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MASONIC DISCIPLINE.—VIII.

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Previous to investigating in categorical detail the duties of the respective officers in a lodge, and accepting as a lamentable but incontestible fact, that as a rule they are entirely incompetent to perform them, a general remedy must be sought. Where is this to be found, and how shall it be ensured that the regular routine duty of every officer in a lodge shall be performed with the same accuracy, precision and fidelity that characterise the evolutions of a well drilled regiment? It may be answered, what are our lodges of Instruction for? Let the brethren attend there and they can all learn their duty. If the brethren were to attend, and *if* they were to learn their duty we should have no more to say. But the brethren do *not* attend; they do *not* learn their duties, and the very fact that the working of our lodges is in its present deplorable condition is the best proof that lodges of Instruction are totally inadequate to the occasion. They are powerless to contend with this great and acknowledged evil which constitutes one of the most prominent and most serious wholesale departures from the true principles of "Masonic Discipline." Unless our ceremonies are conducted with fervency and zeal, they fall as flat as ditch water upon the eye and ear of the initiate. Unless some vitality, some reality is imparted to the working of a lodge it is in vain to hope, to impress the candidate, the initiate, the F.C. or the M.M. with a due sense of the serious nature and sacred character of the obligations they have taken upon themselves.

It is quite evident to every working brother, that he cannot learn to perform the duties of the respective officers, by attending simply at his own lodge. Independently of what has been already stated, that the duties are not properly or efficiently performed, the intervals of attendance are so few and far between, that it would be a matter of sheer impossibility for the most retentive memory and most assiduous intellect to master the ritual, even should a knowledge of the mere routine work be correctly acquired. Attendance therefore at a lodge of instruction becomes imperative upon every Mason who is desirous of properly "learning his trade." He must in fact go to school again; and learn his Masonic catechism. Were all the brethren

to do this our lodges would not present the lamentable spectacle that most of them do, but the evil being acknowledged, it remains to find a remedy. Can a remedy be found? We think so; provided those in authority will seriously take up the matter, and encourage the project we are now about to submit to the consideration of the Craft at large. The present state of our lodges, the loose manner in which the ceremonies and duties are performed, and the general laxity of "Masonic Discipline" throughout the various component sub-divisions of our noble institution, are incontestible proofs that the supreme authority ought to exercise more immediate supervision, over the welfare and status of the individual lodges committed to its care. What is really and urgently required to keep the working of our lodges up to the mark, to stimulate the officers to an earnest and faithful performance of their duties, and to maintain that universality of ritualistic phrasology and ceremonial routine, which is alike the boast and the falsehood of Masonry, is the appointment of Masonic inspectors. We shall return to this subject on another occasion; let us now consider the remedy for the great evil alluded to.

The present age is pre-eminently one of examinations. There are very few situations of either a private or a public character, into which the entrée is open, without the candidate being required to undergo a "test of merit" of some description or another. In some instances the ordeal is of a severe and trying nature; in others it is merely nominal, but still the very circumstance that some preliminary preparation is necessary, that some degree of knowledge, however slight, is demanded of the novice, is an unmistakable indication that the spirit of the times is universally in favour of merit and ability. Is Freemasonry to be a solitary exception to the principle that governs the whole world and actuates every living being, viz., progression? It must be borne in mind also that the individual or the collective body, that does not progress in the present day—retrogrades. There is no intermediate stage, in neutral ground. Go forward or go back are the only alternatives, stop still, one cannot. Progression is totally distinct from both innovation, and alteration or change. So far as Masonry is concerned it signifies that yielding or adapting itself to the exigencies of modern times which can alone ensure its future success and advancement. It is a great and flagrant error to calculate the progress of the

Order by the number of new lodges consecrated, of members initiated into our mysteries. Every E.A. is not necessarily a true and faithful brother, nor is every new lodge always consecrated under authority of the "Grand Lodge." If there is one circumstance that will ultimately seriously imperil the safety of our time honoured Institution, it will be disunion, secession, and dissent. Where there is no fixed standard, or at the best, but an imperfect standard, carelessly enforced in many instances altogether unheeded, there will not be wanting earnest, energetic and able opponents, who will be quick to perceive, and ready to take advantage of our short comings, and in process of time rear up the fabric of a spurious order, founded upon the neglect and incompetency visible in our own. These are no idle statements, no vague fears, no prophecies of imaginary evil put forward to alarm more susceptible brethren. The history of the whole world from the year one A.L. is a continued series of corroborations of our assertions, and why is Masonry to be an exception? It is unquestionably a matter of great self congratulation and rejoicing, to witness the daily accession to our ranks, of men of ability, education, rank and wealth, but at the same time it should act as a spur upon the authorities to prove the Order worthy of its members. An officer who knows his own duty, and joins a regiment where the commonest points of discipline are totally neglected, and where no notice of the matter is taken at head quarters, endeavours first of all to remedy the state of things by his own efforts, and finding that an impossibility, quits the regiment in disgust.

In order to ensure that an officer proposing to accept office in a lodge, is thoroughly competent to fulfil his duties, there is obviously no other available plan of ascertaining the fact, except by direct examination. It will now be seen that the remedy we advocate consists of the examination of every officer who intends taking office in a lodge, in those duties he will be called upon to fulfil. The manner of carrying out this examination; the constitution of a board of examiners, and the other necessary details to complete the whole scheme will be separately discussed hereafter. For many reasons it would not be advisable at the commencement to make these examinations compulsory, nor would it be fair and just to expect that old Masons those who have borne the toil and heat of the day should enter the lists with young competitors. The outline of our scheme is as

follows. Let a board of examiners be appointed, to sit at certain times at a certain place, to examine fully and completely all those who may choose to present themselves for examination for the various offices tenable in a lodge. Let the board be empowered to grant certificates of competency to all those who prove themselves entitled to them. As the examination will be perfectly voluntary, no one need present himself unless he likes, unless he is in reality a working Mason, and intends to qualify himself efficiently for his duties whether as I.G. or W.M. It would be soon found that these certificates of competency would be eagerly sought for, and that which was regarded as a novelty and an exception, would speedily become the rule. There would in fact be need of any compulsion save that of moral force. No sooner were one or two officers of a lodge to be "certificated" than it would become virtually a standing rule in that lodge that all future officers should prove themselves qualified by the possession of a similar testimonial. At the present time when degrees, certificates or diplomas for proficiency in every branch of knowledge, are sought not merely by men, but by women, the onus of instituting some test, of establishing some criterion, some standard of efficiency among Masonic officers, lies heavy upon those exercising the supreme authority in all matters connected with the Craft. The plan we suggest is simple, feasible, voluntary, and would gradually but surely accomplish what every brother, who has the welfare of the Fraternity at heart, must desire to so effected. It is unquestionably the only method by which the evil can be remedied, and the working of our lodges carried on upon a uniform consistent and efficient basis.

INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

This important and flourishing Institute held its Inaugural Meeting in Freemasons' Hall upon Friday, 29th January, 1869. The following brethren, among others, were present:—

James Glaisher, Esq., F.R.S., President of Royal Microscopical and Meteorological Societies, &c., Hyde Clarke, Esq., Corresponding Member of German Oriental Society, American Oriental Society, and Royal Society of Northern Antiquarians; Charles Hutton Gregory, Esq., F.R.S., President of Institute of Civil Engineers, &c.; William Smith, Esq., C.E., F.R.G.S., F.G.S., &c.; R. J. Spiers, Esq., F.S.A., D.P.G.M., Oxford, &c.; George Lambert, Esq., P.M.; A. S. Gnosspilius, Esq.; Hyde Pullen,

Esq., D.P.G.M. Isle of Wight, Secretary, Supreme Council; F. W. Marchant, Esq., Joseph A. Horner, Esq., Member Masonic Author's Society; Thomas Middleton, Esq.; J. S. Leigh, Esq.; Hall Grigor, Esq., (of Robertson's Lodge, Cromarty); Henry Grissell, Esq., S.G.D.; George Barlow, Esq.; W. J. Norfolk, Esq., George Kenning, Esq.; Henry Melville, Esq.; Edward Palmer, Esq.; Wharton P. Hood, Esq.; R. P. Spiers, Esq.; W. Trego Esq.; John R. Sharp, Esq.; A. Sooboda, Esq.; Henry Bridges, Esq.; D.P.G.M. Somersetshire; Franz Thimm, Esq.; L. E. Rees, Esq.; J. Sharp, Esq.; Anthony Oneal Haye, Esq., President General Masonic Author's Society, P.M., P.Z., &c., &c., Corresponding Member of the German Society, and others.

