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HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN CORNWALL.

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"The Ship, St. Ives," is inserted in the list of lodges appended to the Freemasons' Calendar for 1784 (published under the sanction of the Grand Lodge) as No. 227. The number of the lodges were altered in 1781, and several lodges were erased for not conforming to the laws then made, and we fear the brethren at St. Ives had the mortification of seeing their lodge about this date amongst the roll of defaulters; at all events, this unwelcome fact must have occurred before 1792, as we have a list from that date to 1799 of erased and existing lodges, wherein the St. Ives Lodge does not appear.

From October 3rd, 1780, to May 19th, 1815, we know nothing of its history, but at the latter date we find it transferred into the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 678, at Crowan, near the town of Hayle, its final resting-place. The R.W. Bro. Thomas Lean being the first Master. The following minute is well worthy of record. "The R.W. brother having called on Bros. Glasson and Bawden for the expense attending the purchase of a set of inlaid chairs and complete set of jewels, purchased at St. Ives, the said brethren stated the expense incurred to be £8, and it was agreed that the charges be approved of by the present lodge, and that it be defrayed out of the funds, and become the joint property of the members."

The next meeting was "held this day (August 21st, 1816), at the house of Bro. Pool, on a dispensation had from the Grand Lodge." The reasons for the dispensation is not mentioned beyond the fact of "Helston" being stated, but as there was no lodge meeting at the latter town at this time, we expect the change was for the convenience of the members. An extraordinary lodge was convened 23rd October, when R.W. Bro. John Knight, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall, occupied the chair. It appears from the minutes that the worthy chairman entertained the lodge with several instructive things, and the evening was spent in

perfect harmony. Bro. Knight was a member of No. 103, Druid's Lodge, Redruth, and appointed Prov. S.G.W. July 5th, 1796. On the 18th June, 1817, the lodge agreed to allow ten shillings to defray the expenses of a proxy Junior Warden to attend at the Provincial Grand Lodge. The W.M. and S.W., however, determined to pay their own expenses. To assure an improved attendance of the members, it was also agreed to fine absentees of two or more lodge nights the sum of one shilling for each offence, when not sufficiently excused. The minutes do not contain many interesting details, consequent upon the general dislike of the brethren to transcribe their transactions, and hence we are ignorant of the general duties of the lodge. A collection was made in the lodge on behalf of a sick brother, which realised the handsome sum of £3 12s., on the 18th Feb., 1818. The Secretary stated that the registering of the lodge according to Act of Parliament was lodged with the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Cornwall. This, of course, refers to the Act of Parliament, passed 12th July, 1798, containing enactments respecting lodges, and more especially that the place or places, time or times, of its meetings, and the names and descriptions of all and every of the members thereof, be registered with such clerk of the peace aforesaid, within two months of the passing of this Act, and also on or before the 25th March in every succeeding year. This brief summary concludes the sketch of the lodge at Crowan, which, for the time it lasted, was successful numerically certainly, but otherwise we cannot say much in its favour. Its last meeting, according to the records, was held December 28th, 1819, and the old minute book was again opened for active service on the 13th March, 1848, for the Cornubian Lodge, No. 659, Crotche's Hotel, Hayle. Within this volume, the records of the St. Ives, Crowan, and Hayle Lodges from July 16th, 1765, to December 7th, 1759, are contained, the Cornubian having entered in its second volume of Transactions since under most favourable circumstances. To all appearances it is likely to have a most prosperous existence, as the members work well together; their Masonic ability and enthusiasm, their thorough acquaintance with the ceremonies of the Craft, as also their most perfect fraternal good feeling, have all been well attested by the writer when paying them a visit recently; and his best thanks are hereby tendered to the officers and members of that lodge for their kind

attention to his wants during his brief sojourn among them.

The warrant was granted in 1838, but, owing to adverse circumstances, which will be enumerated shortly, it was not opened until March 13th, A.D. 1848, A.L. 5848. The R.W. Bro. John Ellis, D. Prov. G.M., opened the lodge at this date, assisted by the R.W. Bros. Richard Pearce, Past D. Prov. G.M., as S.W.; Richard Nicholls, W.M.; William Crotch, S.W.; and others. Being simply a preliminary meeting, the business was slight and chiefly technical. The various causes which injuriously affected the progress of the lodge were enumerated, and the D. Prov. G.M. promised to bring the subject before the Prov. G.M. The opening record is quite a chapter of accidents. It appears that the warrant was granted in 1838, and since then a number of the active promoters of the lodge had left the neighbourhood. The Secretary states that the Prince who granted, and the nobleman who countersigned, the warrant had also in the interim left this sublunary sphere, for the Grand Lodge above.

However, nothing daunted, the remaining members set to work in earnest, and having the will and energy, they were not long in uniting the scattered fragments, and forming a living, as well as a theoretical temple, wherein to celebrate the ancient mysteries and peculiar rites of Masonry. A little disappointment occurred at the outset to damp their ardour, but ere long the mists were dispelled by the powerful talisman of patience and perseverance, and their efforts were crowned with success. On the 8th April the lodge received permission from the Prov. G.M., Sir Charles Lemon, to hold its meetings, *pro tem.*, until the warrant was prepared, and the lodge was duly consecrated according to ancient custom.

The W.M. and S.W. were the only members present on the 3rd July, and they, having duly discharged their duty, by presenting themselves, retired accordingly.

The day of consecration was appointed to take place 31st July, A.D. 1848, and the brethren who were to take active parts in that day's proceedings were soon astir, and made the necessary arrangements. The business of the day commenced by Bro. John Ellis, R.W. D. Prov. G.M., taking the chair, supported by Bros. William Ball, W.M. 142 (now 121); Richard Pearce, P. Prov. D.G.M.; R. B. Callender, P. Prov. S.G.W. for Bristol, and other brethren.

Bro. Richard Pearce announced to the W. Bro. presiding the desire of the brethren named in the warrant to be regularly constituted, whereupon the lodge was duly consecrated according to ancient ceremony to the joy and satisfaction of the members. Bro. Richard Nicholls was then presented in form and saluted as the W.M. of the Cornubian Lodge, Hayle; after the usual ceremony had been observed by a board of Installed Masters, the W.M. invested the following as his officers:—

Bro. John James	I.P.M.
„ William Crotch	S.W.
„ Sharrock S. Dupren	J.W.
„ John Trebilcock	Treasurer.
„ William West	Secretary <i>pro tem.</i>
„ Henry Harris	Tyler.

These officers attended the meeting held 25th September 1848, when the sum of £8 5s. 2d. was paid to Bro. John Ellis, D. Prov. G.M., for consecration expenses, and £6 to Mrs. Pool for the furniture lately belonging to the True Friendship Lodge, formerly held at Praye. A letter was read at the next assembly of the members informing the brethren of Bro. Ellis's appointment as Prov. G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry. It is much to be regretted that at the present time Cornwall, though numbering five chapters, is without a Superintendent; but we hear it is likely that the members of the large and prosperous chapter at Truro will endeavour to prevail upon those in authority to alter this anomalous state of things, and ere long place the county in as favourable a position with respect to that degree as it enjoys now in Craft Masonry, under its distinguished Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. Augustus Smith, of Truro Abbey, Isle of Scilly. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Hayle, October 4th, 1849, and being the first occasion of such an honour being conferred on the Cornubian Lodge, no exertion on the part of the members were spared to show their appreciation of the choice of the Prov. G.M., and the celebration was a complete success, under the management of their W.M., Bro. Richard Nicholls, who was appointed Prov. G. Supt. of Works by Charles Lemon, Prov. G.M. In 1850, he was appointed Prov. J.G.D., and in 1851, Prov. S.G.D. The festival of St. John the Evangelist was observed by the members 31st December, 1849, when the W.M. was re-elected, and the brethren hereafter-

mentioned were selected as the remaining officers of the lodge:—

Bro. John Trebilcock.....	Senior Warden.
„ Nicholas Harvey	Junior Warden.
„ Henry Noell	Senior Deacon.
„ James Polkinghorne.....	Junior Deacon.
„ T. A. Robinson	Secretary.
„ Henry Harris.....	Tyler.

A banquet then took place, when the brethren seem to have spent a few hours most pleasantly, and returned to lodge, when, the duties being ended, it was closed in form.

(To be continued.)

FREEMASONRY AND CHRISTIANITY.

By Bro. ✠ H. B. WHITE 18°, P.M. and Z. 148 Warrington, Prov. Assist. G. Dir. of Cers. West Lancashire.

In my letter to the editor which appeared in the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE of Saturday last, I laid down four propositions for argument, but it is self-evident, that, if I can prove the second, the first and third must follow, for, if Christianity is the foundation and cope-stone of Freemasonry, it necessarily follows that the latter must have originated under the Christian dispensation, and also, that no man can become a *true* Mason unless he is a Christian, and can perceive the connection between Masonry and Christianity. The fourth proposition I will leave until I have endeavoured to dispose of the others, and this I propose to do mainly by references to the New Testament and the old lectures of Masonry which were in vogue before the union of the two Grand Lodges. I must leave it to intelligent Masons to apply these references, as in a periodical accessible to the general public it is impossible that I can enter into detailed explanation or argument. I wish the brethren clearly to understand that I do not assert that all the New Testament references I shall make go to prove the necessary connection between Masonry and Christianity, the main portion of them do, but some of them I indicate as usefully brought to mind by the language of the ritual, whilst others are merely coincidences between that language and the language of the Sacred Volume.

In making the references, my object is, if possible, to raise the science of Masonry to a divine level, not to bring down the precepts of Christianity to a par with a human institution, and,

in so doing, I believe and hope that I am altogether actuated by a spirit of reverence and humility.

I will proceed by first referring to portions of our ceremonies, and illustrating them in the manner before mentioned. I have no doubt my style will appear to be somewhat unconnected, but for the reasons I have already suggested this cannot well be avoided.

FIRST DEGREE.

BALLOT.—“Give not that which is holy unto dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet.”—Matt. chap. vii., 6.

“Many are called but few are chosen.”—Matt. chap. xxii., 14.

PREPARATION.—“I was a stranger and ye took me in, naked and ye clothed me.”—Matt. chap. xxv., 36.

“Take nothing for your journey neither staves nor scrip, neither bread, neither money, &c.”—Luke chap. ix., 3.

ADMISSION.—“Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.”—Matt. chap. vii., 7.

“I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.”—John chap. x., 9.

“Thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold, &c., and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, &c., and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve that thou mayest see, &c. Behold I stand at the door and knock.”—Rev. iii., 17.

RECEPTION.—“*Are you free? &c.*”—“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”—John chap. viii., 32.

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”—John chap. viii., 36.

LIGHT.—“The people which sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.”—Matt. chap. iv., 16.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.”—Matt. chap. v., 16.

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men, &c. That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”—John chap. i., 4 and 9.

“I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”—chap. viii., 12.

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."—John chap. xii., 46.

"But ye brethren are not in darkness, &c. Ye are all the children of light."—1 Thess. chap. v., 4 and 5.

"He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light."—1. John chap. ii., 9 and 10.

FOUNDATION-STONE.—*N.E. Corner.* "And from the foundation &c., may you."—"The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner."—Matt. chap. xxi., 42.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens, &c., and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."—Ephes. chap. ii., 19 and 20.

"Behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious, and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."—1. Peter chap. ii., 6.

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—1 Cor. chap. iii., 10 and 11.

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, rooted and built up in him."—Col. chap. ii., 7.

CHARGE.—"Let me recommend, &c."—"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me."—John chap. v., 39.

"Duty to neighbour citizen of the world."—See Romans chap. xii. v. 9 to 18, and chap. xiii., 1 to 8.

G.A.O.T.U.—"In the beginning was the word, &c. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made."—John chap. i., 1 to 3.

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, &c.: all things were created by him and for him."—Col. chap. i., 16 and 17.

BROTHERLY LOVE.—A *new* commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another."—John chap. xiii., 34 and 35.

"Let brotherly love continue."—Heb. chap. xiii. 1. See also 1 John chap. ii. and iv.

RELIEF.—"To do good and to communicate forget not."—Heb. chap. xiii., 16.

"Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"—1 John chap. iii., 17

TRUTH—"Jesus saith unto him I am the way, the truth, and the life."—John chap. xiv., 6.

FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY.—"And now abideth Faith, Hope, and Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity."—1 Cor. chap. xiii., 13. See also 1 Cor. chap. xiii., 1 to 8, and chap. xiv., 1.

FROM THE OLD LECTURE.

Q.—Our lodges being thus finished, furnished and decorated, to whom are they dedicated. A.—To King Solomon. Q.—He being a Hebrew, and dying long before the Christian era, to whom do we as *Christians* dedicate them? A.—To St. John the Baptist. Q.—Why to him? A.—He, being the forerunner of our Saviour, preached repentance, proclaimed that salvation which was at hand, and drew the first line of the Gospel. Q.—Has St. John the Baptist any equal? A.—He had, St. John the Evangelist. Q.—Why is he equal to the Baptist? A.—He, coming after St. John the Baptist, finished by his learning what the other began by his zeal, and drew a line parallel to his. *We acknowledge the testimonies which he gives, and the Divine Logos which he makes manifest.*"—(End of 4th Sect. 1st Lecture.)

Q.—"How is prudence depicted in a Mason's lodge? A.—By a blazing star, &c. We may apply this emblem to a still more religious import: it may be said to represent the star which led the wise men to Bethlehem, proclaiming to mankind the nativity of the Son of God, and *here* conducting our spiritual progress to the author of our redemption."—(End of 5th Sect. 1st Lecture.)

FROM THE "POCKET COMPANION AND HISTORY OF FREEMASONS," 1764.

A prayer to be used of Christian Masons at the empointing of a brother, used in the reign of Edward IV. :—

"The mighty God and Father of Heaven, with the wisdom of his glorious Son, through the goodness of the Holy Ghost, that hath been three persons in one Godhead, be with us at our beginning, give us grace to govern in our living here,

that we may come to his bliss that shall never have an end."

