one thing, the very great desire of those who were initiated to do all they could to promote its interest and increase its dignity. That, he trusted, would be the guiding spirit of the fraternity. With the practise of other virtues let them practise charity—not in mere almsgiving, not in the bestowal of gifts only, but in the more kindly feelings of man to man, overlooking faults and giving a better colouring to things, which in the world they would not pass by. Let those things pass by, and the next day meet their brethren with outstretched hand. Some of these feelings guided the brethren of the St. Leonard Lodge. He knew it would be their desire that it should be so. And let him ask that some kind feeling should be given to the poor and distressed brethren. We could not all be in a state of prosperity; as the W.M. had said, we did not know how we might be treading. We knew that during the past fortnight a great change had taken place in a sister country, where many people who had thought themselves in affluence were now in poverty and distress. While we had the opportunity, while the privilege was accorded to us of being stewards of other persons' money as well as our own, and while we had been husbanding gifts, let us think of the poor who came and asked day and day, and hour by hour. Sometimes it was not in their power to extend relief. If the brethren only knew the cases that came officially before the managers of the Masonic Institutions, the letters which they received about those cases, cases which they could not help or relieve, which the laws and constitutions never provided for, they would go away with an aching heart and wishing that the power of aiding suffering humanity might be extended. The Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution, were all deserving of support. They had prospered and were prospering; and he hoped and trusted that in the coming year 1879, for which the Secretaries were putting forth their best exertions to accomplish as great good in the future as they had in the past, would have the kind support of the Craft to attain their end. He was proud to be able to announce that his own Institution—the Benevolent Institution—had succeeded in obtaining for its next festival on the 12th February, 1879, a Chairman in the person of the Right Worshipful Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, and he (Bro. Terry) was looking forward to the occasion for a certain amount of success. Col. Starkie was the Provincial Grand Master of one of the largest Masonic provinces in England. He presided over seventy-eight or eighty lodges; and if those lodges would only give the Benevolent Institution £20 a piece £1600 would be collected at once. West Lancashire on one occasion gave £1700. He believed that when the list was called over on the 12th February next it would be found that £3000 would be brought up. He could not ask for a Steward from the St. Leonard Lodge, but he would ask the brethren to bear in mind when they found themselves in a state of prosperity, if they did not wish to bestow their money on the banquet table, to bestow it on the Benevolent Institution, and the Boys' and Girls' Schools. To whichever of those Institutions they took their money it would be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., then gave his name in as Steward for the Benevolent Institution on behalf of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460.

The other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the singing of some beautiful songs by Bros. H. Ashton, A. Hubbard, G. Musgrave, and F. H. Cozens.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

The already extensive list of lodges in the province of East Lancashire was increased on Wednesday, 23rd ult., by the creation and consecration of this new lodge, in the Pendleton Town Hall. The impressive and beautiful ceremony was performed by the R.W.P.G.M. (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie), assisted by the Rev. W. Chayter, P.G.C.; and other provincial officers, amongst whom were—Bros. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; Edwin Ash-

worth, P.G.S.W.; W. O. Walker, P.G.J.W.; J. A. Birch, P.P.J.W.; Chas. Heywood, P.P.G.R.; T. Ainsworth, P.G.R.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; John Tunnah, P.G.S.; J. P. Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.C. of C.; and others. About 60 brethren were present, and the following choir, viz., Bros. Kershaw, Dumville, Bailey, and Rowe, under the able direction of Bro. J. Randall Fletcher, the P.G.O., sang the anthems and glorias most effectively. At the conclusion of the consecration the first W.M., Bro. Samuel Statham, P.P.G., Treasurer, was installed, and the following officers duly invested, viz., Bro. J. Harrop, I.P.M.; Rev. F. H. Wright, S.W.; Waters, J.W.; W. Slater, Treasurer; D. Asquith, Secretary; Eli Winterbottom, S.D.; J. Almond, J.D.; Harcastle, I.G.; W. Topham, Steward; and J. W. M. Heydon, Tyler.

The newly-installed W.M. expressed the thanks of the members of the new lodge to the R.W.P.G.M., for his attendance, and the services which he had rendered to them.

After the lodge was closed, about 50 brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a sumptuous banquet was served.

The newly-installed W.M. (Bro. S. Statham) presided, and was supported by Colonel Starkie, the R.W.P.G.M., and other provincial officers.

The usual Masonic toasts were ably responded to.