Upon the motion of Mr. William Smith, *O.E.*, Mr. James Glaisher F.R.S. Chairman of the Council of the Institute, in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Dalhousie, *K.T.*, G.M.M. of Scotland, Patron, who had gone to winter at Cannes, was called to the chair, Messrs. Hyde Pullen and Anthony Oneal Haye taking their seats as Honorary Secretaries. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from—

The Earl of Dalhousie, The Earl de Grey and Ripon, D.G.M. of England; Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., P.G.W.; Dr. Barton, R.W.P.G.M. Western India; John Havers, Esq., P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, Esq., P.G.W.; A. J. McIntyre, Esq., G. Reg.;—Roxburgh, Esq., P.G. Reg.; Mr. Sergeant Sargood; Rev. Mr. Simpson, G. Chap.; John Hervey, Esq., G. Sec.; John Symonds, Esq., P.G.D., G.W.; K. Potter, Esq., P.G.D., P.M. No. 1; Rev. Walter F. Short, *M.A.*, New College, Oxford; Captain Nathaniel G. Phillips, S.G.I.G. 33; W. Bollaert, Esq., Member of the University of Chili; W. Burges, Esq., F.R.S.; J. E. Saunders, Esq., F.S.A., P.M. No. 1; Robert C. May, Esq., M.I.C.E.; W. J. O. Donovan, Esq., *L.L.D. M.R.S.A. P.M.*; Hollingworth, Esq., P.M. No. 63;—Wood, Esq., (Brighton) P.G.S.;—Wendt, Esq.; W. Hepworth Dixon, Esq.; C. H. Fielden, Esq., P.M.; Captain Payne, P.G.S.; W. Wigginton, Esq., *F.R.S., B.A.*, P.G.S.W. Worcester, P.M.; Samuel Poynter, Esq., P.M.; Dr. Marris Wilson, P.M. 63; Rev. Dr. Joseph Senior; S. C. Hall, Esq.; D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Ayr; W. J. Hughan, Esq., Truro; W. P. Buchan, Esq., Glasgow; Rev. Thomas J. Baty, and many other brethren of distinction.

Mr. Glaisher then called upon the honorary secretaries to state what donations had been received, when Mr. Hyde Pullen intimated that several valuable books and MSS. had been presented to the Institute by Messrs. Hughan, Marchant, and Oneal Haye. Votes of thanks were moved to these gentlemen for their presents, and the same directed to be engrossed in the minutes and copies forwarded to them.

The chairman then proceeded in an eloquent speech to introduce Bro. Hyde Clarke to the meeting, in which he first pointed out the value of the Institution to the progress of Freemasonry, by its affording an opportunity to thinking men, who generally after serving some years in offices in lodge retire from active service, having learned all they can learn from the Ritual. He gave copious illustra-

tions of this, and concluded by saying that it would keep in active service, the valuable and true men who otherwise would leave it.

Mr. Hyde Clarke then proceeded to read one of the ablest addresses which has yet been delivered with regard to Masonry, and we intend giving it *in extenso* in our next number. Mr. Clarke was several times heartily greeted with appreciative cheers.

Upon the conclusion of the address the chairman commenting upon it, referred to the value of those possessing Masonic information, of having an opportunity afforded to them of imparting it to less experienced brethren. He considered the Institute would supply this desideratum—and concluded by moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke. Mr. Charles Hutton Gregory, in a humorous but telling speech, seconded the motion. It was generally considered that five years exhausted a Mason's life of Masonic activity, as he had been informed by Mr. Grissell; but since with Policemen the period of active service in the force had lately risen from three to five years, the Institute would, it is believed, supply the missing link in the chain of interest, which is required to bind more firmly to our Order the men of culture who have hitherto fallen away from want of continuous interest in the proceedings of the Craft.

It was then moved by Mr. R. J. Spiers that a vote of thanks should be given to the Building Committee of Freemasons' Hall, for their kindness in granting the use of the room to the Institute. He took the opportunity of supporting the views of former speakers, and at the same time thought that the previous lack of Masonic food was now about to be supplied by means of the Institute. This vote was seconded by Mr. Henry Bridges, supported by Mr. George Lambert, and acknowledged by Mr. Grissell, P.G.D., P.M. Lodge of Antiquity, one of the Members of the Building Committee. The Honorary Secretaries, were instructed to forward to the Building Committee a copy of the vote of thanks.

The Chairman then announced that the next meeting would be held about the end of February, and would be duly announced in *THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE*, when Mr. George Lambert would read a paper upon the "Ritual of the Three Degrees used by Frederick the Great."

Amongst the other papers to be read during the present Session, are—

1. Description of an old Church at Hamburg,

of the Knights Templars' era, by Mr. Gnosspilius.

2. The Secret Societies of Mexico, by Mr. Bollaert.

3. The Arkite Theory, as found in the Ancient Mysteries, by Mr. William Smith, C.E.

4. The Druids, their History and Doctrines, by Mr. Anthony Oneal Haye.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman who had spoken so eloquently, and filled the chair with the dignity alike of a gentleman and scholar, brought the formal part of the proceedings of this truly successful meeting to a close. Thereafter the documents presented, as well as certain old parchments belonging to Mr. Oneal Haye, were examined and commented upon. Interesting conversations took place among the gentlemen, present, and although it was regretted that the inclemency of the weather had prevented many members, and others, to whom invitations had been sent, from being present, yet the high characters and talents of those who had braved the weather to take part in the proceedings of such an auspicious occasion—some coming from very considerable distances—left no doubt that the launching of the Institute was a great success, and worthy of the year in which the Earl of Zetland will complete the twenty-fifth year of his Grand Mastership of England. The energy and tact of the office bearers, too, met with commendation.

Among the names of members just elected are those of John Havers, Esq., F.R.C.S. England, &c., P.G.W.; Captain Barlow; Edwin Palmer, Esq.; John Naegeli Sharp, Esq., and many others.

We were gratified to find that the Inaugural Meeting of the Masenic Archaeological Institute was a decided success, and promises a long and useful career in the cause of Freemasonry.

THE POPE.—The friends of M. Berryer are endeavouring to clear him from the stigma of Freemasonry. All the journals have published a statement that Pio Nono was a Freemason whilst a youth in Philadelphia. The friends of M. Berryer are positively indignant at the imputation that he joined the society which is so proud of itself. M. Frederick Terme, however, proves conclusively in the *Epoque* that M. Berryer was installed in the first two grades of the masonic hierarchy. M. Terme was present. He said: "I recollect very well that on the occasion a slight departure was made from the puerile and symbolical tests, as well as from certain antiquated doctrines, which form part of the philosophy of the Order. I may add that M. Berryer, in his declarations, appeared to me to be very anxious to reconcile his Christian faith with the liberalism and the sentiments of brotherhood which Freemasonry in France has the pretensions to represent."

ON THE PROTO-ETHNIC CONDITION OF ASIA MINOR, THE KHALUBES (CHALYBES), IDÆI DACTYLI, AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE MYTHOLOGY OF IONIA.

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(Concluded from page 85).

Of these Finger Khalubes some occupied the mountains between Magnesia ad Mæandrum and Ephesus under the name of Kerubantes and Kuretes. Magnesia ad Mæandrum was in the time of the Romans a great city for metal working, and the manufacture of arms, as I consider from the medals dedicated to Vulcan, and the neighbouring formations, which appear to me to be slag heaps. This group of Latmus and other mountains lies between the Cayster and Mæander in compact shape.