So far I have, in this first degree of Masonry, by few out of very many references to the New Testament, and otherwise, sought to show that true Masonry is founded on Christianity, in the third degree the same Scripture references are, in many cases, applicable, whilst, in the old Lectures, as I hope hereafter to be able to show, the Christian references are, in that degree, much more numerous.

We are taught that the three grand principles on which Masonry is founded are, brotherly love, and relief (a Charity strictly enjoined and accurately defined; whilst there can be but one truth, taken as a whole, and our blessed Saviour has declared that He is "the way, the truth, and the life."

(To be continued.)

MASONIC AUTHORS SOCIETY AND LITERARY UNION.

It is with much pleasure that we hail the gathering into one broad band of fellowship of our literary brethren throughout the globe. The want of such a fellowship has often been felt, and save in a few isolated cases, where a brother desired to interchange thoughts with his brother upon Masonic matters in dispute, no opportunity of each pulse beating in harmony with the great Masonic heart could be obtained.

Certain brethren of well known literary tastes, and of decided Masonic proclivities, some time ago began the organising of a literary society, the object of which should be the elimination of the doctrines and mysteries of "Craft" or "St. John's" Masonry, the zealous support of the various Grand Lodges, the annually putting forth one good Masonic work at a price within the reach of all, and, lastly, to offer a vigorous stand against all innovations upon the ancient landmarks, and to hold up pure and unsullied the grand banner of St. John's Freemasonry.

The divisions of the Society are five,—Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australia,—with their several provinces. We cannot enter fully into particulars as yet, but we understand that the European provinces are:—1. Scotland; 2. England; 3. Ireland; 4. France; 5. Prussia; 6. Italy; 7. Scandinavia (Denmark, Sweden, and Norway); 8. Saxony (including the other German Grand Lodges); 9. Belgium and the Netherlands.

The General Council has its seat at Edinburgh, where the President resides. Among the names of the members we see:—Anthony Oneal Haye, President-General; William Hunter, Treasurer-General; J. H. M. Bairnsfather, Secretary-General; David Murray Lyon, Corresponding Secretary for Scotland; William Alexander Laurie, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland; John Morrison, Advocate; William James Hughan, Corresponding Secretary for England; Dr. Henry Hopkins; Dr. John Pearson Bell; William Smith, C.E.; Richard Woof, F.S.A.; George Bease, *Masonic Record of Western India*, Editor, Corresponding Member for Bombay; W. H. Richardson, *Masonic Review*, Baltimore, &c. We understand that Mr. Robert Morris, Past G.M., Kentucky, and Dr. Albert G. Mackay, the noted Masonic authors of America, are also elected Corresponding Members for the United States; and J. G. Findel, Leipzig; Dr. Van Dalhen, Berlin; with other Masons of note in Germany, it is expected will act in the same capacity; so that no efforts will be spared by the Council to place the Society on a broad and representative basis.

The organs of the society will be, FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, England; *Voice of Masonry*, *Masonic Review*, &c., America, *Dei Baitlutte*, Leipzig; *Masonic Record of Western India*, Bombay, &c.

The first work to be published by the Union will be Bro. David Murray Lyon's "Notes on Mother Kilwinning," a work of the greatest value, and which will doubtless be hailed by the brethren with the same enthusiasm as met our talented brothers' "Recollections of the Thornhill Lodge."

We hope to be able soon to refer to this subject again, as such a society, instituted for such purposes, and with such members, cannot fail to improve the tone of Masonry, and enforce her claim to be the handmaid of God, and a religion of a broad and liberal faith, an open-heartedness, and a feeling for the frailties of humanity, not to be found in church or temple.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

TRACING BOARD.

The tracing board was formerly called the Tarsel Board for the Master to draw his designs upon, and he gave his illustrations in chalk on a board, but more commonly the floor was chalked. — HYDE CLARKE.

DEACONS.

The authority for the title of Deacon is not yet ascertained. It may have been got from Scotland, but I doubt it. I think it was obtained from some country guild, perhaps from York.—HYDE CLARKE.

MASONS' HALL.

I shall feel obliged if Bro. Edmund Woodthorpe, who restored Masons' Hall, or some other brother, can inform me as to the orientation of this hall, which was, I believe, built by Wren.—T. W.

AMALGAMATION.

Brother —, the amalgamation of which you write is something very different from the amalgamation of which I spoke on the occasion that you mention. You write of an amalgamation of the various Masonic rites in a neighbouring country, the abortive measure of five years ago, whilst I spoke of the amalgamation of the religion of Freemasonry (the religion of Socrates) and of Christianity, in times long gone by, when Christianity was young and pure.—C. P. COOPER.

RISE OF MODERN ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

Are you quite sure, Brother —, that the rise at the end of the seventeenth century of modern English Freemasonry altogether out of ancient English Freemasonry has been explained to the satisfaction of every competent and impartial critic? The subject is one of which, as you are well aware, I am profoundly ignorant.—C. P. COOPER.

ASHMOLE A MEMBER OF THE WARRINGTON LODGE, 1646.

A correspondant has made a singular blunder. Ashmole became a member of the Warrington Lodge October, 1646. He was born May, 1617, and died May, 1692.—C. P. COOPER.

THE ILLUMINATI OF GERMANY.

A correspondent, before he wrote the letter which I received not long ago, ought to have taken the trouble of consulting his "Conversations—Lexicon." Had he done so, he would never have made the silly suggestion that the modern Freemasons of Germany are, to use his own expression, "a smarm thrown off by the hive" of the Illuminati of Germany. There were true Freemasons in Germany several years before that in which (1776) the Illuminati made their first appearance in that country. See my communications to the *Freemasons' Magazine*—"The Illuminati," vol. x., page 205; "Illuminati of Germany, Adam Weishaupt, Freemasonry," *ibid*, page 305; and "Brother Professor Weishaupt," vol. xii., page 97.—C. P. COOPER.

ROSIERUCIANISM AND MODERN ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

In answer to the letter of a brother, I say that, granting Christian Rosenkreutz, who lived in the fourteenth century, not to have been the founder of Rosierucianism, yet it is clear, from Rosierucian bibliography, that Rosierucian existed many years before modern English Freemasonry.—C. P. COOPER.

SOCRATES. FREEMASONRY.

My answer to the question of a correspondent is

that, before Socrates taught, true Freemasonry in Europe was not possible.—C. P. COOPER.

ALLEGORICAL WRITING.

Dear Brother —, thanks for your letter, which, if not instructive, is, what I know you meant it to be, singularly amusing. You will possibly on some future day permit me to send an extract to the *Freemasons' Magazine*. Your enthusiasm and your imagination find traces of Freemasonry not only in all the ancient mysteries and in all the mediæval secret societies, but in all the allegorical writings which come in your way.—C. P. COOPER.

TWO MONITORS.

My young friend and brother, you have two monitors—Christianity and Freemasonry. Listen to the latter now that, as with much sorrow I have lately learnt, you have altogether ceased to listen to the former.—C. P. COOPER.

MONOTHEISM—NEWTON.

The passage in the "*Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*" of Sir Isaac Newton mentioned by me to a brother at — is the following:—"Si stellæ fixæ sint centra similibus systematum, hæc omnia simili consilio, constructa suberunt *Unius Domini*."—C. P. COOPER.

NATURAL RELIGION.

Brother — is by no means my only correspondent representing that he reads the *Freemasons' Magazine* regularly, and yet, by the very inquiry he makes, showing that, unless his memory be the most treacherous imaginable, it is impossible he can do so. My brother will find the information he desires in my communication (as recent as August 18th, 1866) entitled "Natural Religion—Freemasonry," *Freemasons' Magazine*, vol. xv., page 130.—C. P. COOPER.

CHARITY BOX.

In many lodges the ancient and laudable practise of passing round the charity box at each meeting is maintained. In some lodges this course is considered undignified, and there is consequently no Charity Fund at all. There are lodges of the better kind, however, which are so shamefaced that they will not allow visitors to contribute, particularly if the box be passed round at banquet. Surely every brother has a right to contribute to a purpose of charity connected with the fundamental principles of the Order, and what right has any lodge to debar him of his privileges?—J.D.

A LADY FREEMASON.

About once a year inquiry is made in the pages of the *FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE* respecting the initiation of a lady, probably by brethren who have but just been admitted to the mysteries. Such a question was repeated on June 1st. Should Bro. Dickinson ever visit Jersey, he will have an opportunity of seeing an engraved portrait of the lady in her Masonic costume, at the Masonic Temple.—H. H.

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

In an old catalogue of engraved portraits by Evans, I find the following:—Sir Christopher Wren, 8vo., 6d.; 4to, 2s. (Kneller and Holloway); fol. 3s.; 4to.,

3s.; 4to., 1s., with Hugh Howard.—Dr. Desaguliers, fol., 3s.; Svo., 6d.—Elias Ashmole, 4to., 1s.—James Asperne and three members, in Masonic dress, 4to., 2s. 6d.; in plain dress, Svo., 6d.—W. Perfect, *M.D.*, G.M. for Kent, Svo., 1s.; Lord Blayney Cadwallaeder, G.M. of Masons in 1775, three Masters in Masonic dress, folio, 2s.; Chevalier Ruspini, Svo., 6d.; Marquis of Hastings as G.M. of the Masons, 5s., other portraits; W. Presters, Svo., 6d.; T. Dunckerley, G.M. of Freemasons for Hereford and Somerset, Svo., 6d.; large folio, 5s.; folio, 3s.—Duke of Sussex; Sir John Soane, Svo., 1s.—HYDE CLARKE.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The quarterly communication paper is calculated to excite some misgivings as to the working of the changes in the constitutions affecting District Grand Lodges. These were well and liberally meant, but as in most cases they are unsuited to the geographical and social conditions of the districts, they are calculated to bring on Grand Lodge a greater crop of outside troubles.

The South Australian Grand Lodge is an exemplification of this, and of our inability to deal with these questions. Here we have the same matters reported on by the Board of General Purposes, and by the Colonial Board.

What has the Board of General Purposes to do with the Colonial Board, or is the Colonial Board so ill constituted that it cannot work, and is in leading strings of the Board of General Purposes?

So soon as the new District Grand Lodge Committees of General Purposes can be got to worse, there will be enough for both Boards to do.

Yours fraternally,
A COLONIST.

FREEMASONRY CONSIDERED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The excellent article commencing your last week's issue entitled, "Freemasonry Considered," contains much advice which is most valuable to the Craft in general, and on which it would be well if many lodges in particular would act. Admission of members is a matter of paramount importance, and the well being and harmony of many lodges is destroyed by an indiscriminate introduction of candidates. My own lodge has suffered very materially in this respect. Happily, unity and peace now characterise our assemblies, but it has not been effected without a discriminate use of the black balls, and a strong remonstrance against any indiscretion calculated to bring discredit on the Craft. I know valuable members of our Order who have all but seceded from the Craft from sheer disgust at the conduct of men who ought never to have been admitted within the portals of a lodge; and a very short time ago a highly esteemed brother refused a Grand Lodge appointment in this province in consequence of the disappointment he felt at the conduct

of those it was his bad fortune to meet with in the tyled recesses of the lodge. My object in addressing these few lines to you is to fix a buoy on the rocks upon which our little barque has struck, and to warn others that a good and well selected ship's crew, obedient to their commander and truthful to their trust, is highly essential to the vessel's safety, and the only means of escaping the misery denounced against a "house divided against itself."

Yours fraternally,
P.M.

THE RIGHTS OF VISITORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—A pretentious brother, in mock humility styling himself "A Humble Working P.M.," has taken upon him the questionable duty of correcting Bro. Hughan. The illogical letter is a Masonic curiosity. "O monstrous! eleven buckram men grown out of two." Does the Falstaffian lie not apply to the humble P.M.'s statement. The humble P.M. begins by stating that Bro. Hughan has put on record that Bro. Hopkins has done more for Masonry in Guernsey and Jersey than other *six* brethren, and he concludes by stating that Bro. Hughan says that he (Bro. Hopkins) has done more for Masonry than the Guernsey and Jersey brethren *collectively* have done. *Perhaps* "the humble P.M." can explain what he means. He continues that Bro. Hughan "unfortunately imagining himself to be a Titanic genius." Now, unfortunately, not for the humble P.M., but for the Craft, Bro. Hughan does *not* consider himself to be a Titanic genius. It is the opinion of Bro. Hays and other brethren, and, furthermore, it is *my* opinion, and, as a small rough ashler in the building of the Masonic Temple, I may be presumed to have some opinion of my own, that Bro. Hughan instead of being presumptuous and assuming, is, on the contrary, of the most modest and reticent disposition. He is a gentleman and a brother, whom it is a privilege and a pleasure to know. His correspondents are Bros. Findel, R. Morris, Rebold, Murray Lyon, Oneal Hays, and all the leading great Masonic writers and authorities in the world. Last, *though not least* (in my own opinion) he has had the *privilege*, within the last ten days, of making my acquaintance through the medium of the post, upon public Masonic business. I may, therefore, be presumed to be unbiassed in my opinion. I therefore have to state that this humble P.M., who, in mock humility, and lacking the courage to place his name before the brethren, has been guilty in his letter of a breach, not only of the fine feeling impressed by Masonry upon her children, and which teaches a brother not to think evil of another, but he has also been guilty, in common sense, of a very grave perversion of the truth.

I hold Bros. Hopkins and Hughan's ideas with regard to the right of visitors, and in this I am supported by the opinions of Bro. Officer R.W.M. of Mary's Chapel, No. 1, Scot. and other Scottish brethren, to be erroneous, but, in arguing with them, I would never use language which did not befit me alike as a Mason and as a gentleman.

The humble P.M. has in a tail to his fang, favoured the brethren with a Latin quotation. Might I suggest to him as an improvement upon the adage,

the substitution of what is, I regret to say, more generally the case, the word "Diaboli" for "Dei."

I hope that my Jersey brethren will feel themselves well represented by this *gentlemanly* though self-abasing "humble working P.M."