The R.W.P.G.M., in replying to the toast of his health delivered a most eloquent and forcible speech, which called forth the plaudits of the assembly; and the P.G.C., in proposing "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," discoursed at some length upon the excellence of the institutions, and was exceedingly impressive in his remarks.

Other toasts followed, and during the evening the choir rendered good service by singing glees and songs in a very praiseworthy manner.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Committee for the admirable arrangements and to the assistance given to the W.M. during the formation of the lodge, Bros. Harrop, and Topham being indefatigable in their exertions to ensure the comfort of the brethren.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

A ceremonial of a very imposing character, connected with the mystic tie, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-street, Auckland, on Thursday, 12th Sept., when the members of Lodge Prince of Wales, No. 1338, E.C., held their regular monthly meeting; the chief business on this occasion being the installation of Bro. Dr. Dawson as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. A very large number of brethren attended the meeting, so large, indeed, as to make the want of a large hall with fitting accommodation for Masonic purposes severely felt; a want which received unfavourable comment from the brethren present, but one which, we are glad to learn, is about to be supplied.

Many District Grand Lodge Officers and other visitors of distinction arrived before the opening of the lodge and during the evening, amongst these may be mentioned:—Bros. P. Pierce, P.M., P.G.M., I.C.; E. T. Wildman, P.M., D.D.G.M., E.C.; W. Lodder, P.M., D.S.G.W., E.C.; C. T. Goldsbro', P.M., D.G. Treas., E.C.; H. G. Wade, P.M., D.G. Sec., E.C.; W. J. Rees, P.M., P.G. Sec., I.G.; A. Brock, P.M., P.G.S.D., I.C.; M. Levy, W.M. 348, I.C.; J. Warren, W.M. 1530 E.C.; H. Rees George, 1710, E.C.; H. N. Montague, P.M. 817, E.C., and P.M. 277, S.C., P.P.G. Sec.; M. M. Irving, 33; H. Brett, Director of Music, P.G. Lodge, S.C.; and the following P.M.'s W. H. Skinner, 1338, E.C.; M. S. Leers, 942, E.C., 1338 E.C., and 380, I.C.; G. M. Mitford, 348, I.C., and 1338, E.C.

The W.M. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, opened the lodge in form at half-past seven, and after the usual ceremonial and preliminary routine business, Bro. Dr. Dawson, S.W. of the lodge, W.M. (elect), was presented for installation to the W.M., who on this occasion, acted for the first time as Installing Officer, a duty hitherto performed in the most zealous and efficient manner by W. Bro. Leers, P.M. Bro. Nelson showed himself however, in no wise wanting in the high qualifications requisite for this important duty; the elegant, and indeed eloquent and impressive delivery of the ancient charges and important portions of the ritual of this ceremony, could not fail to enhance the beauties of Masonry in the heart of the listener, and those who had not previously visited Lodge Prince of Wales, must have indeed felt gratified at the highly efficient mode in which the working and business of the lodge was conducted.

During the evening some very excellent anthems were chanted by a choir, consisting of Bros. Brett, Skinner, Harker, Wilcocks, Irving, Rogers, and Montagu, Bro. Rees, P.M., acting as Organist.

After the conclusion of the installation and ceremonial the board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren of lower grades were re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. then formed his lodge as follows:—Bros. F. W. E. Dawson, W.M.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, P.M. and Chap.; R. C. Dyer, S.W.; W. Rattray, J.W.; W. H. Skinner, P.M., Treas.; M. S. Leers, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Wilcocks, Director of Ceremonies; S. Rogers, Organist; Major-General J. W. Gossett, S.D.; W. S. Collins, J.D.; J. W. Gossett, jun., I.G.; C. Porter, Tyler.

The brethren having duly saluted the W.M., W. Bro. Nelson then impressively addressed the newly-appointed officers and the brethren generally on their respective duties, and the installation ceremonial being thus concluded, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, well supplied by Bro. Hood.

The manner in which all the wants of the inner man had been anticipated and provided for by mine host, was the theme of general commendation. After the weight on the board had been considerably diminished, the good things had disappeared, and grace was said, the exhilarating glass

was circulated in strictest moderation, and the toasts of the evening received due attention, interspersed by mellifluous strains from the vocalists previously mentioned, in solos, glees, and other concerted music.