The Finger Men were considered as the worshippers, holders of the shrines, and natural priests of the mother of the gods, older than Diana, Zeus, or all the gods, being the oldest god of the country. So far as can be judged, the object of worship was a stone, and apparently a meteoric stone. A meteoric stone falling from heaven, was always received as a god or godlike statue from heaven, and its connection with iron gave the Khalubes or Finger Men a claim on it, whether in their own haunts, or found outside.

The worship of the Khalubes may be considered to have been that of a holy stone, and not necessarily of a goddess, or of a mother of gods, and they may be assumed to have worshipped also the sun and the moon.

This development of a worship of the mother of the gods in its later forms is of external invention, and the same may be judged of its earlier forms. The Khalubes profited by the doctrine attributed to their goddess, and were the accepted priests of the goddess throughout Asia Minor.

The chief seats of the worship were Ephesus, Mount Sipylus (near Smyrna), Mount Ida, Pessinus in Galatia, and Mount Berecynthus in Phrygia.

The Mount Sipylus near Smyrna and Magnesia ad Sipylum had a privileged temple, and the statue on the Rock Coddinus, which was the most ancient statue of all, and attributed to Broteus, the son of Tantalus. Sipylus is a metalliferous mountain (Pausanias III., 22). It is stated to have produced brass and named Μαγνησιος Αἰθας, or Μαγνης. It was also called Αἰθια Αἰδονη. The magnet is said to have been discovered at Magnesia ad Sipylum.

Ida is connected and confounded with Cargara. In the latter mountain, zinc appears to have been worked near Andira (Strabo XIII.), and M. Texier found scoria at Assos.

At Ephesus there is no present record of a temple of Cybele; one reason may be that it was merged in that of Hekate; another that it was in a village or town of Mount Solmissus, above Ortygia. However, all legends point to this district, and the Five Finger Mountains or Besh Parmak as the scene of the personal presence of the goddess. The statue of Diana of Ephesus, said to have fallen from heaven, and supposed to be a log, may have been a meteorite of that shape, and originally devoted to Cybele.

Pessinos in the later ages was the main seat of the worship. The statue there was a meteorite, fallen from heaven, but was transferred to Rome. The priest called Galli, recruited from the Khalubes, or imitating them practised barbarous rites.

The real centre of the worship of the mother of the gods was in the mountains near Ephesus, and a connected theory may be formed. The Khalubes were known to the Amazons and Iberians as Kuretes and Korubantes, to the Greeks as Finger-men.

The Amazon foundation of Ephesus would restrain the hill tribes. As this period is, perhaps, to be placed the legends of Khronos (Saturn) and Zeus (Jupiter), and not in the Iberian time. A son of Khronos, one of the princes of the Amazons, was sent for safety to the hills and brought up by those tribes. In subsequent contests the young man, by means of the tribes, defended his father's kingdom, and afterwards, by the help of these allies, deposed his father. Such may be the real origin of the Jovian legends, and in time we may be able to classify such materials as have been handed down to us.

The legends point to a settlement of Crete by Mygdon or Minos at the body of a head of adventurers, including members of the hill tribes, by whom the name was given to Ida, who introduced and practised the rites of Cybele, as the more advanced settlers did that of their deified ancestor, Jove. Hence the localization in Crete of so many Jovian legends. The Kuretes taught the people of Crete the keeping of flocks of goats and sheep, the forging and smelting of metals, and the keeping of bees. All these are arts of the hill tribes.

It is strange that the worship of Cybele waned in later times at Ephesus, and this may have been owing to the dying off of the hill tribes. The mysteries and magic rites of Ephesus may have been their legacy. It is strange, too, that the worship of Jove himself did not flourish in his own birthplace and cradle at Ephesus, but the great god was Diana at Ephesus, at Magnesia, and in the neighbouring country. Diana must have been a goddess of after ages, perhaps of the Iberians, who fused the worship of a national goddess with that of Cybele. Hence the birth of Diana at Ephesus. The worship of a deified man would flourish best at a distance, and hence that of Jove

was developed among the Hellenes, whose princes claimed descent from the gods.

The Hellenes, coming later, worked up the older mythology into a system, which in Hesiod is naturalistic in its origin. Hence we have Heaven and Earth producing, Time and the Mother of the Gods, these were the parents of Jupiter, and Jupiter of Diana and the later gods. Time is, perhaps, only a term for the man of unknown antiquity, and not, as it was later understood, as the passage of events. This artificial and consistent genealogy afterwards adopted among the Greeks and Romans, and into which they introduced all local gods, does not represent the original state of affairs, nor are the names employed by the Hellenic Indo-European mythologists susceptible of giving us a clue to the real origins.

After the Amazon time, the worship of Cybele was maintained through that of the Iberians down to the arrival of the Hellenes. Each contending party would use the hill tribes, and each conqueror of the port or citadel on the plain would acquire the tribute of the smelters and charcoal burners.

The name of the Cecropes, I find mixed with that of Leleges in the legends of Asia Minor, Crete, and the islands generally. There must have been many races of various origin down to the period of the Hellenic invaders and colonizers. Each leader, Iberian and Hellenic, would in his wars hire bands, not only of his own people, but of hillmen, particularly those useful as smiths and armourers, and also when they led forth colonies. These various races are recognizable in the history of Crete.

Many of these migrations must have taken place antecedent to any movements of the Phœnicians in the Levant seas. The hillmen had a share in the migrations to Crete, Cyprus, Rhodes, Lemnos, Samothrace, and, it is to be presumed, to the European continent. To them may be attributed the mountain names of Ida and Olympus. Many of the mountain names of Asia Minor and Greece appear to be neither Amazon nor Iberian, very few Iberian.

The metals worked by the Khalubes may be taken to be iron, bronze, silver, and gold, and these they worked up into weapons and armour; but the gold discoveries of the golden age of Saturn must have been performed by the Amazons or Iberians.

While their descendants, and afterwards aliens, carried on the metal-working labours of the Khalubes down to our day, another part of their national existence was represented by the priests of Cybele, degenerating, in the Roman epoch, to a mob of loafing adventurers, imitating the debasement of savages. The Kuretes and Korubantes of Ephesus and Crete, and the Kabeiri of Samothrace, coming under more intellectual auspices, developed a system of mysteries or initiation, and practised magic and incantations; but the Galli

of Pessinos, in a wilder district, preserved the native barbarism.

The chief points here sought to be explained are the situation of the Daktyli, their occupation as metal-workers in the hills, their connection with the worship of the mother of the gods, and the relationship of the Daktyli and their neighbours with the Khalubes of the East and of classic times. Further, the share the Daktyli had in the Jovian legends, and in the diffusion of metal-working and colonisation in the islands of the eastern Mediterranean, and most probably in Europe.

The further study of this subject will elucidate the relations of the Amazons, the Iberians, the undefined Cecropes, Leleges, and Pelasgi, and of the Hellenes, and the true history of their various migrations. By the help of a few remaining words, and by myths, we may identify them with the archaic history of India, as the Amazons are already philologically connected with the valleys of the Himalayas and Assam.

If we can assign to each stock its national mythology, we may obtain a better means of identification. The European relations of the Hellenes and the Iberians are known; further investigations may develop those of the Khalubes and Amazons. It may be that among these hill tribes we may find explanations of the legends of the colonies from Africa established in the north, and that the ethnology and mythology of some of the hill tribes may be found to have a southern, and not an eastern relationship—with Ethiopia, and not with India. The giants of Tartarus, the common offspring of heaven and earth, may symbolise the black races, which may have been localised in Asia Minor as in India. The chief endeavour throughout has been to analyze the confused mass of facts, and to assign each to its own locality, and particularly to Asia Minor those belonging to that ancient and remarkable centre of civilisation, thereby illustrating the antiquity of its civilisation, and that of the useful arts, better developed and recorded there than in continental Greece.