Yours fraternally,

J. H. M. BAIRNSFATHER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly allow me space for a short running commentary on several remarks of different writers in your number of the 1st inst. Bro. Hughan has very properly defended himself from the aspersions of a Jersey P.M. in a manner which, it is hoped, will be satisfactory, and induce him to recall his words, for, in the numerous Masonic duties he undertakes and performs so well, he constantly shows that he is actuated by pure love of the Craft, a determination to uphold its character, genuine kindly feelings towards the brethren, and an anxious desire to be guided by the spirit of charity and goodwill.

I deeply regret that I have been the innocent cause of painful feelings and expressions, and still more that Bro. Haye has added fuel to the fire when supporting our mutual friend. I fully believe, and I hope the Jersey P.M. will also, that it was not the object of Bro. Hughan to depreciate or undervalue the services of many who have deserved well of the Craft, but merely to show what *may have been* the prime cause of the conduct of Loyalty Lodge, and, probably, he is not very far from the mark, for the same observation has been made by others, and, in corroboration, it is due to him to mention another circumstance, which would have been withheld but for the turn the discussion has taken. Not many weeks ago information as to the exact day of meeting of Loyalty Chapter appeared to be carefully concealed from me, though, knowing that one would soon be held, I had previously asked to be told when it would take place, and had offered to assist by taking either of the chairs on learning that the duties of all three were performed by one and the same P.Z.; though, moreover, when the circulars of summons were issued, a suggestion was made that one should be sent to invite me, which was ignored; and, farther, a P.Z. residing at a distance told me before the day was fixed that he was asked, and had promised to attend and give assistance.

Bro. White alludes to "the rights of visitors," &c., as unworthy subjects for discussion in your pages, on the ground that an application to the proper authority would procure an immediate settlement of such points of Masonic jurisprudence. That this ought to be the case is admitted. Practically, however, it is very difficult to obtain solutions of doubtful questions, as I have found in several instances, for not only have I failed to elicit the information, but I have been snubbed, and my right to ask questions of the kind has been disputed, when I have been conscious that I acted from the best of motives, and with the sanction of other brethren of eminence. A reference to the Board of General Purposes might possibly meet with attention, but my limited experience leads me to the conclusion that a disposition to evade inquiries even there, and the machinery requisite to be formally set in motion is too trouble-

some to distant brethren. One might have supposed that, after a discussion extending over some weeks, either the Grand Registrar would have answered the appeal made to him for an opinion, or the Board of General Purposes would have taken up the matter in the preparation of its report to Grand Lodge on the 5th inst. Much time is occupied by the investigation of alleged irregularities, some of which might possibly be prevented by greater regard to definite provisions and instructions in the "Book of Constitutions," on the principle that prevention is better than cure. In national questions it may be observed, in reply to Bro. White, where opinions differ much, it is considered desirable to have them well ventilated in the public journals before proceeding to direct legislation, and the same principle will apply to those Masonic matters with respect to which the "Book of Constitutions" is not explicit.

Bro. Haye suggests that "brethren writing to the *Freemasons' Magazine* should sign their proper names," and he himself very properly acts upon it. Doubtless it is the most honourable course, but it would be very easy to point out to him cases in which he would certainly admit its impolicy, and, in this statement, I think the experience of the editor would enable him to give support, who, however, is justified in requiring the name of every author of a paper before inserting it, and even of demanding its addition in print when he may deem it requisite.

Reference is made by Bro. Hyde Clarke to the sign of prayer, which is constantly mistaken for that of fidelity, for between them there is but a slight though a marked difference. This is one of many little points with respect to which there is much laxity in the lodges. At proper times, and without much obtrusiveness, I take every opportunity in my power, especially when called upon to instruct, to point out such matters, and to explain their importance in various aspects, which cannot here be particularised. Hence the value of lodges of instruction, the desirability of a strictly defined ritual, and of recognised teachers competent to communicate it, as was suggested in a paper published in your columns a few weeks ago.

Yours fraternally,

Kidderminster, June 3rd, 1867.

H. H.

[With this correspondence, ample space having been given on both sides, we must close the discussion.—ED. F.M.]

MASONIC LITERATURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Our brothers and Masonic writers have unfortunately laid themselves too open to the good humoured satire of Bro. Hayes, and it is much to be deplored that our brethren have departed from the ancient working of the Craft degrees, for all the symbolical teaching of which they are indebted to the Templars who brought it from the Holy Land.

Bro. Haye seems to think well-informed brethren consider the works of the late lamented Bro. Oliver, Bro. Howe, &c., authorities, but valuable as their contributions are to Masonic literature, they are deficient in many important particulars. A well-known American brother made a pilgrimage to York Minster, and complained that all his expenses and trouble was thrown away; what did he expect to

find? Rituals at 2s. 6d. apiece. The brethren of the Rosy Cross did not want to betray the alphabet of the Order to Bro. Hays, even if he knew the pass word, which he did not.

The Knights of St. John and the Disciples of Ignatius Loyola knew better than to trust their secrets to such shallow Masons as Bro. Hays, indeed, I very much doubt if he understands the esoteric teaching of the Craft degrees.

Yours fraternally,
ROSA CRUCIS.

THE ORIGINAL OF FREEMASONRY CONTINUED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Nearly five centuries have elapsed. That tongue which spoke 3,000 proverbs is silent! That sovereign to hear whose wisdom the Queen of the South came from the uttermost parts of the earth! That monarch whose court was crowded with the wisest sages, the greatest statesmen, the most renowned scholars, the men of science, to whom knowledge that in the present day is ignorance, is no more! The dynasty whose power and wealth was all but fabulous, is fallen! Jerusalem the Golden knows no more! Deaf to the warnings of her holy prophets, which had been since the world began, fallen from their high estate! The daughters of Jerusalem are asked to sing one of the songs of Zion in a strange land!

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered there was a Zion. The very book of the law is lost, but the God of Abraham is faithful to his promise. The God of Isaac and of Jacob remembers his holy covenant. In vain does Haman seek the destruction of the royal Esther. In vain does Nebuchadnezzar cast Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the midst of the burning furnace. In vain does he cast Daniel into the den of lions. God forsook not ultimately his chosen people, and in the days of Cyrus, king of Persia, the remnant that remained returned to their own land, and 535 before Christ, Zerubbabel was the founder of the second Temple; that Temple whose courts were afterwards made holy by the footprints of the Son of God.

Amidst the ruins of this Temple is laid the scene of that beautiful Jewish drama, "The Holy Royal Arch." Beautiful it still is, though shorn of its fair proportions.

Here ends and worthily ends Craft, or Universal Masonry, the foundation of the noblest edifice that has ever been raised by the mind of man, a foundation upon which the Master Mason must hereafter try to raise an edifice perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builder.

The historical portion of this degree is tolerably accurate, the discovery of the lost secrets dramatically contrived, the interest is well sustained throughout, but unless we call them four degrees, the Christian interpretation stands confessed.

The three scriptural offices of our Saviour—Prophet, Priest, and King—are represented by the three Principals, the three magi or wise men, the three kings of Cologne who followed the Star in the East till it rested over the manger in Bethlehem, and the two St. John's by the two scribes.

Yours fraternally,
ROSA CRUCIS.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

IRISH MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.—Want of space prevents us this week from giving a report of the meeting for the institution of a Boys' School in connection with the Irish Masonic Charities. It shall appear in our next.

APPOINTMENTS.—The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire has been fixed by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Royds, to be held at Kidderminster, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. After the transaction of business a procession will be formed to the parish church, of which the Bishop of Rochester elect is the vicar, and a sermon will be preached by Bro. Sir Frederic Gore Ouseley, Bart. The banquet in the evening will be held at the Music Hall.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon will be held at Newton Abbot in the early part of August, when we hear it is likely that Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., Prov. G.M., will lay the memorial stone of the Freemasons' Hall, now already commenced in Devon-square, for the use of the new lodge, which, although but lately consecrated, has had a very prosperous existence.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is to be held at the New Public Rooms, Redruth, on Tuesday, 18th June, at 10 a.m. The brethren will form in procession and walk to church, when a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. Dr. John Bannister, Prov. G. Chap. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened, on the return of the members, and be presided over by Bro. Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M., of Truro Abbey, Isle of Scilly. The banquet will be served at Tabb's Hotel. The lodges at St. Germans and Tywardreath will be consecrated on the 12th and 13th June respectively.

RED CROSS KNIGHTS AND K.H.S.—A meeting of the Grand Council of these Orders will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 15th inst., under the presidency of Lord Kenlis, the M.I.G. Sovereign, for the transaction of general business. The Ill. Knts. Hyde Clarke, Victor Albert, Earl of Jersey, and Wm. E. Gumbleton are proposed for election to office in the Council, and other Eminent Companions will doubtless be selected as members of the Senate, which, when completely organised, will consist of thirty-three members, including the Council. From the report of the Executive Committee, we learn that forty-nine Knights were installed during the past year in the three conclaves of the Red Cross Order, of whom a considerable proportion were afterwards elevated to the superior grades of Priest and Prince Masons.

Bro. Anthony Oneal Hays, upon the solicitation of the editors of the *Masonic Record of Western India*, Bombay, and the *Masonic Review*, of Baltimore, has granted permission to their re-publication of his novel "The Nemesis," lately completed in columns of the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE.

GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, of which the agenda was given in the last number of the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, took place on Wednesday last, in Freemasons' Hall, but was hardly so numerously attended as usual. The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W. Grand Master, occupied the throne, supported by the Right Hon. the

Earl de Grey and Ripon, D.G. Master; Lord Eliot, M.P., S.G.W.; and Bro. V. A. Williamson, as J.G.W. On the 24th were Bros. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. for Warwickshire; S. Rawson, District G.M. for China; T. M. Talbot, Prov. G.M. for the Eastern Division of South Wales; the Rev. J. J. M'Soiley, G. Chap. to the Grand Lodge of Ireland; the Rev. R. J. F. Thomas and the Rev. R. J. Simpson, G. Chaps.; the Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G. Chap.; Hervey, P.G.D.; J. N. Tomkins, P.G.D.; L. Evans, President of the Board of General Purposes; Aeneas McIntyre, G. Reg.; A. Woods, G. Dir. of Cers.; Fenn, Assist. G. Dir. of Cers.; G. Clarke, G. Sec.; Francis, Fraser, and J. Hogg, G.D.'s; J. Savage, G. Cox, J. S. Pullen, W. E. Gumbleton, B. Head, E. S. Snell, W. G. K. Potter, J. M. Clabon, and J. Udall, P.G.D.'s; W. Farnfield, P.G. Assist. Sec.; J. Symonds, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; E. Basher, G.S.B.; E. H. Patten, R. J. Spiers, and Young, P.G.S.B.'s; J. Smith and J. Emmens, P.G. Pursts.; F. Lewis, G. Purst.; T. A. Adams and W. Ough, P.G. Pursts.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, and with solemn prayer, scrutineers were appointed to issue balloting papers for the election of members to constitute the Board of General Purposes.

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th of March were read and confirmed.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 24th of April were read and confirmed.

BRO. EMMENS, PAST. G. PURSUIVANT.

The G. MASTER, pursuant to notice, moved "That Bro. John Emmens, late G. Purst., do take rank as, and wear the clothing of, a Past Grand Pursuivant."

The motion was put, and agreed to unanimously, amidst loud and general cheering.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

As there were more than the required number of candidates to form the Board of General Purposes, a ballot took place, when the following brethren were declared to be elected by Grand Lodge:—Masters—Bros. Silvester Capes, 12; C. C. Dumas, 410; H. J. P. Dumas, 99; J. Merifield, 49; G. H. Oliver, 975; J. P. Peirce, 2; J. Tepper, 14; C. H. Waters, 91. Past Masters—Bros. Brett, 177; Cox, 657; J. C. Forster, 69; J. Nunn, 134; Sheen, 201; F. Lilley, 857.

There was a tie with regard to votes for Bros. Lilley and S. Paynter, but the Grand Master gave his casting vote in favour of Bro. Lilley, as he represented the oldest lodge. To the above the Grand Master nominated the following brethren to complete the members of the Board of General Purposes:—Bros. L. Evans, President; V. Williamson, Vice-President; McIntyre, Fraser, Jabez Hogg, John Savage, Pullen, Clabon, Albert Woods, Young, and J. Smith.

THE COLONIAL BOARD.

The members to form the Colonial Board were appointed as follow:—Bros. Hopwood, President; Fraser, Vice President; J. Smith, T. Adlard, T. W. J. Goldsbro', Cottebrune, Jabez Hogg, J. G. Marsh, J. Nunn, W. Young.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following were appointed as the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons:—Bros. M'Intyre, Cray Clarke, Gerrald, Hopwood, G. Cox, A. Woods, Le Veau, J. Smith, Fraser, J. Hogg, B. Baker, J. Brett, E. Cox, E. W. Davis, J. A. Farnfield, S. Gale, J. G. Marsh, P. E. J. Page, W. F. N. Quilty, W. E. Smith.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The G. SECRETARY read the report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, which also contained recommendations for the following grants:—

Bro. Charles H—, of the Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41), Bath..... £40
The orphan children of the late Bro. Peter B—, of the Caledonian Lodge (No. 134), London ... £30
The widow of the late Bro. John W—, of the Doric Lodge (No. 362), Grantham £30

These recommendations were put *seriatim*, and carried unanimously, the whole being very deserving cases.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

On the motion of Bro. L. EVANS, the report was taken as read, and afterwards that it be received and entered on the minutes.

To the report was subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 17th May, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,767 1s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £50. Of these sums there belongs to the Fund of Benevolence £994 9s. 6d., to the Fund of General Purposes £2,331 18s. 9d., and there is in the Unappropriated Account £490 13s. 5d.

THE COLONIAL BOARD.

The report of the Colonial Board was next taken into consideration, and on the motion of Bro. Frazer it was taken as read, and afterwards he moved that it be received and entered on the minutes.

The G. REGISTRAR said that he hoped, in moving the adoption of this report, he should not afterwards be deemed inconsistent in moving that the appeal of the brethren from South Australia should be allowed, not that he considered the brethren were right, but that the course of action taken by the Provincial Grand Master was wrong.

The report was received.