The W.M. proposed the following toasts in rapid succession, prefacing them with appropriate remarks:—"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England"; "The M.W. Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, Sir M. Shaw Stewart and the Duke of Abercorn." Bro. J. Adams proposed "The District Grand Master, E.C., Bro. G. S. Graham, the P.G. Master, S.C., Bro. F. Whitaker, and the P.G. Master, I.C., Bro. G. P. Pierce."

W. Bro. Nelson then proposed, in a most eulogistic address, the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Bro. Dawson." He alluded in feeling terms to the Masonic career of Bro. Dawson side by side with himself in the lodge, and but one step removed from him, and felt convinced that the welfare of the lodge could be in no better hands, and concluding by exhorting the newly-appointed officers to support the Master by the due and earnest fulfilment of their duties.

The W.M. replied very appropriately and feelingly, expressing grateful thanks for the kindness extended to him.

Bro. W. H. Skinner, P.M., gave "The Installing Master," and took occasion to allude to the excellent way in which the ceremonies of the evening had been conducted.

Bro. Nelson expressed his sincere acknowledgments.

"The Past-Masters of the Prince of Wales Lodge" was then given by Bro. R. C. Dyer, S.W., and suitably acknowledged in a few most pertinent remarks by Bro. Leers, P.M.

This worthy brother then eloquently proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Past Master Montagu, of Sydney, a brother of high distinction in the Craft, by whose presence the lodge was honoured that evening.

Bro. Montagu, in reply, stated that he could wish one of two things; either that the hour was much later, so that he might be spared the necessity of unworthily representing the number of distinguished brethren who were standing up in response to the toast, or that it were much earlier, so that he might have time to express the feelings he experienced at the honour so distinctly conferred on him. He experienced on this occasion the full benefit of the Masonic tie. For the first time in the many years since he had been admitted to the Craft, he found himself in a peculiar position. On other occasions, when travelling through the neighbouring colonies, accompanied by his treasured certificate, he had been so well known—through his position as a journalist and by brethren who had sat with him in lodge and could vouch for him—that he did not require to use them. On this occasion, coming a stranger to a strange land (except by letters of introduction), in the hurry of departure, he left his certificates behind, and hence had to work his way into lodge. He had satisfied the closest but very necessary, scrutiny; but once within the sacred circle of the mystic tie, the bonds of fellowship and brotherhood were cast around him in close embrace, and friends were secured where before everything seemed drear and cold. Next to benevolence and charity, hospitality was the great Masonic principle; and it became the brother who had tasted of its benefits to repay the debt by standing forth as the champion of Masonry, whenever the breath of envy or malice attacked the purity of its principles. Bro. Montagu concluded by congratulating the brethren of this lodge on the excellence of its working, judging from the conduct of the officers on this occasion.

"The Officers of the Lodge Prince of Wales" was then given by Bro. E. T. Wildman, D.D.G.M., in one of the best speeches of the evening, supporting his well-merited praise of these brethren by the recapitulation of his own personal experience of their efficient conduct and general merits.

Bro. R. C. Dyer, S.W., responded.

The following toasts also received able proposal and due recognition: "The D.G.L. Officers" (Bro. Wildman, D.D.G.M., in response); "The Brethren who rendered the Music"; "The Newly (lately) Initiated Brethren," by Bro. Rattray; and "The Poor and Distressed Masons." "The Host and Hostess" concluded the proceedings, and the brethren separated after a most agreeable evening.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES JOHNSTONE.

The late Bro. James Johnstone, sole proprietor of the *Standard*, who died at Hookey House, Coulsdon, on Monday last, the 21st ult., was initiated into Freemasonry, and passed to the Second Degree some twelve years ago. For private reasons he then temporarily retired from the Craft, but in 1875, being anxious to continue his progress and take the Third Degree, he went specially for that purpose, with his friend, Bro. A. E. T. Watson, to Llandudno, and was duly raised in the Lodge of St. Tudno, No. 755, of which lodge the last named brother was a member. Soon after this the project of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1716, was originated by Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, and Bro. James Johnstone, together with Bros. Leeson (I.P.M.), Frank Richardson, Sir Thos. Dyer, Bart., A. E. T. Watson (W.M.), was among the founders of this prosperous Masonic community.

Unfortunately, continued illness prevented Bro. Johnstone's frequent attendance at lodge; but if unable to attend the outward ceremonies and observances of the Order, his life and actions were in strict accordance with the principles of the Craft.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Denmark and the members of their respective suites, made an ascent in the captive balloon at Paris on Sunday afternoon.