The legend of Saturn devouring his children may be a confused reminiscence of the cannibalism or bloody practises of the aborigines. Many of the Galli were eunuchs, for which various legendary reasons were given relating to the mother of the gods; but the practice was perhaps aboriginal, and connected with some propensity for castration, such as is stated to prevail in Russia. When a young man resorted to this rite he threw off his clothes, rushed naked into a troop of Galli, and castrated himself with a sword, or rather long knife. He then ran about the streets, bearing in his hands the marks of his mutilation, which he threw into some house, and in that house put on the clothing of a woman. In later times they travelled about from village to village, carrying an image of the goddess on an ass, singing verses and begging alms. One

of them played the pipe, and the others, throwing their Phrygian caps on the ground, fell into furious agitation, cutting and wounding themselves in various parts of the body. They got liberal alms. At Rome they paraded about from door to door. In the great sacrifices of the goddess they tossed their heads with great rapidity, violently contorting their bodies and limbs, and dancing to the sound of drums and flutes. It is strange to notice a likeness to dervish practices. The Galli degenerated into dissolute vagabonds. In other festivals the sacrificants of the goddess, amid a confused noise of timbrels, pipes, and symbals, howled as if mad, using the most obscene language and most indecent gestures.

It is as well to call attention to the Yuruks inhabiting the mountains of Western Asia Minor whose ethnology is undefined. They appear to be a separate people from the Turkomans, but have not been studied. The Chinganees, or Gipseys, are sometimes called Yuruks, in error. They keep cattle in the hills and neighbouring plains, and also cut wood and burn charcoal, but are not smelters. The charcoal-burning is deserving of notice, and likewise their gathering honey from the honey trees in the forests, and they keep flocks and herds, like the Kuretes. They are nominally Mahomedans, but their exact creed is not known. They are not considered as Sunnite, or orthodox, by the Turks, but are called Kizzilbash, Redheads, or Heretics, a name applied to the Shiites, though the Yuruks are not supposed by the Turks to be Shiites, like the Persians. They are reproached with various irregularities. They do not say the namaz, or daily prayers, or frequent the mosques. They hold secret assemblies at the new moon, in the hills, these assemblies being watched by sentinels to prevent intrusion, as in the ancient mysteries. On account of these assemblies the Yuruks have claimed affinity with the Freemasons. The Yuruks speak Turkish of the Anatolian dialect.

If the Yuruks should be descendants of the hill tribes, their ceremonies may be representative of the ancient mysteries.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE ORDERS OF THE RED CROSS OF ROME AND THE HOLY SEPULCHRE.

I will, if you please, commence with two plain propositions:—

1. The Orders of Constantine and the Holy Sepulchre are, at the present moment, public Orders of friendly foreign States, and have never ceased to be in active existence from the day of their foundation.

2. They have never had any connexion whatever with Freemasonry.

These, like all other public Orders, are conferred by that authority alone, in whom is vested, either hereditarily or otherwise, their supreme government

for the time being; and could no more be dispensed by any number of the present possessors of the decorations than could the 25 illustrious Companions of the Most Noble Order of the Garter bestow its proud insignia upon a distinguished twenty-sixth.

The present head of the combined Parmese and Sicilian Order of Constantine is King Victor Emmanuel II., and the power to confer the Order of the Holy Sepulchre is vested at present in the Patriarch of Jerusalem alone, the sword used for the purpose being the one said to have belonged to Godfrey de Bouillon.

The last of the Comneni had a perfect right to cede his privileges as Grand Master either by sale or otherwise. It was *his own* Order, and he could dictate whatever laws he thought proper. As his alone was the power to confer a Grand Cross, so could he curtail or enlarge the privileges of his Knights at his own pleasure; and could have equally rendered illegal the conferring by the Grand Crosses of any subordinate decorations, or dissolved the Order instead of transferring it to the Duke of Parma. But, supposing we put the sale of the Order out of the question altogether and admit the privilege of each Grand Cross to nominate a "Novice" or "Knight-in-waiting." What then? Why the Knight-in-waiting must assuredly wait, until it was the pleasure of the Grand Master of the Order to confer upon him the accolade and the superior decoration. The Grand Crosses and their Novices could do nothing to "perpetuate the Order." If the Grand Master ceased to promote the Novices and to create Grand Crosses, the institution must obviously die out. Any other theory would be to show, beyond argument, that after the first founder had created a few Grand Crosses he had reduced himself to their level and could retire from business. There are, however, two parties to every bargain, and, if this had been the state of things, the Duke Francis would not have looked with favour upon such an investment for his money.

We are now, by inference, asked to assume that a Grand Cross of the original Order, who was in this country on official duty, nominated as Novices a number of persons who were Freemasons, and that these persons thus received the right to confer upon other Masons the dignities of a public Order, then, as now, belonging to a reigning Sovereign; or, in the words of R.W.L., to "perpetuate the Order." The Order, however, has never required perpetuating; its existence has had no interregnum; but, if it had been so, I should like to see any original statute which would admit of such a proceeding as thus inferred. In the absence of it, we must be prepared to assume that any few brethren who have the fortune to receive the decoration of a foreign power, have a right to combine and set up that Order in this kingdom, and "perpetuate it" amongst their brother Masons. What should we say if the Swedish Masons, having, according to your correspondent, "J. H. S. V.," a system known as "St. Andrew's Masonry," appointed a committee who recommended appropriating the insignia of the Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and then, ignoring Her Most Gracious Majesty of England, thought it right to perpetuate the Order of the Thistle amongst the Masons of Sweden?

If the theory laid down by R.W.L. be accurate, the "Grand Council" of these Masonic Orders can have no substantial existence, because the Grand Crosses and their Noviciates can be perpetuating the Order in every province in their own right.

R.W.L. places the Red Cross Order as a *Masonic* institution, "in much the same category as the Order of the Temple, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, or the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem." But this requires some consideration. The Templars had a large establishment and numerous smaller ones, in this kingdom and in Scotland, and, although traces of them may be found in the history of other subsequent Orders, yet no distinct continuation can claim the whole Temple Order as never having lost the thread of its existence. I will not occupy space by diverging into another discussion, but I may remark that many writers, foes as well as friends, lay as well as Masonic, have admitted some claims for the Templars. I do not comprehend the comparison with the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, this Order being claimed by the sketch equally with that of Constantine, although R.W.L. makes *no attempt* to explain the title to this appropriation. A comparison with the Masonic Order of St. John is peculiarly unfortunate, as it can have no claims to represent the venerable fraternity of the Baptist, which only became dissevered in 1798, and of which all the continuing branches are perfectly well known.

I am glad to find that it was the committee of 1813 which appropriated the Cross "worn in the Priestly Order of Eusebius;" but we are not told who is responsible for the adoption of the other badges, or for the appropriation of those of the Holy Sepulchre.

I have never looked upon a Red Cross Order as new amongst Masons; but I have always believed it to be an institution peculiar to the fraternity, and not an imitation of an existing Order, the property of a foreign State. I fear that your reply to a correspondent in 1862 was significantly accurate, when you said:—"We know of no competent jurisdiction from whom you might receive it." It appears to me that you may now vary that reply by saying,—“You can receive it only at the hands of King Victor Emmanuel II., first obtaining Her Majesty's license.”

It has been asserted that 27,000 Masons went out to the Holy Land during the Crusades, and, although such a statement may be incapable of proof, there is yet some colour given to its probability when we consider that the architectural remains of the warriors of the Cross appear a remarkable evidence of greater assistance and skill than can be attributed to their martial followers. I should not have been surprised to hear that a Masonic Red Cross Order had been originated and perpetuated amongst Masons in commemoration of their thus participating in the expeditions of the Crusaders; but I am not prepared to hear that this has been simply an attempt to introduce amongst the Craft something which professes to be the decoration of a foreign Order, having no connexion with Masonry or its early traditions, or any affinity with it even indirectly. I have a strong impression that the Red Cross Order and the Priestly Order, referred to as having existed at Manchester, simply appertained to the Red Cross for many years known as having a feeble existence in a few provinces. No declaration by the Grand Priory of Scotland can

authorise the formation of Chapters of an Order which has never been Masonic and has never ceased to be private property. It might with equal propriety be declared that subordinate Priorities may form a consistory of the White Elephant of Denmark.