APPEAL FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

This appeal was then entered upon, but to make the matter intelligible it will be necessary to repeat that part of the report of the Colonial Board which refers to the subject. The report says:—

The Colonial Board report that they have had laid before them sundry papers transmitted for their consideration from the R.W. the District Grand Master of South Australia, the brother acting as District Grand Secretary, and certain members of the District Grand Lodge, styling themselves a General Committee.

The subject matter of the reference relates to the validity or otherwise of the appointment of the said committee, and the consequent regularity or irregularity of their proceedings.

It will be necessary to enter into some details, in order to make the case clear, and to show the grounds upon which the Colonial Board came to the conclusions to which they arrived.

The Grand Lodge of England recently passed certain laws whereby enlarged powers, under certain conditions, were conferred to District Grand Lodges in the colonies and foreign parts. Amongst others it empowered them to investigate and decide on all matters relating to lodges and individual Masons within their respective districts, as well as to exercise such powers either of themselves or by a committee. And the District Grand Lodges were further authorised to make rules and regulations for the management and conduct of their own proceedings, and of those of any committee of their own body, and may alter such rules as they think fit; but no rule or regulation shall be in force until approved by the M.W. the Grand Master of England."

District Grand Lodges were also enabled to fix stated times, not exceeding four in the year, for their regular meetings.

From an examination of the various papers sent home, it appeared that the District Grand Lodge of South Australia had drawn up a code of by-laws, to be submitted to the Grand Master for approval, in conformity with Article 3, pages 52, 53 of the "Book of Constitutions."

In such by-laws it was proposed, *inter alia*, that a General Committee should be formed, composed of members of the District Grand Lodge, who were to have the power of fixing a day for the meetings of the District Grand Lodge in the months of January, April, June, and October, between the 1st and 15th of each month; and that such Committee should have liberty, between the meetings of the District Grand Lodge, to exercise all the powers conferred by the "Book of Constitutions" on the District Grand Lodge. The by-laws, not having received the sanction of the Grand Master, are not yet in operation.

In the papers above referred to it is shown that the brethren so styling themselves the General Committee convened a meeting in January last, though not between the 1st and 15th as contemplated by the by-laws, but on the 24th of that month, and this was done in direct opposition to the order in writing of the District Grand Master. That some brethren, in consequence of the said order of the District Grand Master, refrained from attending, but that others assembled and passed sundry resolutions. That the so-called Committee, through Bro. Whittle, under the appellation of "Chairman," submitted several questions for the consideration of the Colonial Board, the general tendency of such questions being whether the Committee had, or had not, an operative existence, and if the proceedings on the 24th of January were or were not regular.

The Colonial Board, after fully considering the purport of the laws in the "Book of Constitutions" relating to District Grand Lodges, gave it as their opinion that, inasmuch as no by-laws of a Provincial Grand Lodge can be valid until they have been "submitted to and approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master," the General Committee intended to be constituted under the 13th Article of the proposed Code had no operative existence, and could not perform any of the functions intended to be delegated to them, and that consequently the meeting convened by them on the 24th of January last, although called a District Grand Lodge, was irregular, and the business transacted at such meeting consequently null and void.

They also expressed their opinion that the power conferred on District Grand Lodges to "fix stated times for their meetings," rendered it necessary that the actual day and time of meeting should be fixed, and that it could not properly be left open to be settled by a committee.

The appeals were from Bro. William Gorse and other brethren who had been suspended from their Masonic privileges by Bro. Hardy, the District Grand Master of South Australia.

Bro. M'INTYRE, G. Reg., said he was of opinion that what had been done by those brethren in calling a meeting at a time they were not legally entitled to do so was wrong, the proposed now by-laws not having received the sanction of the Grand Lodge of England; but with respect to Bro. Wickstead, one of the appellants, in removing him from his Masonic privileges, the District G. Master had gone beyond his power. In the case of any dispute, the District G. Master might hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual Masons within his district, and might proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; but before he could do so the man must be heard in his own defence. In this case the District G. Master had determined, but not heard. Should he not appear to the summons he must be summoned again, and then, if the summons was not complied with,

and he did not appear, the brother should be considered as having acted with contumacy, and be suspended. The District G. Master had written to some of the brethren, asking them if they had illegally attended a Grand Lodge, but they replied that they had attended no illegal Grand Lodge. Instead of doing this he ought to have issued his summons requiring their attendance, and sending the brethren a copy of the charges preferred against them. As he had not done so those appeals must be allowed. The District G. Master was also wrong on other grounds, and therefore he moved that the decision of the District G. Master be reversed, and the appeal allowed.

Bro. LLEWELLYN EVANS seconded the motion, which was put and agreed to.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The next business was to consider a communication from the District Grand Lodge of South Africa, as to the right of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands to establish new lodges in the Cape Colony.

The G. REGISTRAR said that this colony formerly belonged to the Dutch, and at that time the District Grand Master of the Netherlands was stationed there and performed all the duties of Grand Master. In 1770 an agreement was come to, and by an arrangement the English were to be allowed to establish their lodges in the Cape Colony. The Dutch received their English brethren with open arms, and when English Freemasonry came out there in full form, and the English founded their lodges, the Provincial Grand Master of the Netherlands was selected to be the Provincial Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of England, and he remained so up to his death. Fresh lodges were continued to be formed, some under the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands and some under the Grand Lodge of England; and on St. John's Day—a day of great importance in that colony—they fixed the celebration of the anniversary at different hours, so that the brethren could go from one lodge to another to congratulate each other on the return of the day. It appeared, however, since 1814 that there was an opinion that no new lodges under the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands could be established in the Cape Colony under a convention agreed to, but as the power of resuscitating and joining new lodges under the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands had been tacitly submitted to, the brethren now wished to know whether that convention was to be upheld, as the lodges of the Netherlands and those of the Grand Lodge of England had hitherto worked most harmoniously side by side together.

The G. MASTER concurred in the views of the Grand Registrar, and they were embodied in a motion that the harmony that had hitherto existed between the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands and the Grand Lodge of England should not be disturbed, and that the Convention should not be upheld.

The Grand Master also undertook to make a communication to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands to that effect.

THE ROYAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons was laid before the Grand Lodge.

COALS FOR THE ROYAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

It was proposed by Bro. J. Udall, P.J.G.D., "That £50 be given from the Fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Asylum of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

This being the whole of the business, Grand Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

METROPOLITAN.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, 3rd inst., at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Bro. A. Eskell, W.M., presided, supported by his officers and the following visitors:—Bros. Berry, P.M. 27; Brandon, P.M. 23; Henry Thompson, P.M. 177 and W.M. 1,158; Henri Drayton, 590; Davis, 279; Knight, P.M. 19; Jarrett, 1, Edinburgh; Thurtle, 718, St. Helenes; Livingstone, 467, New York; Howell, St. Marks; Nathan, Israel (No. 108). &c. The lodge having been opened to the second degree, Bro. Smith initiated in this lodge two years ago was passed to the second degree.

The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bros. Charles J. Hunt, Thomas Barnes, Henry J. Sidney, and Charles W. Phillips were raised to the degree of M.M.

The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and Messrs Gall, Josef Klein, N. S. Maurice, and Frederick Hanlon, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the latter by dispensation, not being twenty-one years of age. The whole of the work was well done by the W.M., and must have been no small strain upon his energies, as he occupied the chair for upwards of four hours, with incessant hard work.

The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and about 100 sat down to a banquet prepared with all the well-known bounty of the Albion Hotel, and it was excellently arranged by Bro. Jennings, the manager, who is indefatigable in his exertions to promote the comfort of the brethren. The fare was so liberal that it left really nothing to be desired.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual formal toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M. then said he presumed the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa were well acquainted with the toast he was about to propose, as it was one they always looked to with esteem, and it never failed to elicit their warmest approbation. It was "Success to the Benevolent Fund." They knew the uses it was put to in case adversity should overtake them, but he trusted that it might be a long time before any of the members of the lodge then sitting round that festive board would require its aid, but it was there when it was wanted, and was at their service. It was, when required, not doled out to them as Charity, but as a fund to which they had a right, having themselves subscribed to it. It already reached to a large amount, and he trusted that it would never be diminished. He gave "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund," coupling with it the name of Bro. Aaron, and the other members of the committee of management.

Bro. Aaron returned thanks for the manner in which the W.M. had brought the toast under their notice, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded to it. He should on that occasion omit the usual stereotyped thanks to them, but he was happy to say that their newly-initiated brethren that night had become subscribers to the Benevolent Fund.

The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was the health of those brethren who had been initiated that evening. He trusted from what they had seen of the first ceremony performed that evening that it had given them a favourable impression of Freemasonry, for in a few words it was calculated to train the heart, as well as the mind, in what was the peculiar characteristics of Freemasons, which were charity and benevolence, and teaching men to live in peace and goodwill with all the world. He felt great pleasure that evening in proposing their health, and he felt assured they would do credit to the Lodge of Joppa.

The toast was heartily received, and the newly-initiated brethren severally returned thanks for the manner in which they had been received.

Bro. Aaron, P.M. and Treas., said the brethren would be aware, from his holding the gavel, that he was about to propose the health of their W.M., and he was glad to see the enthusiasm they displayed upon the announcement of it, as it inspired him with confidence when he spoke of his abilities ever since he had been in the chair; and from what the brethren had seen of his work in the three degrees that evening it proved that he was a Mason who knew his duties. The manner, also, in which he presided over them at the banquet table, and the kindness he displayed, entitled him to the gratitude and good feeling of every member of the Lodge of Joppa. Therefore he requested the brethren to fill their glasses, and by the warmth of their

fire show how they appreciated the good qualities of their W. Master.

The toast was well received, followed by a song by Bro. Henri Drayton, "The General's Last Battle," which was splendidly rendered and loudly applauded.

The W. Master, in returning thanks, said he felt deeply, and he knew not how to reply to the way in which his name had been introduced to their notice. It was, indeed, a great pride to him to be in the position he had the honour to hold, but it was a still higher gratification to him to find that his humble services had been so appreciated, and for which he was unable to find words to express his thanks, but it would be an incentive to him, and would urge him on to endeavour to retain the same amount of esteem at the termination of his year of office as he did at the present time.

Bro. Alexander, P.M., said on that special occasion the W.M. had entrusted him with his gavel, and he felt that the brethren already anticipated the subject upon which he was about to address them. On many occasions he had heard the brethren say that they wished the task of addressing them had fallen into abler hands than their own. Now, he did not do so, although he was quite ready to admit that he could not express the sentiments that were due to the occasion; but still he felt great gratification in addressing them that evening, as it was set apart for the purpose of presenting Bro. Aaron, their P.M. and Treas., with the testimonial which had been awarded to him. It was produced partly from the funds of the lodge and partly from the voluntary subscriptions of the members, as a mark of their approbation and esteem. There were some who did not know Bro. Aaron as well as he did, but he was sure that it was only for them to know him to esteem him, and he was also sure that there would not be a dissenting voice with respect to the observations he might make with regard to their P.M. and Treas., Bro. Aaron. He now placed before him a beautiful silver service and salver, and although, no doubt, it was valuable, the intrinsic value of it was small compared with the respect by which it was promoted. Besides the silver service of 130 ounces he had to present him with a Treasurer's jewel. He trusted that he might live for many years to enjoy that testimonial with his family, and that while shaking hands with him as their Treasurer he might look upon the jewel which he then affixed to his breast for many years to come.

Bro. Alexander then presented the silver service and salver, which was of very beautiful workmanship, and also the jewel, which was of a rich and valuable description.

Bro. Aaron, P.M. and Treas., said that on that occasion he felt it impossible to find words sufficiently expressive to thank the brethren for the very handsome testimonial they had that night presented to him. Although he was not able to find words, yet he fully appreciated their kindness. Firstly, his thanks were due to the lodge for the liberal manner in which they had contributed towards the testimonial, which added to its value beyond the money, and the brethren from their own purse had also subscribed to it. For all that he owed the brethren a debt of gratitude which he should never be able to pay, unless it was by assiduity to the duties of his office. He thanked them most sincerely, but could assure them that it required no incentive to him to perform his duties, as he never took an office unless he was determined to discharge all that appertained to it to the best of his ability. He felt that he must have satisfied the brethren, or they would not have given him the splendid testimonial he then saw before him. He should value that testimonial, as it was one that he could show to the world, as well as to his family, that presentations in Masonry did not consist merely of those that could be worn in Masonic lodges. Having alluded to Bro. Alexander, whom he had initiated into Freemasonry, he said it was with extreme pleasure, when Bro. Alexander's son was introduced into Freemasonry, that he was required to perform that ceremony after having quitted the chair for sixteen years, and he hoped that those who were seeking to rise to the W. Master's chair would emulate those who had gone before. In homely language he expressed his gratitude, and wished them all long life and prosperity.

The "Health of the Visitors" was afterwards given, which was acknowledged by Bro. Brandon.

Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in the most complete harmony.

Miss Phoebe Cohen, daughter of one of the members of the lodge, and scarcely seventeen years of age, made her *début* as a vocalist on this occasion; and the powerful nature of her voice

gives promise that some day or other she will become a great ornament to our lyric stage.

Miss Mabel Brent also distinguished herself in some choice songs, and her duets with Mr. F. Elmore were loudly applauded.