The Publisher will be glad to receive from any brother who may possess it, a copy of the *Freemason* for September 25th, 1869. The sum of one shilling will be sent on receipt.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, this (Saturday) evening at 7 o'clock. The chair will be taken by Bro. C. Koester, P.M. 435, Preceptor.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Hardwicke, R.W. G.M. Cambridge, laid the foundation-stone of the nave of St. Barnabas Church, Mill-road, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon.

The "Masonic Magazine" (price 6d.) for November, may be obtained of all booksellers and at the office, 198, Fleet-street, London.

The Consecration of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, took place on Thursday, at the Savings' Bank, Faringdon. The principal officers installed by Bro. James Terry were Bro. J. Blandy Jenkins, P.M. 945, W.M.; C. Luker, S.W.; C. E. Belcher, J.W. An account of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday next, the 5th inst. The chairs of W.M., S.W., and J.W., will be occupied respectively by Bros. John Bingham, R.P. Tate, and J. S. Brown.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.—At the last meeting of the Chapter of Concord the following were elected as officers for the year ensuing:—Ex. Comps. Morris Miles, W. J. Hickman, and C. A. Dyer, to the chairs of the three Principals; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.Z., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.Z., S.E.; C. John Phillips, S.N.; James Cole, P.S.; and Biggs and Vare, J. and Assistant do.

We are asked to correct an error that appeared in *The Daily Telegraph* of Tuesday last. The paragraph in question should have read Devon and Cornwall Foresters, Court, not Freemasons.

The Consecration of the Kirkdale Lodge, 1756, takes place on Friday next at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 2 o'clock. The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale will be present. Bro. Edward Johnstone, is the W.M. designate.

Bro. Alderman Knight is spoken of as a probable candidate for the Parliamentary representation of the borough of Southwark.

The Liverpool Town Council have resolved to present an address to the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise on Nov. 14, when they will visit Liverpool previous to their departure for Canada.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales are expected to leave Paris on Sunday evening for London.

The funeral of Bro. James Johnstone, the late proprietor of the *Standard*, took place at Coulston, near Caterham, on Saturday, and was attended, in addition to relatives and friends, by nearly all the members of the editorial staff, the heads of the business departments, and by a considerable number of the employes, who voluntarily showed this mark of respect to their late employer's memory.

An appropriation banquet in connection with the Second Tottenham, Edmonton, and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association, was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Thursday evening. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The annual dinner in connexion with the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will be given on Tuesday week, the 12th inst., at the Three Bucks, Gresham-street, London.

Two stained glass windows have been placed in Sandringham Church by the Prince of Wales. The subjects are "Christ Stilling the Tempest," in memory of the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, M.A., R.N., late rector; and "David Slaying Goliath," in memory of the Prince's late equerry, Col. Grey. The windows have been executed by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, of London, under the superintendance of the architect, Mr. Arthur W. Blomfield, M.A.

The *Echo* states that a telegraphic message, dated Simla, 1.55 a.m., Wednesday, was received in London at 11.47 p.m. on Tuesday. As the clerk said, with pardonable confusion, "Why this message was sent off to-morrow."

In answer to an application by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales has expressed his willingness to allow his Indian collection now at the Paris Exposition to be exhibited in the Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art.

At the regular meeting of the Zetland Chapter, 236, at York, on Wednesday, the three Principals' chairs being respectively occupied by Comps. the Earl of Zetland, M.E.Z.; Sir James Meek, as H.; and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, J. Comp. J. Todd, P.Z.; was unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer, in place of the late Comp. W. Cowling, P.Z.; deceased.

The Abbey Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 225, was consecrated at Abingdon, on Wednesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 8, 1878.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.
Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1610, Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi Terrace, Strand.
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Old White Hart, High-st., Boro.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club H., Kengtn. Oval.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Henley.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, 113, Southgate-road, N.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tav.

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.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Batterssea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st., rd.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, The Athenæum, Camden-rd.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Gaiter, Putney.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford st.
Peckham, Maimore 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, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

London Masonic Charity Association, F.M. Tav., at 4 p.m.
Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, 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., E.
" 1539, Surrey M.H., S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
Rose Croix Chap. 4, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W
Unions Emulation (for M.M.s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 9, 1878.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale (Consecration.)

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