I do not for a moment say that the "Grand Council of England, now held under Lord Kenlis," first introduced the Masonic element into the Red Cross Order. On the contrary, I say there is *no evidence whatever* that there is *anything else* than a Masonic element, nor a shadow of proof that there *ever* was an institution in this country of the original Order of Constantine or of the Holy Sepulchre; or that the Masonic Orders called by those names have, or ever had, any connection with the Orders they assume to imitate and whose regalia they appropriate.

A very grave responsibility rests upon any nobleman, or body of gentlemen, who assume such a position as this, and who profess to confer the distinctions of Orders actually existing and well known. True, we may be told that Victor Emmanuel and the Patriarch of Jerusalem are perfectly aware that branches of their Orders exist in this country amongst the Masons, and, if this be so, all obstacles are dissipated; but I may be excused if I doubt whether the former has any idea that his Grand Crosses can be had at another mart than his own; or whether the latter has such a regard for Freemasonry as to induce him to listen to any alliance.

No doubt the promoters of these Masonic Orders have desired to place before the brethren a ceremonial of Masonic Knighthood "as ancient as any on record," but that desire should be sustained by reasonable proofs when the living Orders are amongst us to challenge the ring of the new metal. R.W.L. says—"We may safely confide its destinies to the impartial and intelligent verdict of our brethren in Freemasonry." I hope so too. I deduce from his communication that there are *no* proofs to offer of the connection with the Order of Constantine. But there is nothing whatever to be even *said* in favour of assuming the Order of the Holy Sepulchre; and that, having established the Grand Council, the promoters must now trust to the fraternity accepting all assumptions for what they are worth. I desire to treat the subject with no want of courtesy, and I therefore refrain from observations upon what is *my view* of pretending to Orders of which the ownership is so palpably well known. I, like R.W.L., must confide the question to the verdict of my brethren, and, if no better explanation can be forthcoming, I think I may venture to say that in the educated circles of those who own the mystic tie, no great prophetic power is necessary to predict what "the impartial and intelligent verdict" will be.—LURUS.

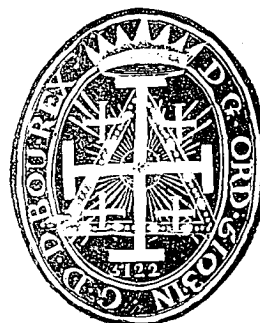
ON THE LODGE OF GLASGOW ST. JOHN.

Bro. James Anderson expresses his intention to communicate further with the *Magazine* on an early day. Perhaps, as an interesting point of Masonic law, he will kindly say whether it is a fact that Bro. Baird has never served as a Warden of a lodge, and, if so, how the difficulty was surmounted?—LURUS.

SEAL OF THE ENGLISH ORDER OF K.H.S.

In No. 497 of the *Magazine* we presented our readers with a fac-simile of the jewel of the Order of

the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem, and we now supplement it with a seal of the English Order of K.H.S., at present under the rule of Lord Kenlis.



This seal is 100 years old, and was used by the Chiefs of the Order from 1770; viz., Lord Ranccliffe, General Waller Rodwell Wright, the Duke of Sussex, and William Henry White.

In a future number we hope to give a description of a diagram recently discovered, which will throw great light upon the past relations borne by the Red Cross Order to the Masonic fraternity. In this diagram—which is conjectured to be 110 years old—the Royal Arch, Rose Croix, Kadosh, and other degrees, form part of a series, with the "Red Cross" as the *last* degree, "moral, physical, and philosophical."

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"CRUX" ON THE LODGE OF GLASGOW ST. JOHN.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have read with much interest and attention the letter of Bro. James Anderson; and, while I admire his attempt to defend the proceedings of his lodge, I confess I think he has only made matters worse. He should call to mind the Greek warning—*Μὴ Κίλει Κανὰ πλῦναι*. Perhaps he will allow me to inform him that there is no "if" in the matter, and that a reference to the passage I quoted from the columns of THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE would have prevented him casting a doubt upon the authenticity of the quotation. At the same time, he admits candidly and fairly that my "subsequent moralizings," as he is pleased to term them, would not be affected by the truth or falsehood of the report alluded to. In that surmise he is quite correct, but I think it will not be difficult to demonstrate from the contents of his own letter, that the report was, in the main, true. He admits that professional allusions were made in favour of Bro. Baird, but maintains that it was not done for the sake of disparaging the claims of his rival, but to keep intact the *distinctive* character of the lodge. May I ask what he considers to be the signification of the term *distinctive* in a *Masonic* sense? I am perfectly well aware that, not only by tacit understanding among themselves,

but also by the fact being known among the immediate brethren in the vicinity, the members of a lodge do contrive to bestow a distinctive character upon their lodge. It is a common occurrence when talking of a certain lodge to observe,—“Oh! that's such and such a lodge; nearly all the members are so and so.” This, however, is a very different matter from excluding a brother from the chair, in order to maintain the distinctive character of the lodge.

The manner in which to render a lodge distinctive, although on Masonic grounds such a course is to be reprobated, is to render it generally understood that members of only particular professions or businesses will be cordially welcomed as accessions to the lodge. As every existing member of the lodge will be aware of its *status*, it is a very simple matter to confer that character upon it. It is evident also that every lodge, in consequence of the differences existing in point of wealth, education, social rank and position of the members of the fraternity, must in some degree be distinctive, or, in other words, exclusive. But, where I disagree with Bro. Anderson is, that he attempts to support the *distinctive* character of the lodge at the expense of a member of it. This is exceedingly unfair. Whatever *distinctiveness* may exist between the members of a lodge and outsiders, there should be none between the members themselves. This is dividing a lodge against itself, and we have the highest authority for knowing what the result will be. In another passage of his letter it is impossible to fail to perceive that the writer contradicts himself. He first asserts that it was never stated at the meeting that “Bro. Baird was the richer of the two.” This statement, he says, was “simply untrue,” and yet, a little farther on in his letter, he admits that there was “a rejoinder from another brother to the effect that pounds, shillings, and pence seemed to be the test of fitness for office.” In this blunt assertion it would be difficult to discover anything but a most convincing corroboration of the fact mentioned in the report. Had no remark been made respecting the individual monetary qualifications of the two candidates, it is impossible that the “rejoinder” could have taken place. It is in itself incontestible evidence of the truth of the statement. I do not assert that the words used in the report are *verbatim et literalim*, but this is not of material consequence. It is quite clear from Bro. Anderson's letter, that, in the main, questions of a totally Anti-Masonic nature did arise in the warmth of discussion, and that it was altogether forgotten that Masonic promotion does not demand a maximum but a minimum of merit. Because one member, by virtue of natural gifts and other causes, will make a more brilliant officer than another, he is not to be promoted over the head of his less talented brother, provided the latter is competent to faithfully and accurately perform his duties. Let them each have their turn. These anomalies are all due to the utter absence of all “Masonic discipline.” Petty jealousies, private piques, and miserable individual quarrels are fast spreading their blighting influence over an institution which monarchs and kings have delighted to honour.

With regard to the last paragraph of the letter in question, I rejoice to witness that Bro. Anderson is ready to defend any brother who has been “called over the coals” for Anti-Masonic conduct. At the

same time, as the writer of one of the letters alluded to, I think it would be as well for Bro. Anderson to adhere to the warning I have given him at the commencement of the present communication. Let Bro. Slack defend himself. He is surely able to take up the cudgels in his own behalf, and, at any rate, it is rather the “eleventh hour” for any one else to do it for him.

Yours fraternally,
London, 30th January, 1869. CRUX.

MASONIC LIFEBOAT FUND.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of your valuable journal, to respectfully suggest to the Committee of the Masonic Lifeboat Fund, a plan that I think would materially further the cause they have in hand.

My proposal is: That subscription lists be printed and sent to the Worshipful Masters of all lodges under the English Constitution, with a request that the same may be brought prominently before the brethren, and, when filled up, returned, with the amount of the subscriptions, to the Treasurer of the Fund.