Miss Pelzer also showed considerable skill in her performances on the concertina, and it was generally admitted that there had never been a more successful meeting of the Lodge of Joppa.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1,056).—An important meeting of this influential lodge of instruction was held at the George Hotel, Aldermanbury, on Friday, the 31st ult., on which occasion Bro. Theodore H. Foulger presided, and the fifteen sections were worked consecutively by the following brethren:—First lecture—1st section, Bro. Cox; 2nd, Bro. Frances, P.M.; 3rd, Bro. U. Latreille; 4th, Bro. F. Y. Latreille; 5th, Bro. J. R. Warren; 6th, Bro. Bowron; and 7th, Bro. D. Scurr, P.M. Second lecture—1st section, Bro. Austen; 2nd, Bro. Brett, P.M., President of the lodge of instruction; 3rd, Bro. J. Thomas, P.M.; 4th, Bro. Barnes; and 5th, Bro. Rogers. Third lecture—1st section, Bro. Yetton; 2nd, Bro. Verry; and 3rd, Bro. Foulger; each section being thus worked by a different brother, and never were the magnificent lectures of Craft Masonry better rendered than by the fifteen brethren above-named. We may add that no less than sixty-five brethren were present, including some from Manchester, Plymouth, and other distant towns, thereby showing how highly the talents of Bro. Brett, the Preceptor, are appreciated, and how efficiently he is aided in his exertions to diffuse Masonic knowledge by Bros. Foulger, W. Turner, the indefatigable Secretary, and other zealous members of the lodge. Nearly twenty new members were added on this occasion, and amongst other brethren present we noticed several P.M.'s, including Bros. Quilty, 862; Little, 862 and 975; Wrenn, 1,056; &c. Cordial votes of thanks to the presiding officer and his assistants terminated the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

CARLISLE.—*Union Lodge* (No. 310).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult. The following brethren were present, viz.:—Bros. G. G. Hayward, W.M., P. Prov. G. Steward; John Slack, S.W.; W. Court, Treas., as J.W.; F. W. Hayward, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., as S.D.; G. Somerville, J.D.; G. Murchie, Sec.; Thomas Blacklock, P.M.; W. Murray, P.M.; Joseph Iredale, P.M., P. Prov. D.G.M. (who has rejoined this lodge); A. Woodhouse, Steward, S.W. 412; J. Gibson, I.G.; J. Barnes, Tyler; also Bros. T. Cockburn, G. Armstrong, G. Turabull, M. Fisher, R. Metcalf, Robert Baker, 412, and M. Higgins. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Bro. J. Iredale and Mr. Thomas Deighton (the secretary to the Carlisle Diocesan Educational Society), which proved unanimous in both cases. The candidates being in attendance, were properly initiated by the W.M. No other business being on hand, except that Bro. John Barnes was regularly invested as Tyler, in the place of the late Bro. Thomas Sherrington, P.M., who was appointed to that office last St. John's Day. The lodge was closed with prayer, and the brethren retired to the refreshment room to spend an hour in good fellowship. All the brethren being charged in the four corners, the W.M. proposed a toast to the health of the candidates, trusting that the brethren would not consider him out of place in not proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, for the newly-initiated brother had some six miles to walk that night; therefore he begged leave to call upon the brethren to drink the health of Bro. Deighton, with musical honours. Bro. Deighton returned thanks for the honour conferred, not only for drinking his health, but also for receiving him into their society, and for giving him the test questions on his first night, so that he might try them over before next month. He said that he would endeavour to fulfil his O.B. to the best of his abilities. Bro. Blacklock wished to call the brethren's attention to a toast that he wished to bring forward—that was "The Health of Bro. Iredale, P. Prov. D.G.M. of this Province"—a worthy man and a Mason; one who tried to do his duty in whatever sphere he was called upon to fill. He

(Bro. Blacklock) was glad to see Bro. Iredale once more amongst them, for it looked like old days; therefore he hoped that the brethren present would show their appreciation of the toast by drinking a bumper, also with musical honours and the Masonic fire—which was done with a right good will. Bro. Iredale rose and returned thanks to Bro. Blacklock for the toast he had proposed, and to the brethren for responding to the same. He said that he had no doubt that the brethren were aware why he (Bro. Iredale) had not been amongst them for so long a time; he therefore would not only say, but would do his duty, so that neither the brethren of this lodge nor the Order in general would have cause to complain. He strongly recommended the candidate, Bro. Deighton, as well as the brethren, to try to fulfil the duties which were required of them as Masons, charging them ever to remember the four cardinal virtues, more especially to be careful in maintaining in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments which have been amply illustrated, viz., Benevolence and Charity—and so long as they kept those in view there was no fear of going astray; but, if all the brethren would try, then would they be as lights shining in the firmament, to lead the poor traveller on the way. Once more he begged to return thanks, and sat down amidst loud applause. Bro. Iredale, by permission, rose to give a toast, which he knew would be well received. It was to the memory of our late departed Bro. Thomas Sherrington, the oldest P.M. of this lodge (whose name was second on the list of members), who departed this life on Tuesday, the 23rd of April last. Bro. Iredale spoke feelingly of his departed worth in a lengthened speech, wishing the brethren to drink to his (Bro. Sherrington's) memory in solemn silence, which awakened the better feelings of many present. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

DURHAM.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—*Lodge of Industry* (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 27th ult., was one of more than usual interest, as upon this occasion the lodge was honoured by a visit from the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124), Durham. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. Dr. Banning, W.M., P. Prov. J.G.W., and there was a very numerous attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Jens Jensen, S.W.; A. Robson, J.W.; G. A. Allen, W.M. Tyne Lodge; C. J. Banister, P.G. Sword Bearer of England; G. Thompson, 481, P. Prov. J.G.W. Northumberland; H. Hotham, 24, P. Prov. S.G.W. Northumberland; A. Clapham, Prov. S.G.W. Northumberland; Dr. Cook, Dr. Douglass, R. B. Reed, W. L. Mackenzie, &c. The representatives of the Granby Lodge consisted of Bros. W. Stoker, W.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. Brignall, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.; W. R. Fitzgerald, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; W. C. Blackett, J. Young, S.W.; Rev. G. R. Bulman, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Wortley, Prov. G. Steward; G. Stillman, Sec. 421, &c. After the minutes of the last lodge had been confirmed, two subscribing members were elected. Mr. T. Lamb was elected a member, and regularly initiated into the mysteries by the W.M. Bro. G. Murray was next passed to the second degree by Bro. A. Clapham, P.M. Upon the lodge being called to refreshment the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, the chair being taken by Bro. Dr. Banning, W.M., who was supported right and left by the guests of the evening. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Banister responded for the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. the Rev. G. Bulman for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, and Bro. A. Clapham for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland. Bro. Stoker, W.M. of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, replied in very graceful terms to the toast of the health of the officers and members of this lodge. Upon the lodge resuming duty two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was then closed in love and harmony after a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

KENT.

DARTFORD.—*Lodge of Emulation* (No. 299).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Bull Hotel. As was expected, a very large assemblage of brethren from all parts of the province and the metropolis were present. Amongst the distinguished guests we noticed Bros. W. F. Dobson, D. Prov. G.M.; E. Wates, Prov. G.S., and many others. The W.M. elect, Bro. Peter Harvey, was duly installed by that worthy and much esteemed Bro. Thomas Nittingham, P.M. 77, and P. Prov. G.J.W., who performed

the ceremony in his usual impressive manner, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering thirty-four, most of whom were past and present Prov. G. officers, showing the high esteem in which Bro. Harvey is held by the brethren in this province. The banquet was one of a most extraordinary description, and will long be remembered by those brethren who had the pleasure of being present, as being of the most *recherché* kind. Bro. W. T. Bray, the worthy host, is deserving of the greatest possible praise for the manner in which he provided so sumptuously for the comfort of the guests (numbering about fifty), having spared no expense in procuring every delicacy that could be obtained. The D. Prov. G.M. occupied the chair. The toasts being of the usual description require no comment. Bros. Binckes and Terry replied for the Charities with which they are individually connected. About ten o'clock the brethren separated, after spending a most agreeable day. This installation reflects great credit on the P.M.'s of the lodge for the manner in which everything was conducted.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Silurian Lodge* (No. 471).—On Friday, the 31st ult., a lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Great Dock-street, for the purpose of balloting for, and initiating, if accepted, Captain John McManns, of the barque *Sailor Prince*, of St. John's, New Brunswick, then in the port of Newport, loading for China. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. B. Thomas, when Captain McManns was proposed by Bro. Ingram, and seconded by Bro. Gratte, J.D., a visitor, Bro. Bayley, speaking (with the permission of the chairman) as to the good qualities possessed by the candidate. The ballot then took place, when Captain McManns was unanimously admitted, and having signed the usual declaration, was afterwards duly initiated, and signified his wish to become a subscribing member to this, his mother lodge. The ceremony was most admirably rendered by the W.M., and we would wish to speak, also, in high praise of the musical part of the proceedings by Bro. Groves, Prov. G. Org. This brother has so ably trained a portion of the members that they go through several chants, &c., with great precision, and it really is well worth a visit to the *Silurian* and *Isea* Lodges to see how beautifully the work is conducted. It is second to none in England.

OXFORDSHIRE.

OXFORD.—*Churchill Lodge* (No. 478).—At the regular monthly meeting of this lodge held on Friday, the 3rd ult., Bro. Alderman Spiers, D. Prov. G.M. in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, thirteen joining members were elected, amongst whom were Bros. Hook, of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, Cambridge; the Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Warkworth, F. H. McCalmont, and Thoyts, of Oriel College; Cardwell, Christ Church, &c.; Mr. Agar Robartes, of Christ Church, and Mr. J. C. Berners Plestow were initiated. Bro. Kenney, of Charsley Hall, was passed. Bros. L. Jullien and Conolly were raised to the third degree. The supper which followed was attended by a large number of brethren, and a most agreeable evening was spent. The annual festival of the Churchill Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 24th ult., and was attended by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Colonel Bowyer, and a large party, anxious to do honour to the W.M. elect, Bro. Victor A. Williamson, P.G. Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. After the election of four joining members, the W.M. elect was presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, of Merton, to Bro. Spiers, the D. Prov. G.M., who was requested to act as Installing Master, and the ceremony of installation followed. The W.M. appointed as his officers, Bros. the Earl of Jersey, S.W.; Lord Warkworth, J.W.; Alderman Spiers, D. Prov. G.M., Treas.; the Rev. C. L. Acland, and the Rev. J. S. Warman, Chaps.; H. J. Hood, Brasenose College, Sec.; B. Roberts, Jesus College, and A. Wilson, Christ Church, Deacons; W. Thompson, and the Hon. Jocelyne Amherst, Dirs. of Cers.; C. B. Lockwood, I.G.; F. H. McCalmont, Oriel College, Org. The party then proceeded in carriages and a four horse drag to the inn at Kennington Island, on the Thames, three miles from Oxford, where an excellent fish dinner and a bountiful supply of champagne, the gift of the Prov. G. Master, and of other wine presented by the W.M. and Wardens, awaited them. Besides the foregoing brethren there were present, Bros. W. E. Gumbleton, P.G. Deacon of England, P.M.; G. Gumbleton, P.J.W.; the Earl of Donoughmore, Thoyts, Borlase, Mason,

Plestow, C. H. Cox, Conolly, Lewis, Stephenson, Cardwell, Plowman, Butler, members of the lodge, and as guests, Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, D. B. Bruce Gardyne, W.M. elect of the University Lodge (No. 1,118), James, Lye, Gooddin, and others. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the exquisite singing of many of the brethren, and the short but eloquent addresses of the Prov. G. Master, the D. Prov. G. Master, the W.M., Bros. Williamson and Portal. A more satisfactory or more delightful meeting could scarcely have been spent, and the festival over which Bro. Williamson so ably presided, will long remain in the memory of those who were so fortunate as to take part in it.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at Banbury, under the auspices of the Cherwell Lodge (No. 599) being the lodge which a few years ago was founded at Banbury, and which has proved in every point of view a great success.

The proceedings commenced with the assembling of the Worshipful Masters, officers, and brethren of the Cherwell Lodge, in their lodge-room, when the necessary steps were taken to give a due reception to Bro. Colonel H. A. Bowyer, *M.A.*, Prov. G.M., and his officers. At five o'clock the Provincial Grand Master, attended by Bro. Alderman Spiers, of Oxford, D. Prov. G.M.; Bro. J. Havers, P.G.W. of England, and the Provincial Grand Officers entered the lodge-room in procession, and was received with the usual honours.

About seventy brethren from the various lodges in the province were present, and the Prov. G. Master had the gratification of finding himself supported by an unusually large number of Grand Officers, Past Masters, and brethren. Among these were the following:—Bros. R. Havers, Harrison, Ald. Randall, J. Martin, Walker, Rev. T. G. Mcrtimer, J. B. Looker, H. Houghton, Dr. Rye, Dr. Griffin, E. G. Bruton, A. S. Hurford, and Scroggs, Past Masters; Bros. E. J. Hartley, W.M. of the Cherwell Lodge; A. Winkfield, W.M. of the Alfred Lodge, Oxford; Rev. W. H. Marah, W.M. of the Bowyer Lodge, Chipping Norton; Rev. C. L. Acland, W. Chamberlin, T. Fowler, Wheeler, T. M. Grizelle, J. Sheard, Emberlin, Juggins, Upjohn, R. Phené Spiers, McCalmont, H. Stephenson, E. W. Turner, R. Hobbs, H. Dean, S. Wells, W. Bower, J. T. Foster, Dr. Pemberton, K. Parsons, Laing, Rev. J. N. Palmer, Norwood, C. D. Faulkner, W. Page, J. Shelswell, Bishop, J. Plowman, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form and order, the Prov. G. Master addressed the brethren, and said it afforded him great pleasure to meet them on this auspicious occasion, and to witness the unity and truly Masonic feeling which prevailed throughout the province, and which had been its normal characteristic. It was scarcely necessary to say that in the selection of his officers for the ensuing year, he had exercised the greatest care and consideration, and, with the aid of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, had chosen those whom he considered to be best fitted for their respective offices. He would remind them that some of those offices could only be filled by those who had held high office in this lodge, and as every office in the Provincial Grand Lodge was an honourable position, he thought it preferable to distribute those honours among such brethren as were worthy of them, and had not hitherto gained them, instead of promoting others, and thereby lessening the number. It was very gratifying to him to see so many Provincial Grand Officers and brethren present, and to find himself supported on this occasion by so distinguished a Mason as Bro. John Havers, one of the Grand Wardens of England.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his officers as follows, and invested them with their insignia of office, complimenting each on his appointment, which was ratified by the applause of the brethren assembled:—Bros. A. Winkfield, S.W.; E. J. Hartley, J.W.; Rev. J. L. Lee (New College), and Rev. C. L. Acland (Radley College), Chaplains; Alderman Randall, Treas.; H. E. Stephenson, Reg.; Lord Warkworth, Sec.; W. Hobbs, Assist. Sec.; E. J. Hartley, S.D.; E. W. Turner, J.D. R. P. Spiers, Supt. of Works; H. B. T. Deane and H. J. Hood, Dirs. of Cers.; J. Sheard, Sword Bearer; A. M. Mackenzie and T. M. Grizelle, Orgs.; J. S. Wells, Purst.; W. Bower, Assist. Purst.; T. H. McCalmont, J. T. Foster, J. B. Roberts, A. H. Gibbs, T. Fowler, and W. E. Hartley, Stewards; W. Stephens, Tyler; and T. Moss, Assist. Tyler.