I have no doubt Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, would kindly enclose such lists in the next general communications from the Grand Lodge, in which case the distribution would be complete and the expense trifling in the extreme.

Before closing, I may add one of our brethren has kindly consented to give lectures in each town of this island in aid of the Fund, and, at our next meeting, I will bring the matter before the lodge and do all in my power to aid so laudable an undertaking.

Yours fraternally,

✠ ELWOOD TIBBETS, 18°, W.M. 1242.

Douglas, Isle of Man, 25th January, 1869.

A MASONIC SCANDAL.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—I annex excerpts from the *Times* and the *Daily News*, which are reports of a transaction which will tend to bring discredit upon the honesty of a large and influential section of the Craft. Might I suggest that the brethren implicated in this disgraceful business had better have washed their dirty linen at home, or considered the cost before building a tower?

From the *Times* of January 2.

“IN THE MATTER OF THE MASONIC UNION COMPANY (LIMITED).”

“This was a petition by a creditor to the amount of £83 14s. 2d. for an order for winding up this company, which was formed in 1863 for the purpose of ‘affording to Masons the accommodation required by various degrees in connexion with the Order.’ With a view to this object premises were stated in the prospectus to have been taken in Bedford-row, and a new hall and rooms, including spacious banquetting halls, built, ‘suitable for the proper performance of the ceremonies of the Royal, Religious, and Military Order of Knights Templar, the Rose Croix, and other high grades of Masonry, and for the Mark degree.’ The prospectus contained a long list of ‘patrons,’ whose titles and addresses suggested the days of Le Beau Dunois or Brian de Bois Guilbert, and the conflicts of the Crusaders and Saracens under

the walls of the Holy Sepulchre, rather than the prosaic nineteenth century and the wordy war of Bedford-row and the Court of Chancery. For instance, among the hierarchy of grand marshals, grand priors, grand chancellors, &c. (every one was grand something or other and 'Sir Knight'), appeared one gentleman, a provisional director, whose address was somewhat princely, for purpose of service, described as 'Mount Calvary Encampment.' We ought, however, in justice to the promoters, to state that, although another of the Knights and provisional directors was, according to the prospectus, only to be found at the 'Royal Kent Encampment in the East,' intending shareholders would be reassured by finding that all the provisional directors were not fighting the Saracen in Palestine, but that at least one of them was to be met with in Bedford-row. Possibly from the absence in the Holy Land of so many of these gallant Knights, the company had not proved successful and was now unable to pay the debt of the petitioning creditor.

"Mr. W. W. Cooper appeared in support of the petition; no one appeared to oppose.

"The Vice-Chancellor made an order for winding-up the company."

From the *Daily News* of January 2.

"IN RE THE MASONIC UNION COMPANY.

"On the application of Mr. W. W. Cooper, an order was made for the winding-up of this company, on a creditor's petition, under the 79th section of the Companies Act, 1862, which provides that a company may be wound up, after a claim to the extent of £50 has been made by a creditor against the company, and has remained unsatisfied for three weeks.

"The prospectus stated the capital of the company at £5,000 in £5 shares; £2 10s. to be paid as allotment. The patrons were announced as follows:—Sir Knight William Stuart, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of Knights Templars, Aldenham Abbey, Watford, Herts, and Hill-street, Berkeley-square; Sir Knight Col. Vernou, Very High and Eminent Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templars, Harefield-park, Uxbridge; Sir Knight Lieut.-Colonel U. Clerk, Member of the Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich; Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Masters, Berkeley-square; Sir Knight the Right Hon. Lord Lonsborough, Grand Seneschal, Berkeley-square. Then followed a list of seven provisional directors, bankers, architect, and honorary solicitor, and secretary.

"The petitioners were John Land, a decorator, whose claim was for a sum of £223 14s. 2d. expended in decorating offices and premises at 14, Bedford-row, and James Middleton (Storey & Son), glass and china manufacturer, a creditor for £22 4s. 6½d. for goods supplied. Upon service of this petition at 14, Bedford-row, the housekeeper returned the document, stating that he knew nothing of any Masonic Company beyond having heard casually that there was a company in the house who had sold everything to a Mr. Stuart; and accordingly he returned the petition.

"The petition was unopposed."

Pray, dear Sir and Brother, allow space in your next issue for insertion of this letter, as really such scandals tend to bring everlasting discredit upon the Craft.

Yours fraternally, A. L. S.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

* All communications to be addressed to 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, W.C.

MASONIC MEMS.

THE UNIVERSAL MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1869.—This useful and comprehensive publication is now issued. It can be obtained at the office of the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, or in Glasgow, in addition to the regular agents.

BRETHREN are reminded that the Lodge Music published a few weeks ago, in several issues of the MAGAZINE, has been republished in a convenient form for Lodge use, price 2s. 6d.

MASONIC LIFE BOAT FUND.—We are requested to mention that a committee is about to be formed for carrying out the purposes of the fund, and the Secretary (Bro. Anthony Oneal Haye) will be glad to receive the names of brethren willing to serve upon it. When the committee is formed, a list of subscriptions received, will be published.

MASONIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.—On another page will be found an account of the Inaugural meeting upon the 29th ult. The next meeting will take place upon Friday, the 26th inst., when Bro. George Lambert will read a paper upon "The Ritual of the Three Degrees, used by King Frederick of Prussia." Applications for cards of admission by non-members, must be sent to the Honorary Secretaries not later than Saturday, the 20th inst. Brethren who may wish to exhibit MSS., &c., at this meeting, are requested to intimate their intention to the Honorary Secretaries, also by the 20th inst.

THE Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Claisen's, Dubourg's Hotel, voted one guinea to the Masonic Lifeboat Fund, and Bro. Pigall, of the same lodge, gave a donation of 5s.

A MEETING of the Supreme Grand Council will be held at 33, Golden-square, W.C., on Tuesday, 9th inst., at 2 p.m.

METROPOLITAN.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—This ancient lodge met on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., at Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars, and it was very numerously attended. Bro. Charles L. Marshall, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge. Afterwards he gave up the chair to Bro. Partridge, P.M., who almost claims it as a prescriptive right on this occasion. The other P.M.'s present were Bros. Wilcox, Treas.; Goodwin, Ashwell, Osborne, Clark, Allingham, Norman, Pratt, and Greatrex; and the following visitors:—Bros. Jervis, Enoch, 10; Maples, P.M., and Pierce, St. Luke's, 144; Oxford, W.M., Dodson, S.W.; Wright, S.D.; and E. Radford—all of the Jubilee, 72; Gluckstein, P.M. 51; Garland, 619; H. Thompson, P.M. Domatic 177, and Southern Star, 1,158; Francisco, St. John's, 435; Hester, Crescent, 788; Cornish, Honour and Generosity, 155; and Donaldson, Albion, 9. There was a large muster of the members of the lodge. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Salter, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to receive from the presiding W.M., Bro. Partridge, the benefit of installation. The ancient charges having been rehearsed, the lodge was opened in the third degree, when all below that of an Installed Master were requested to retire. A Board of Installed Masters (twenty-one in number) was then formed, and Bro. Salter was in due form installed into the chair as W.M. of the Neptune Lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren below the chair were then admitted and the customary salutes were given, after which the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Thredder,

S.W.; White, J.W.; Crowe, S.D.; Lawrence, J.D.; Waterall, I.G.; Taylor, Dir. of Cers.; Neats, W.S.; Wilcox, Treas.; and Hughes, Sec. The usual charges were then given by Bro. Partridge in a careful and impressive manner. It was agreed that the customary jewel should be presented to Bro. Marshall, the I.P.M., as a recognition of his services, and after some other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, which was served in a style to maintain the reputation of Bro. Hart, as the caterer of Radley's Hotel. The first toast was "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master," and said he was sure that it was one that they would receive with a great deal of pleasure, and he alluded to the commemoration testimonial that was about to be presented to him, which showed how the brethren appreciated his services. The toast was well received. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, the Deputy Grand Master," said he experienced great pleasure in seeing him preside over the Grand Lodge on several occasions. Bro. Marshall, I.P.M., said the brethren would see by the possession of the implement of labour which he held in his hand, that he was authorised to propose the next toast, and he should use it for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W.M." whom they had unanimously elected to fill that high office. He had gone on step by step until he had finally arrived at the position he then occupied. It was his highest ambition to become W.M., and he felt sure that the Neptune Lodge would not suffer in his hands. The W.M. said he would fulfil the position of W.M. to the best of his ability, and although he might have many shortcomings, he would yield to none in his desire to serve the interests of the Neptune Lodge, and at all times he should be glad to receive a suggestion from any brother that might tend to that end. He should at all times be most anxious to receive their approbation, and he could assure them that he should ever appreciate their kindness. The W.W. next gave "The Visitors," and said on the part of the lodge he greeted them with a hearty welcome. Bro. Oxford and Bro. H. Thompson respectively returned thanks, the latter acknowledging the pleasure he had derived from visiting the lodge, although their mode of working was somewhat different to that which he was accustomed, yet it contained many beauties which, if permitted, he would gladly engraft on the system to which he was used; but having passed the chair twice, it was not likely that any emergency would occur that would give him the opportunity of using it. He thanked the brethren on behalf of the visitors for the splendid hospitality with which they had been received, and they could assure the brethren they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He thanked Bro. White for the pleasure afforded him of being present that evening. He saw their I.P.M., Bro. Marshall, installed, and he had that night seen him leave the chair. He was sure that the present W.M. would prove a worthy successor, and would continue the high reputation the Neptune Lodge had hitherto maintained. The W.M. then gave "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Partridge, the Installing Master. Bro. Partridge responded, and said it was a pleasure to the P.M.'s to find the Neptune Lodge was always ready by heart and hand to respond to the call of charity. He congratulated the W.M. on his position, as he was always anxious to promote the prosperity of the Neptune Lodge, and keep up by its efficiency, its position in the Craft. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Wilcox, the Treasurer," who returned thanks, and said he would always take care, by inducing the brethren to avoid extravagant expenditure, to keep the balance on the right side at the banker's. The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," for which Bros. Hughes and Thredder returned thanks. The W.M. gave "The Masonic Charities," for which Bro. Neats returned thanks, and Bro. Hart volunteered to serve the office of Steward and represent the lodge at the ensuing festival for the Girls' School. Bro. Townend will represent the lodge at the festival for the Boys' School. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening.

THE OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE (No. 28).—A meeting of this old lodge took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 25th ult., Bro. G. H. Wright, W.M., in the chair. The lodge being opened in the first and second degrees, Bro. H. B. Dunn was passed F.C. This being the installation meeting, Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., occupied the chair as Installing Master, and ably discharged the duties of the office. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Edmund Farmer (of the firm of

Debenham, Tewson, and Farmer) was duly installed W.M. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. G. H. Wright, I.P.M.; Charles Tighe, S.W.; Jas. Horwood, J.W.; W. Paas, P.M., Treas.; W. Jaques, P.M., Sec.; J. Thompson, S.D.; S. H. Miller, J.D.; H. B. Dunn, I.G. Bro. Woodstock was elected to the office of Tyler. Amongst the other members present were—Bros. J. G. Marsh, P.M.; Geo. Gurney, P.M.; Dr. O'Connor, P.M.; J. Wheeler, P.M.; E. Twentyman, and R. Farquharson. A resolution was carried unanimously that the usual gold jewel of the lodge be presented to Bro. G. H. Wright, the late W.M., in testimony of the esteem of the brethren. The meeting was rendered the more interesting, inasmuch as this lodge attained its centenary in the year 1825, and all the members present were decorated with the regulation centenary jewel, under the special warrant of the Grand Master. As a mark of respect to Bro. Paas, Treas., and Bro. Jaques, Sec., jewels were presented to them at the expense of the lodge. The visitors who honoured the lodge with their company were—Bros. W. H. Trego, 1; J. K. Farlow, P.M. 11; W. H. Anthony, 35; W. Jones, P.M. 108; H. Muggieridge, P.M. 192; J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 251; H. A. Heard, 449; W. Connell, 890; Thos. Bullen, 1150; J. S. Dawell, George Tedder, and Vernon. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner. The usual toasts were given by the W.M., and the brethren were delightfully entertained by the music of Bros. Farquharson, Tedder, and Vernon, accompanied also by Miss R. Isaacs, and Miss Lancefield. The meeting altogether was a very agreeable one, and the company spent a very happy evening.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY (No. 65).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. R. W. Goddard, W.M., in the chair. Mr. James Edwards, after being balloted for and accepted, was duly initiated. The W.M. then passed Bros. Muggleton and Potts, and raised Bros. Squire, Goldstein, and Huggett, in a very excellent manner. The business of the lodge having been disposed of, the brethren, numbering fifty, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Crawford. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Bellerby, in a very appropriate manner, proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. briefly returned thanks. There were several visitors present. Bro. Baker, P.M., Prov. G. Lodge of Calcutta returned thanks. Bro. J. L. Mather, S.W., returned thanks for the officers of the lodge, in a very able manner, and from his working in the lodge the brethren anticipate a very excellent Master for the ensuing year. Several very excellent songs were sung by the brethren, and a very pleasant evening was the result.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, Wellington-street, Southwark. Bro. T. J. Sabine, W.M., supported by his officers, opened the lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., then took the chair, and in his usual able manner initiated Messrs. E. Loewenstark and Brown into ancient Freemasonry. Bro. T. J. Sabine, W.M., then resumed his chair, when Bro. F. Walters, P.M., presented Bro. David Rose, J.W. and W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation. Bro. T. J. Sabine, W.M., then in a masterly manner, which elicited praise and approbation from all present, duly installed Bro. D. Rose as the W.M. for the ensuing year, who was pleased to appoint and invest the following members as his officers, viz.:—Bros. F. H. Ebsworth, S.W. (re-appointed); M. A. Loewenstark, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); Donkin, P.M., Sec.; G. Free, S.D.; R. Ord, J.D.; G. J. Grace, I.G.; R. Stevens, Dir. of Cers.; A. L. Dassek, W.S.; W. Aldhouse, Tyler; W. J. Laing, P.M., Assist. Tyler. A six guinea Past Masters' jewel, of exquisite beauty and symmetry, was then presented to Bro. T. J. Sabine, I.P.M., by the W.M., in a suitable speech, and the gift was duly acknowledged by the recipient. This jewel was manufactured by Bros. A. Loewenstark and Sons, the eminent medallists, of Devereux-court, Strand, and was a splendid specimen of their skill and workmanship. It was universally admired. Also a Past Master's collar and jewel was handed to the W.M. by Bro. H. N. Goulty, an esteemed member from Brighton, on behalf of the several members who live in that town, and where also Bro. T. J. Sabine, I.P.M., resides, to present to him as a mark of their esteem, and also to testify the high estimation in which he was held by all of the members residing in that town. Bro. D. Rose, W.M., in an excellent speech, presented the collar and