The office of Treasurer is filled up by the lodge, and on the nomination of the Prov. G.M., seconded by Bro. Alderman

Thompson, P.M., Bro. Alderman Randall was re-elected unanimously amid great applause.

The Prov. G. MASTER congratulated Bro. Randall on his unanimous re-election, which was the best proof that the brethren appreciated his valuable services in the office of Treasurer, which he had filled for so many years with so much ability, diligence, and integrity.

Bro. Alderman RANDALL said he had great pleasure in re-accepting the office of Treasurer, for he esteemed it a high honour to hold such a position in a province where the principles of Masonry were so fully carried out, and where the province itself was presided over with so much zeal and ability. The Treasurer then read his financial report on the year, which was adopted unanimously, the Prov. G. Master congratulating the province on its progress and financial prosperity.

The Deputy Prov. G. MASTER read the report of the Charity Committee, from which it appeared that two children from Oxford and one from Banbury had, during the past year, been elected to the Masonic Schools on their first nomination; that another child from Banbury was a candidate for the next election in October, when the committee hoped, if the brethren would hand in their proxies to the Prov. G. Master, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, or Bro. R. Havers, P.M., of Banbury, to be equally successful. The report also stated that the sum of £170 had been contributed to the three Charities by members of this province at the recent festivals, and that a total amount of £13,000 had been collected from the whole Craft in aid of the Masonic Charities.

The report, which was ably drawn up by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and of a most interesting character, elicited repeated marks of approbation, and was adopted unanimously.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY read the report on the working of all the lodges in the provinces during the past year, the number of members belonging to them, and the state of their finances.

The Prov. G. MASTER congratulated the province on the very satisfactory state of the lodges, and on his motion the report was adopted unanimously.

The following subscriptions were then voted; as usual, to the undermentioned charities:—Masonic Charities, £10s. 10s.; Alfred Benevolent Fund, £1 1s.; Radcliffe Infirmary, £3 3s.; Oxford Medical Dispensary, £2 2s.; Oxford Blue Coat School, £1 1s.; Oxford Anti-Mendicity Society, £1.

On the motion of Bro. Alderman Thompson, P.M., a subscription of £1 1s. was unanimously voted to the Oxford Blue Coat Girls' School.

On the motion of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, seconded by Bro. Alderman Randall, P.M., a subscription of £2 2s. was voted unanimously to the Banbury Old Charitable Society.

An application was made by Bro. Bruton, P.M., for a grant towards the decoration and improvement of the Masonic Hall, Oxford, but after some discussion it was agreed to refer the question to the Prov. G. Master, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. G. Treas.

On the motion of the Prov. G. Master it was unanimously resolved to invest £100 of the Provincial Lodge surplus in Consols.

The Prov. G. MASTER called the attention of the lodge to the fact that the Deputy Prov. G. Master (Bro. Alderman Spiers) had served the office of Steward for all the Masonic Charities, but had received no acknowledgment of the same, in the shape of a clarity jewel, simply because at the time he served those responsible and rather expensive offices it was not customary to vote a jewel to such brethren as served the office of Steward to the Masonic Charities; and, although it was an act of justice long deferred to the Deputy Prov. G. Master, it was never too late to mend, and therefore he had great pleasure in moving that a medal commemorative of his valuable services to the various Masonic Charities be now voted to him.

Bro. BRUTON, P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The D. Prov. G.M. returned thanks, and said that without reference at all to himself, he had always been of opinion that the charity jewel should not be purchased by the individual who served the office of Steward of the various charities, but should be presented to him by the lodge he represented, as it redounded to the credit of the lodge itself to have a Steward as its representative. He should value the jewel, not so much on account of its intrinsic worth, but as a recognition that he had, as far as lay in his power, carried out his Masonic obligations and professions.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

The procession was then re-formed, and the Prov. G.M. was escorted to the assembly room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. Bishop, of the Red Lion Hotel. The tables presented a very elegant appearance, for they were studded with massive silver epergnes, candelabra, plateaus, &c. filled with the choicest flowers and plants. The banquet itself was distinguished alike for its excellence and abundance, and the whole was served up in a style that would have done credit to any establishment in the kingdom. A bountiful supply of champagne, of first-class character, the generous gift of the Prov. G.M., contributed in no slight degree to the *éclat* of the banquet, and evidently was duly appreciated. The dinner was followed by an equally excellent dessert, and the wines supplied were highly commended.

The Prov. G.M. presided, and gave in brief but appropriate terms the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and expressed an earnest hope, in which he felt assured every Mason joined, that her Majesty might long be spared to rule over a free, happy, and united people.

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, after which the National Anthem was sung; all the company standing.

The Prov. G.M. next gave "The Grand Master of England, the Earl of Zetland," who, he said, had ruled over the over the Craft for twenty-four years with such zeal and ability as to command the affection and respect of every Mason throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The D. Prov. G.M. proposed the next toast, and said it must be very gratifying to the Prov. G.M. to find himself supported on this occasion by representatives from every lodge in the province, and he hoped that the reception which they would give to the toast would be such as to satisfy him that he enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence of all the brethren over whom he ruled. Twelve years had elapsed since the Prov. G.M. entered on the duties of his high and honourable office, and during that time not a single complaint had been brought before him, and that happy state of things was attributable to the kind, courteous, and admirable manner in which he had presided over the province. While the Prov. G.M. was proud of being at the head of the Masons of this province, they had equal reason to be proud of having in their Prov. G.M. one who had gained their respect and confidence, both by precept and example.

The Prov. G. MASTER returned thanks, and remarked that it was scarcely necessary for him to say how much pleasure it afforded him to find the mention of his name so cordially and so kindly accepted. It was quite true that during the twelve years he had held his high and honourable office not a single complaint had been brought before him, and notwithstanding his own shortcomings, of which he was fully sensible, few could have done better in that respect, or could say that after twelve years trial there had been no difference of opinion, no division, and no cause of complaint. He congratulated the lodges generally on the flourishing state of Masonry in this province, and he especially thanked the Cherwell Lodge for receiving them so hospitably and munificently on that occasion. He hoped they should meet again under the same happy auspices, and with the same promise of continued prosperity of the lodges in the province and all belonging to them.

The Prov. G. MASTER next gave "The Deputy Grand Master of England, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," and observed that, when the D.G.M. was deeply engaged in rendering service to his Queen and country, if he could make himself useful to the Craft, he was always in attendance and true to his post. Fortunately for them they were honoured on this occasion with the presence of two Grand Officers, one of whom, Bro. Spiers, his D. Prov. G.M., was always amongst them, the other, Bro. John Havers, G.W. of England, had travelled a long distance to join them, and it was a great pleasure to them to welcome him here. That brother had the reputation, and most deservedly so, of being one of the most devoted, laborious, and, he could truly add, one of the most successful of those who laboured for the Craft. To him they were mainly indebted for that grand building, the new Freemasons' Lodge and Hall in London, as well as for many other services which he had rendered to Grand Lodge. The name of Havers throughout the Masonic world, and in this province, and in this borough in particular, had become as familiar as a household word, and he never heard the name without being reminded of the progress and prosperity of the Craft.

Bro. J. HAVERS, P.G.J.W., responded to the toast, and remarked that it would be a work of supererogation to say one word in favour of the Earl de Grey and Ripon. It was very,

important to the Craft to have men at its head who not only occupied so high a position in society, but were zealous and devoted Masons. With Earl de Grey he had had a long acquaintance, and, notwithstanding his onerous duties when in office, he found him ready to devote all the time he could to the furtherance of Masonry, for, like the Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Master of this province, his earnest desire was to do his duty. He (Bro. Havers) could not forget that, eight years ago, there was turmoil in the Masonic world, but, thanks to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and such men as the Prov. G.M. of this province, that was at an end, and they were indebted to them for the present happy state of things. Some thought that it was a very easy thing to govern a province, and the province of Oxfordshire was a very difficult one to deal with, because it embraced so many different ranks, varying in their circumstances, their tastes, and their pursuits, and hence it was indispensable that they should have not only a zealous Mason, but a gentleman to preside over it. Such a man they had got in Colonel Bowyer, and, while he was worthy of the province, he could with truth say that the province was worthy of him. In conclusion, he congratulated the Cherwell Lodge on their splendid entertainment, and the lodges generally in having so able, so energetic, and so zealous a Provincial Grand Master.

The PROV. G. MASTER then proposed "Prosperity to the Cherwell Lodge," and complimented the W. Master, officers, and brethren on the very hospitable reception they had given to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and on their admirable arrangements throughout.

The W. MASTER (Bro. Hartley) responded, and said they had great pleasure in receiving the Provincial Grand Master and brethren, and hoped when they honoured them again with a visit they should be equally successful.

Bro. Looker being called for, assured them that it was a great pleasure to them to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge, and as they had done their utmost to achieve success, it was gratifying to be told that they had not laboured in vain. They hoped to keep up the reputation of the Cherwell Lodge both in the lodge and in the banquet room, where the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren might always rely on meeting a hearty welcome.

Bro. Havers, P.M., was then called for, and said that the Cherwell Lodge had from its establishment done its best to forward the interests of Masonry, and it was gratifying to every member of it to find that the arrangements which they had made on this occasion were satisfactory to the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren. They all well knew that the Provincial Grand Master was attached to the lodge, for it was his child, and he felt the same kindness towards it as a parent did to an infant. Although his (Bro. Havers') name and a few others had been mentioned in connection with the toast, he could truly say that every member of the Cherwell lodge was equally desirous of promoting the interest of the Craft.

The toasts which followed were "The Provincial Grand Officers," responded to by the Senior Warden, Bro. A. Winkfield; "The Lodges in the Province," acknowledged by Bro. A. Winkfield, W.M., on behalf of the Alfred Lodge, Thompson P.M., for the Apollo, B. Harrison, for the Churchill, Bro. Hartley, W.M., for the Cherwell, and Bro. Rev. W. H. Marsh, W.M., for the Bowyer Lodge.

At this stage of the proceedings the Oxford brethren were obliged to leave by the special train which had been most liberally provided for them by the Cherwell Lodge.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was holden in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, the 15th ult. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Bentley Shaw, J.P., D. Prov. G.M., Huddersfield; G. H. Westermann, J.P., Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. J. Senior, LL.D., P.G.C., P. Prov. G.W.; John Gill, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Joseph Emmerson, Prov. G. Org., Wakefield; John Lee, P. Prov. G.W.; John Batley, P. Prov. G. Reg.; S. Newsam, Prov. G. Steward, Leeds; Capt. J. T. Armitage, J.P., P. Prov. G.W.; Rev. A. Smith, P. Prov. G. Chap.; John Freeman, Prov. G. Reg.; J. S. Bradley, P. Prov. G.R.; B. Taylor, P. Prov. G.D.; W. Smith, P. Prov. G.D.; W. Cocking, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; Joseph Brook, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; John Dow, W.M. No. 275, acting as Prov. G. Purst, Huddersfield; William Dixon,

P. Prov. G.W.; John Wordsworth, P. Prov. G.S. of W., Morley; Rev. S. Vaughan, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; Capt. R. R. Nelson, P.D. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Sec.; Henry Smith, P. Prov. G.D.; L. A. Shepherd, Prov. G. Steward, Dewsbury; Rev. Canon H. J. Barfield, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; Thomas Senior, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John Ward, P. Prov. G.D.; Manoah Rhodes, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Jeremiah Rhodes, P. Prov. G. Org., Prov. G. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Rev. W. Fearnside, B.A., P. Prov. G. Chap., Todmorden; John Booth, P. Prov. G.D.; Thomas Allatt, P. Prov. G.D., Heckmondwike; T. A. Haigh, P. Prov. G.D., Meltham; W. Longden, P. Prov. G.D.; Wm. White, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., Sheffield; John Harpin, J.P., Prov. G.S.B., Holmfirth; James Atkinson, P. Prov. G.S.B., Cleckheaton; W. D. Hall, Prov. G. Steward, Upper Mill; John Oxley, Prov. G. Steward, Rotherham, &c.; and the various lodges of the province represented by upwards of 200 W. Masters, Acting Wardens, Past Masters, and brethren.

The D.P.G.M. presided in consequence of the absence from domestic bereavement of the Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge holden at Sheffield were read and confirmed, with a slight alteration.

Several candidates were recommended for the next election of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Three petitioners, viz., two male and one widow, were relieved by grants of £30.

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that forty brethren from the province had acted as Stewards at the Festival of the Girls' School on the 8th May, when nearly £6,000 had been realised, £1,800 of which was from the West Yorkshire list.

The by-laws of the province were passed and ordered to be printed.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer produced his books and balance sheet which were audited, and £455 11s. 9. announced as the cash in hand, which along with a mortgage of £600, constituted the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Bro. Charles Oldroyd, Dewsbury, P.M. No. 208, P. Prov. G. Reg., was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treas.

The following brethren were appointed and invested Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. John Freeman, Huddersfield, } P.M. 275, P. Prov. G. Reg. }	Prov. S.G.W.
" Manoah Rhodes, Bradford, } W.M. 974, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. }	" S.G.W.
" Rev. Peter Brown D.D., Shef- } field, 296	" G. Chap.
" B. Christopherson, Batley, J.W. } 1,019	" G. Chap.
" J. Oxley, Rotherham, P.M. 904 }	" G. Reg.
" R. R. Nelson, Dewsbury, P.M. } 208, 827, 1,042, P.D. P.G.M. }	" G. Sec.
" T. S. Bottomley, Huddersfield, } P.M. 521	" S.G.D.
" W. Short, Sheffield, P.M. 304 ... }	" S.G.D.
" S. Newsam, Leeds, P.M. 304 ... }	" G. Supt. of Works.
" J. Rhodes, Bradford, P.M. 910 ... }	" G. Dir. of Cers.
" A. Hunter, Bradford, P.M. 312 }	" G.A. Dir. of Cers.
" L. S. Shepherd, Dewsbury P.M. } 208	" G.S.B.
" Isaac Lee, Batley Carr, 261	" G. Org.
" I. M. Woodhead, Holmfirth, } F.M. 652	" G. Purst.

Bros. James Hall, P.M. 290; James Lamb, P.M. 302; Wm. Blackburn, P.M. 337; Thomas Peel, P.M. 600; Wm. Sheard, P.M. 971; and John Wright, P.M. 1,001, Prov. Grand Stewards.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous chapter was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, Wellington-street, Southwark. Comps. F. Walters, P.Z. and M.E.Z.; C. Tyler, P.Z., as H.; A. D. Loewenstark, as J., opened the chapter. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of the candidates.

Comp. A. Avery, H., took the second principal's chair. Bros. T. Saffield, J. Trickett, and C. Groom being in attendance, were regularly and duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony was well rendered, and Comp. A. Avery, H., was conspicuous in his rendering of his portion of the work in such an able and efficient manner. Comp. Dr. Dixon P.Z., then took the position of M.E.Z., which he retained for the remainder of the evening. The chapter was opened punctually at seven o'clock, and there were present:—Comps. F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; A. D. Loewenstark, S.N. and Treas.; T. Y. Sabine, 1st Assist. Soj.; J. W. Avery, Dir. of Cers.; M. A. Loewenstark, W.S.; G. W. Wheeler, H. N. Gouly, and others, besides those already mentioned. Comps. C. Tyler, P.Z. 7; R. W. Little, P.Z. 975, J. 177; A. L. Dussek, 169; Barrett, 340, and others. Some joining members were proposed for admission at the next chapter meeting. It was unanimously agreed to hold all the future meetings of this chapter at the Bridge House Hotel, instead of at the Green Man Tavern, Tooley-street, Southwark. Business being ended the chapter was closed. After labour refreshment was served. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. The Janitor's toast (Comp. Laing's) brought a very happy meeting to an agreeable close.

SURREY.

BARNES.—*Rosé of Denmark* (No. 975).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the White Hart Tavern, on the 1st inst. The chapter was duly opened by Comp. R. W. Little, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; J. Terry, H.; H. G. Buss, P.Z. as J.; and among the companions present during the evening were Comps. A. A. Pendlebury, P.S.; Powell, 1st Assist. Soj.; Turner, Dir. of Cers.; Dodd, Acting S.E.; Graham, Long, Nix, Davis, Price, Gurney, &c. Visitors, Comps. Barlow, Z. designate 174; Barrett, 340; Barnes, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes, Comp. Terry's motion that the chapter be removed to the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, was brought forward and carried. Comp. Little was presented with a Past Principal's collar and jewel, by the subscriptions of the companions, in addition to a F.Z.'s jewel voted from the funds of the chapter. The chapter was then closed, and the companions, having partaken of some slight refreshment, separated.

LANCASHIRE WEST.

GARSTON.—*Chapter of Harmony* (No. 220).—This chapter held its regular meeting on the 21st of March, at the rooms in the Wellington Hotel. Companions Leedham, Z.; Hamer, H.; Pearson, J.; Larsen, P.S.; Ladmore, E.; Bunting, K.; Pepper, P.Z.; May, P.Z.; Lloyd, Kyle, Burrows, Johnson, and Hammerstein. Visitors—Companions J. P. Platt, P.Z. 477; Lewin, P.Z. 477; Nosworthy, 477; Stevenson, 477; John Jones, 203, &c. The minutes of the previous chapter having been confirmed, Bro. Lovelady, of Lodge 1035, was balloted for, and having been accepted and prepared, was duly exalted, according to the established usage, and declared himself a subscribing member. On the proposition of Comp. May, seconded by Comp. Leedham, it was unanimously agreed to send the sum of £10 to the Aged Freemasons' Institution, in the names of the three Principals, thereby making them Life Governors. The chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where they found a table amply covered in Comp. Wood's usual elegant style. The usual Masonic toasts having been disposed of, "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the M.E.Z., who expressed his great pleasure at seeing several of the Cheshire companions present, and called upon Comp. Platt to respond. The latter accepted the call, and in an eloquent speech remarked upon the neat and careful working he had witnessed; it was the first time he had had that pleasure, and he was sure as hearty a welcome waited the members of the Garston Chapter in the adjoining province as he had received that evening. After several of the companions had favoured the meeting with songs, recitations, &c., the meeting separated, well pleased with themselves and each other.

GARSTON.—*Chapter of Harmony* (No. 220).—This chapter was held on the 9th ult. Companions present:—Leedham, as Z.; Hamer, H.; Pearson, J.; Larsen, P.S.; Ladmore, E.; John Jones, of 203, as N.; May, P.Z.; Kellett Smith, 249; H. D. Johnson, P.S. 249; J. Mercer Johnson, 249; Lewen, P.S., 477, and a good attendance of companions. The ballot was taken, and was unanimous for Bros. Marshall, of 220; and J. C. Hutchinson, of 594; and the latter, being in attendance, was exalted by the M.E.Z., the usual lectures being delivered by

the Principals. At the banquet table the two visiting companions Johnson vied with each other in giving recitations, the one delivering the "Charge of the Six Hundred" in the Crimea, and the other following with an equally celebrated piece, "Ben-hadden." The time passed pleasantly, and the visitors confessed that they had never enjoyed so pleasant an evening, both of labour and refreshment.

MARK MASONRY.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

The half-yearly communication was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn. Present:—

- Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Grand Master.
- „ Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A. Deputy G. Master.
- „ W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.J.W., as J.G.W.
- „ John Udall, P.G.S.G. as S.G.W.
- „ T. F. Ravenshaw G. Chap.
- „ W. J. Skilton G. Chap.
- „ W. J. Hughan G.J.O.
- „ J. R. Stebbing G. Treas.
- „ F. Binckes G. Sec.
- „ Jos. Nunn G.S.D.
- „ Ed. Turner G.J.D.
- „ R. Spencer G.S.B.
- „ F. Davison G. Org.
- „ J. H. Wynne G.I.G.

The G. Stewards for the year:—Bros. Sir E. A. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G. Chap.; C. Swan, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Meggy, P.G. Steward, and the Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren of many private lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge held in December last were read.

Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., was unanimously elected G. Master for the year ensuing, and was proclaimed and saluted in ancient form.

Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing was unanimously re-elected G. Treasurer.

The G. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Grand Officers:—

- Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal D.G.M.
- „ Lord Warkworth G.S.W.
- „ T. H. G. Wyndham J.G.W.
- „ Rev. W. J. Skilton } G. Chaps.
- „ Rev. C. R. Pettat }
- „ J. R. Stebbing G. Treas.
- „ James Cole G. Reg.
- „ F. Binckes G. Sec.
- „ George Moore, M.D. G.M.O.
- „ J. R. Goepel G.S.G.
- „ S. C. Dibdin G.J.O.
- „ C. T. Townsend G.S.D.
- „ F. J. Lilley G.J.D.
- „ B. Dicks G. Insp. of Works.
- „ R. Lose G. Dir. of Cers.
- „ W. Reynolds G. Assist. D. of Cers.
- „ John Copley G. Sword Bearer.
- „ Robert Watts G. Standard Bearer.
- „ W. A. Barrett G. Org.
- „ F. Walters G.I.G.

The following brethren were appointed Grand Stewards for the year, viz.:—Bros. Edward Baxter, Bon Accord Lodge; W. Stone, Kent Lodge; Winterbotham, Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge (No. 10); T. J. Sabine, Southwark Lodge (No. 22); W. Turner, St. Marks Lodge (No. 24); W. Murray, Cumberland Lodge (No. 60); Cunningham, Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75); T. Chirgwin, Fortitude Lodge (No. 78).

The following brethren were nominated and re-elected members of the General Board, viz.:—Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, D.G.M.; Lord Warkworth, G.S.W.; T. H. G. Wyndham, G.J.W.; J. R. Stebbing, G. Treas.; James Cole, G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes, G. Sec.; F. Davison, P.G. Org.; R. Spencer, P.G. Sword Bearer; and W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.W. Bros. Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.; Thomas Meggy, Magnus Ohren, and W. H. Warr, P.G. Stewards.

The report of the General Board was read, and on motion

duly proposed and seconded, received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

The General Board reports that since the last meeting of Grand Lodge there have been issued 250 certificates exclusive of fifty blank certificates sent out to the colonies, while two lodges have been added to the roll, viz., the Beaudesert Lodge (No. 97), Leighton Buzzard; and the St. Marks Lodge (No. 24), London. The latter was formerly the St. Marks Lodge (No. 1), and the first lodge established in London under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

In the year 1859 a warrant was granted for a lodge to meet at Totnes, in the County of Devon. Soon after the consecration and opening of the lodge the warrant, furniture, &c., were destroyed by fire, and no steps having been taken to obtain a fresh warrant, the lodge ceased to meet; application however has recently been made, with a representation of the circumstances attending the destruction of the property of the lodge, satisfactorily vouched for, by the Provincial Grand Master, upon whose recommendation a warrant to replace that destroyed has been issued at a nominal fee, which it is hoped may be destined to a longer existence than that of the original.

In accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, held in December last, based upon the recommendation of the board, submitted in consequence of a memorial strongly urging the inexpediency of the establishment of a Benevolent Fund, circulars with questions and forms for reply were issued to the Masters of the various lodges, to enable them to elicit from the members thereof a definite expression of opinion on the question, for the guidance and information of the Board.

Replies have been received from 23 lodges, 11 being in favour of, and 12 against, the establishment of such fund, with letters from many individual brethren opposing its formation. Although in accordance with the terms of the circular issued it might justifiably be inferred that a majority of the lodges approve of the proposed fund, the opposition to its establishment is so considerable as to induce the Board to recommend the withdrawal of the scheme, it being, in their opinion, unwise to introduce a measure, which would in all probability become a source of dissatisfaction if forced upon a reluctant and unwilling minority, whose views and opinions deserve respect and consideration. Still, however, maintaining the desirability of establishing a special Fund of Benevolence for the relief of Mark Masters, the Board recommends that a grant from the General Fund to the amount of £50 be made for that purpose, and that contributions in aid of such fund be invited from lodges and individual Mark Masters.

A letter has been received from Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Prov. G. Master for Bengal, suggesting the advantage of an alteration in the financial year, which now terminates on the 31st of May, so that the annual returns and dues may be made out and remitted in time to reach England before the meeting of Grand Lodge in June, which it is obviously impossible can be the case under the present arrangement. The reasons alleged in support of the adoption of this suggestion affords the Board an opportunity for again calling the attention of the Masters of Lodges to the necessity of the observance of greater punctuality in making their returns and remitting the dues to Grand Lodge. In furtherance of this object the Board recommends the substitution of a quarterly due of sixpence in lieu of the present half-yearly due of one shilling, and that the financial year shall commence on the 1st of January.

Owing to an entire alteration in the arrangements connected with the management of the property at No. 14, Bedford-row, the Board recommended a removal of the office from that locality to more commodious and convenient premises in Great Queen-street, by which the facilities for the despatch of business will be largely increased, and the annual expenses of Grand Lodge sensibly diminished.

The Board having had under its consideration the suggestion for holding occasional meetings of Grand Lodge in the provinces, recommend that the following addition be made to the Book of Constitutions at page 7, section 8:—

"The Grand Master shall, however, at his discretion or on the application of any P.G.M., or of the Master of a lodge in a province where there is no Provincial Grand Lodge, hold an occasional Grand Lodge in the months of March and September in such province, for which notices of motion shall be given in the same manner as at the Ordinary Grand Lodge. Resolutions passed at such occasional Grand Lodge shall not have the force of law until confirmed by a regular Grand Lodge. The attend-

ance of Grand Officers shall not be compulsory at such occasional Grand Lodges."

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer are submitted, shewing a balance in favour of Grand Lodge of £186 19s. 3d.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, D.G.M., Chairman.

March 29th, 1867.

The recommendations of the Board were, on motions severally proposed and seconded, adopted, with the addition of an instruction to the Board to prepare a scheme for the collection, investment and distribution of the funds contributed for benevolent purposes, and to submit the same for consideration at the meeting of Grand Lodge in December next.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, that these portions of the minutes of the Grand Lodges held in June and December, 1866, referring to the establishment of a Fund of Benevolence be rescinded.

The M.W.G. Master was pleased to inform Grand Lodge that he had appointed Bro. Frederick Martin Williams, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall. From the zeal and popularity of that distinguished brother he anticipated the best results to the Mark Degree from the appointment.

Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the Grand Master.

The dinner, dessert, and wines reflected the greatest credit on the management of the Inns of Court Hotel, the entire arrangements affording entire satisfaction to every one present.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

OXFORDSHIRE.

OXFORD.—*Cœur de Lion Encampment*.—The annual festival was held on Friday, the 24th ult., and was presided over by Sir Knt. C. T. Hawkins, G. Capt. of Lines, who, after installing seven brethren into the Order in that perfect and admirable style which distinguishes his work, vacated the chair and requested the D. Prov. G. Commander, Bro. Alderman Spiers, to instal his successor in office, the Rev. W. F. Short (Grand Provost) Fellow and Tutor of New College. He appointed as his officers, Sir Knts. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, 1st Capt.; and the Rev. J. Bradford, 2nd Capt.; the Rev. A. B. Frazer (of Cambridge) Prelate; A. E. Hardy, Reg.; and to other offices, Sir Knts. S. P. Spiers, Stephenson, the Earl of Jersey, Turner, Atkinson, Capt. Lamert, Hurford, Lord Warkworth, &c. A sumptuous banquet followed, and the E. Commander was supported by the Prov. G. Commander; Colonel Bowyer, the D. Prov. G. Commander (Alderman Spiers), T. M. Talbot, Prov. G.M. of South Wales; E. J. Morris, of the St. George's Encampment; W. Thompson, G. Constable; Harrison, P.G. Org.; Bevers, P.G. Herald; Dudley, Rev. R. F. Palmer, P. Newman, Oldham, Taunton, Roe, and others, in addition to the officers whose names are given above. The E. Commander presided at the banquet, and proposed the toasts with his accustomed ability, and the Sir Knights separated shortly before twelve o'clock, after passing a most agreeable evening.

RED CROSS KNIGHTS.

METROPOLITAN.

ROSE AND LILY CONCLAVE (No. 3).—The second regular assembly of this young and flourishing conclave was held on the 25th ult. at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. The conclave was duly opened by Sir Knt. Little, G. Recorder, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Knt. Walters, M.P.S., assisted by Sir Knts. R. Ord, J.G. as V.E.; McKiernan, as S.G.; Terry, P. Sov., Recorder; Cottebrune, H.P.; Gurney, Prefect; Graham, Standard Bearer; and Comp. Gilbert, Sentinel. The minutes of the inaugural assembly were then unanimously confirmed, and ballots were taken for several candidates whose names were on the agenda paper. The following brethren being in attendance, were then admitted, received, constituted, and installed as Knts. of the Order, according to ancient custom, viz.:—Bros. John G. Dyer and John Watts, of the Neptune Lodge, 22, and of 820; Edward Palmer, Britannic Lodge, 33; Henry N. Hewett, Rose of Denmark Lodge, 975; and James Griffin, New Wandsworth Lodge, 1,044. A Grand College of Viceroy's was then opened by Sir Knt. Little, assisted by Sir Knt. Terry, as H.P.

when the above-named knights, together with Sir Knts. T. F. Giles, G. T. Noyce, and Alfred Thompson were admitted to the Priestly Order of Eusebius, and duly confirmed as Chiefs in the College of Viceroy. After this interesting ceremony the conclave was closed after the usual prayer by the High Prelate. As the members very laudably desire to husband their funds for the purchase of furniture and other paraphernalia, without which the solemn rites of the Order cannot be efficiently performed, there was not any banquet on this occasion at the expense of the conclave, but about fifteen Knights Companions remained, under the presidency of Sir Knt. Ord, and partook of a capital supper, provided at short notice by the worthy host. The usual toasts were duly honoured. Sir Knt. Little responded for the Grand Viceroy Eusebius, Sir Knt. Williams, *M.P.*, and the rest of the Grand Council, after which the health of the absent *M.P.S.* was proposed, coupled with that of his representative, Sir Knt. Ord. Sir Knt. Noyce proposed the health of Sir Knt. Terry, whose proficient rendering of the ritual has been of great service in three conclaves of the Order, and that worthy frater responded in hearty terms for the kind reception of his name. We feel assured that the Rose and Lily Conclave has a brilliant future before it. Earnest thinkers and talented brethren are already to be found amongst its children—men who express their high sense of the elevated teachings of the Order, and whose utmost endeavours will be exerted to promote its prosperity. In the course of the evening the G. Recorder undertook to confer the dignity of K.H.S. and Knight of St. John upon all members of the conclave who were also Royal Arch Masons, in conformity with an edict to that effect recently promulgated by the Grand Council, and this intimation was received with great satisfaction, most of the Knts. being eligible, having attained the supreme degree of Ancient Craft or Capitular Masonry.

THE WEEK.

THE COURT.—The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, rode out on ponies on the morning of the 29th ult. In the afternoon her Majesty drove out, accompanied by Princess Louise, and attended by the Hon. Mrs. Gordon. The Queen, accompanied by Princess Louise, rode out on ponies on the morning of the 30th ult. In the afternoon her Majesty drove, accompanied by Princess Christian. Her Majesty gave a dance to the tenants and servants of Balmoral in a tent near the Castle. Her Majesty, accompanied by the Royal Family, and attended by the Ladies and Gentlemen in Waiting, was present during the afternoon, and again after the supper in the evening. The Queen went out driving on the morning of the 31st ult., accompanied by Princess Christian. In the afternoon her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Louise, rode on ponies up to the Sheil in Glen Gelder. The Queen drove out on the morning of the 1st inst., accompanied by Princess Christian. In the afternoon her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Louise and Prince Leopold, and attended by the Duchess Dowager of Athole, drove to the Lynn of Quoich. The Queen attended Divine Service in the parish church of Crathia on the 2nd inst. The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, rode out on ponies on the morning of the 3rd inst. In the afternoon her Majesty drove out, accompanied by Princess Christian and Princess Louise.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.—In the **HOUSE OF LORDS** on the 31st ult. the royal assent was given by commission to fifty-nine bills, including the following public bills:—Customs (Inland Revenue), Fortifications (Provision for Expenses), National Debt, Habeas Corpus Suspension (Ireland) Act Continuance No. 2, Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act (1851) Amendment, Inclosure, Local Government Supplemental, and Land Drainage Supplemental Bills. The commissioners were the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Cadogan, and Lord Colville.—At the evening sitting the Earl of Derby announced that the Superior Spanish Court, to which the case of the *Tornado* had been referred,

had quashed the decision of the court below. There would, therefore, be a new trial of the case.—Earl Russell gave notice of a motion for the 24th of June against the Irish Church. Subsequently there was some talk about the cattle plague, in the course of which the Duke of Marlborough said there had only been two cases in London during the past week.—The Earl of Kimberley moved the second reading of the Offices and Oaths Bill, and a discussion thereon ensued. The rejection of the bill was moved, and the Earl of Derby suggested its postponement. It was, however read a second time. A similar course was taken with the Transubstantiation, &c., Declaration Abolition Bill, and their lordships afterwards put other measures on the stage.—On the 3rd inst., the House had a lengthy conversation in reference to the reported intention to remove the Knightsbridge Barracks. The speeches were not of any general interest. Several bills having been advanced a stage, there was much discussion and several amendments and divisions upon the report of the increase of the Episcopal Bill. Some of the amendments were carried, and the report agreed to. Their lordships adjourned at a quarter to eight o'clock.—On the 4th inst. the House pushed several bills forward a stage. A conversation arose as to the discrepancies between the standing orders of the House of Lords and those of the House of Commons in reference to railway bills. Lord Stanley of Alderley suggested that some measures should be taken to reconcile the two sets of standing orders. Lord Redesdale suggested a course by which the difficulty might be got over, but insisted that the standing order of their lordships was a perfectly fair one. After some conversation the Duke of Richmond undertook, on the part of the Government, to take some steps by which an understanding on the subject between the two Houses might be come to. Their lordships rose at twenty minutes to seven o'clock.—In the **HOUSE OF COMMONS**, on the 30th ult., the Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to Sir Andrew Agnew, said it would be premature to withdraw the Scotch Reform Bill with a view of making it more in accordance with the English bill and with the wishes of Scotland.—Lord Stanley, answering a question put to him by Mr. Monk, said he had no late information as to the ex-Emperor Maximilian. He discredited the report that Juarez had ordered Maximilian to be shot.—The House having gone into committee on the Reform Bill, took up the consideration of clause 8, the first of the redistribution part of the bill. The clause proposed to disfranchise Yarmouth, Lancaster, Totnes, and Reigate. The Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed to postpone the clause in order that he might add to it a recital of the reasons why the boroughs were to be disfranchised. This course was opposed, and eventually Mr. Disraeli read the recital which he wished to add. This set forth statements in the reports of the Bribery Commissioners to the effect that the boroughs were incurably venal, and therefore ought to be disfranchised. Then, on the clause being put to the House, various amendments were proposed. Sir George Bowyer wished to strike the clause out altogether. Mr. Baxter wished to reduce the members for Yarmouth and Lancaster to one for each place. Other members had amendments to strike out one or other of the places named from the clause. In the course of the discussion, Mr. Gladstone insisted upon the necessity for punishing the corruption of the places named, while Mr. Bright protested against punishing the innocent along with the guilty, as would be done if the boroughs were wholly disfranchised. A motion to omit Yarmouth from the clause was negatived, and then on a division the recital proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer was added to the clause by 325 votes to 49. When

the clause was put to the committee another discussion arose, and so far as Lancaster and Yarmouth were concerned, it was urged that the punishment would be sufficient if the writs were suspended for a long time. Mr. Baxter moved an amendment, the effect of which would be to suspend the writs for fifteen years. This and other amendments were, however, negatived, and the clause was carried and stands part of the bill.—On the 31st ult., the House did a fair amount of work at its morning sitting. At the evening sitting there was a long and interesting discussion on the position of the Queen's University in Ireland.—In the House, on the 3d inst., Lord Stanley, in reply to a question put to him, said he had no information as to the alleged shooting of the ex-Emperor Maximilian. He thought that in the disturbed state of Mexico despatches had very likely been intercepted. In reply to another question, Lord Stanley said he had not joined in any identical note to the Porte in reference to Crete.—There was a small squabble about the appointments of a committee to inquire into the operation of the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill. Mr. Vance and his friends insist that the committee named by Mr. McEvoy is one-sided and unfair, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer declines to interfere. Mr. McEvoy, however, offered, if the objectors would put forward names of their own, to take them into consideration.—On the 4th inst., the House had a morning sitting, beginning at two o'clock. It was proposed to read a third time and pass the North British Railway (Carlisle Deviation) Bill, to which an objection was taken on a previous occasion, and repeated to-day by Mr. Hadfield and Mr. D. Griffith, because it contains a provision for the erection of preference stock. It was proposed by Mr. Hadfield that the motion for the third reading should be postponed for a fortnight, thus giving an opportunity for settling the matter amicably. During the discussion that ensued Colonel W. Patten urged that no benefit could arise from resisting the progress of the bill. At the same time he felt bound to say that he supported the bill with regret, in consequence of the objectionable proposal contained in it respecting the creation of pre-preference stock. The bill was ultimately read a third time and passed. At the evening sitting, Lord Enfield moved for a select committee to inquire into the law and practice relating to special and common juries. The Government assented to the appointment of a committee, and the motion was carried. Various other subjects were subsequently discussed.—On the 5th inst. the Speaker was in attendance at noon, but nearly a quarter of an hour elapsed before the House was complete. Several petitions were presented, including one by Mr. Bright from Joseph Cartwright, praying the House to interpose its moral weight to prevent the recurrence of the barbarities committed by the Turkish troops in Candia. Mr. Mill gave notice, on the part of Mr. Ayrton, of a proposed amendment in the Bankruptcy Bill, declaring it to be unjust that a person owing £50 in one debt, or several debts amounting to £100, should be entitled to his discharge from all liabilities, except as to future acquired property, on payment of one-half of the amount due, while persons becoming insolvent for a less amount should be liable to continual imprisonment unless they should pay the full amount.—The second reading of the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Education Bill was moved by Mr. Ewart, who explained it subject to be to open up the universities, restore the ancient university system, and encourage competition in letters and science. By this means he anticipated that university education would be rendered cheaper than at present, and therefore attainable by persons now excluded from its advantages. Mr. B. Hope moved that the bill be read a second time that day six months. He objected to the measure, because he considered it reactionary, and that it would prove

either futile or mischievous. The gist of the bill lay in a few words—providing that any person might be matriculated without being entered as a member of any college, and might, if he should think fit, join himself to any college or hall with the consent of the head, but without being obliged to reside within the same, and that such persons should in all respects be considered members of the universities. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Powell, who remarked that there was no provision in the bill for keeping terms. Mr. Neato, Sir W. Heathcote, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Fawcett took part in the debate. Mr. Lowe earnestly supported the second reading of the bill, but declined to affirm all its principles, and recommended that it should be referred to a select committee. Mr. Honley admitted the subject should be inquired into, but should not be decided in such a bill as that before the House. Mr. Gladstone considered that what Mr. Honley thought was objectionable in the bill was a merit in it, and spoke in favour of the measure. Eventually the bill was read a second time by 164 votes to 150, and was ordered to be referred to a select committee.—Subsequently there was rather a warm discussion between Mr. Newdegate and the Speaker. It had been moved that the second reading of a bill in reference to Roman Catholic churches and schools in Ireland should be postponed to the 3rd of July. Mr. Newdegate wished thereupon to discuss the merits of the bill, but the Speaker insisted that he was not entitled to do so. Eventually the bill was postponed.

GENERAL HOME NEWS.—The statue of that honest statesman and good man, the late Lord Herbert of Lea, was unveiled in front of the War Office in Pall-mall on the 1st inst. The Duke of Cambridge and Mr. Gladstone both took part in the proceedings, which were of an extremely interesting character, although there was an absence of all ostentation or show. After the Duke of Cambridge had unveiled the statue of the late Sidney Herbert, he went to the Lock Hospital and opened a new wing of that institution. The Hon. A. Kinnaird has interested himself greatly in procuring funds for the extension of the hospital, and had on Saturday the gratification of seeing his labours nobly crowned. The institution does a great work well.—The corner-stone of the Holborn Viaduct was laid on the 3rd inst. by Mr. Deputy Fry, chairman of the City Improvements Committee. This great work, when completed, will undoubtedly be one of the most splendid improvements which London has ever had. The City authorities have taken it in hand apparently with the firm determination to carry it out in a manner creditable to themselves and to the city which they represent. The ceremony was much marred by the bad weather.—The Court of Exchequer, on the 4th instant, gave judgment in the case of the Attorney-General v. Dakin and others. The defendants are the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and some of their officers, under a writ of *feri facias*, seized goods belonging to Lord Henry Gordon in Hampton Court Palace. It was contended that this was a violation of the privileges of the Queen, inasmuch as Hampton Court is a royal palace. Mr. Baron Bramwell and Mr. Baron Martin both held that Hampton Court was not a royal residence in the sense necessary to render the privilege contended for on behalf of the Crown applicable. The Lord Chief Baron thought different, but the majority being for the defendants, the decision was in their favour.

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 STADARONA (Quebec).—For all purposes of Arch Masonry the three Principals, two Scribes, and three Sojourners, or companions representing the two latter, must be present to render the chapter complete.