jewel of P.M. to Bro. T. J. Sabine, who appropriately acknowledged the gift. Bro. J. J. Tustin was announced to be the Steward to represent this lodge at the festival to aid the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons; he having come forward at a minute's notice to fill up the place of another brother, who had been compelled through ill health to resign this Stewardship. As a proof (if any were needed) that Bro. T. J. Sabine, I.P.M., takes a very deep interest in the welfare of his mother lodge, he signified his intention to represent this lodge as its Steward for the Royal Benevolent Institution in 1870. He being a popular and most deservedly respected member of this lodge, it cannot be doubted but what he will be certain and sure to receive an immense amount of support, and have a heavy list. He was most successful as a Steward when he represented this lodge at the Girls' and Boys' Schools festivals. The indefatigable Bro. F. Walters, P.M., gave a notice of motion, "That the sum of ten pounds be given to the Female Annuity Fund from the lodge funds, so as to complete the purchase of a vice-presidency of that Charity." This lodge already possesses the vice-presidency of the Boys' and also the Girls,' so when the amount named is carried, a third vice-presidency will be added to the lodge. Besides these V.P. in the Boys,' nearly all the officers of the time being are life-governors of that Charity, and several hold the same position in the Girls.' It must be very gratifying to Bro. T. J. Sabine to know that during his prosperous year of office no less than twenty guineas was voted and paid to the Boys' School; twenty guineas was also voted and paid to the Girls' School; and twenty pounds was voted and paid to the Female annuity—in all sixty-two pounds to the Masonic Charities, besides some large amounts given from the Charity fund. These facts speak volumes of themselves of the admirable manner in which the great Masonic duty—Charity—has been carried out under the good guidance of a well-intentioned W.M. It must prove to young Masons what can be done when a right cause is taken in hand. Very few, if any, lodge in the London district has done so much for the Masonic Charities, when the smallness of the subscriptions to the lodge (which are as low as any lodge) are taken into consideration. Some new candidates for initiation were proposed for making at the next meeting, and the lodge was duly closed. There were present, besides those already named, Bros. Dr. Dixon, P.M.; Knott, Williams, Boyle, Chipperfield, Cooper, Herbert, Edwards, Keeble, Moore, and very many others. Amongst a long string of visitors were Bros. J. W. Avery, P.M.; Griffin, W. Holland, J. Terry, B.M., and several others too numerous to mention.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—On Thursday, the 21st ult., a number of the brethren of the above lodge assembled at the Sugar Loaf Tavern, Great St. Helen's, to present Bro. Harris, P.M., with a handsome and costly Past Master's jewel, in addition to the one usually given in Masonic lodges on the retirement from office of the presiding Master, as a mark of the private esteem and respect they bear towards him, and the eminently practical services he has rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. E. Gottheil, P.M. 141, presided. After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman rose and said:—Brethren, we have assembled this evening for the purpose of doing honour to our Immediate Past Master, not only to manifest the sincerity of our attachment to him as a private individual, but to proclaim our appreciation of the undoubtedly practical services he has rendered to the Lodge of Faith during his year of office. It affords me, therefore, the highest gratification that you have selected me to preside on this interesting occasion, and it is with sincere pleasure that I now propose to you "The Health of Bro. Harris." I must confess that the Lodge of Faith, as a lodge, has not suitably recognised his services. It is true we presented him with the usual Past Master's jewel, which is given as a matter of course to every retiring W.M., whatever his abilities. When Bro. Harris entered upon the duties of his office, he found the affairs of the lodge in a most unsatisfactory condition—inolvent, the furniture out of repair, and altogether in a hopeless state of decay; but by his untiring energy, steady perseverance, and resolute will, he succeeded, during his term of office, in entirely re-instating the lodge, and on his retirement left the Treasurer, who up to that period was money-lender rather than Treasurer, with a considerable balance in hand. Now, no previous Past Master, myself included, had deemed it his duty, or possessed the courage, to undertake this work of re-instating the lodge; but the various improvements effected, and useful reforms introduced, especially in the financial department, and that in the face of a semi-organised, formidably

opposing element existing in the lodge at the time, redound to the credit of the Immediate Past Master. I have, therefore, great pleasure in proposing "The Health and Prosperity of Bro. Harris," and at the same time to present him with this testimonial of our esteem and respect. May you, Bro. Harris, live many years in the enjoyment of all that is dear to us in this life, and when it pleases the Great Architect of the Universe to call you hence, may your children cherish this, in memory of the honour bestowed upon you on this occasion. Bro. Harris then rose and said:—Bro. Chairman and Brethren, it affords me a vast amount of pleasure in having the honour of responding to the very handsome manner in which my health has been proposed, and the cordial way in which it was received; likewise to thank you for the great and exceptional compliment which you have been pleased to bestow upon me, in specially inviting me here among you to receive this magnificent jewel, which I shall ever wear upon my breast with recollections of extreme pleasure. This gift is the more gratifying as a proof that my humble efforts to restore the prosperity of the Lodge of Faith have not been entirely unappreciated, and its value is still more enhanced by the recollection that the lodge being 103 years old, I am the first Past Master who, at any rate of late years, is selected to receive a testimonial. I thank you sincerely for the kindness you have always evinced towards me, and the expression of your approval of my past conduct will stimulate me as P.M. to pursue the same course which has called forth this token of respect. Bro. Harris then entered into a lengthy explanation of the relative positions of the lodge on his entering in and retiring from the office of W.M., showing how the lodge may be raised to one of the first and most flourishing in the Craft—how, without crowding it with new members or initiates, a certain amount might be annually subscribed to the general Masonic charities without material deductions from the accustomed convivialities which take place subsequent to the business of the lodge. Bro. Harris concluded by stating his opinion that a brother ought not to accept the position of W.M. without having previously made himself acquainted with the nature of the work he undertakes, and ought to possess a full conviction that he is able and willing to cope with the difficulties that may beset him. He again thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the great mark of distinction they have been pleased to show him, assuring them that it will ever be his study to merit and retain their approbation by continuing to use his humble efforts in promoting the prosperity of the Lodge of Faith. The healths of the W.M., his officers, and P.M.'s of the lodge were successively proposed and responded to by various brethren; and after a vote of thanks to the Chairman, a very agreeable evening terminated.

LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN (No. 145).—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. C. J. Sharpe being in the chair of K.S. The minutes of the previous meeting and the report of the audit committee were read and confirmed. This being the installation meeting, the W.M. elect, Bro. W. P. Allender, was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Sharpe, in a most admirable manner. The W.M. appointed and invested Bros. T. Moore, S.W.; R. Walters, J.W.; J. Boyd, P.M., Treas.; G. C. States, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Brown, Assist. Sec.; W. J. Brown, S.D.; J. Cambridge, J.D.; G. Pitt, I.G.; G. Wood, Dir. of Cers.; T. Lancaster, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; W. Watson, P.M., W.S.; Hoare, Tyler. A notice of motion was then given for the lodge to present five guineas to the Masonic Lifeboat fund. It was also proposed that a testimonial should be presented to the Secretary, Bro. G. C. States, for his great attention to the duties of that office. The motion was seconded, put, and carried unanimously. The lodge being closed the brethren partook of one of Bro. Gosden's choice banquets, and on the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given and responded to. The visitors were, Bros. F. H. Gilbert, W.M. 534; D. Dickett, 25; T. Hedden, 733; J. Denton, 837; G. C. Banks, 193; J. Goodwin, 831; G. J. Watson, P.M., Treas. 11; W. Tweed, P.M. 946; G. Brook, 185; E. Bagshaw, J. R. Reid, R. P. Glendinning; and D. W. Pearse, W.M. 657.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—This excellent working lodge met at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 1st inst., the W.M., Bro. Charles Relph, in the chair, who performed the ceremony of passing Bros. Van Stavern, Heinemann, and Davis in a very excellent manner. Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M., proposed that a sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the lodge to the Grand Master's Commemoration Fund, which

was carried unanimously. Bro. Albert, P.M., was then chosen Steward, to further augment the amount of subscriptions for that laudable object. The brethren then adjourned to a slight repast, when, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the toast of "The Benevolent Fund attached to this lodge," was very ably responded to by Bro. B. W. Aaron, P.M. and Treas. of that fund. The health of the W.M. having been proposed, the W.M. returned thanks in a very neat and appropriate manner. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Nisitors, who were—Bros. Fillipausky, 36, St. David's, Edinburgh; A. E. Harriss, P.M. 141; Vallentine, 141; Barczinsky, 77; Stevens, 19; and Spencer, 794. Bros. Stevens and Fillipausky returned thanks for the visitors. There was some very excellent singing by Bros. Spencer, Van Stavern, Neumark, &c., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ROYAL UNION LODGE (No. 382).—This flourishing and numerous lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock p.m., by the W.M., on the 18th January. There were present: Bros. James Glaisher, W.M.; M. Ohrean, S.W.; G. Fehrenbach, J.W.; B. Claisen, P.M. Treas.; W. H. Coulton, S.D.; G. J. Jaquin, J.D.; Coombes, P.M. Hon. Sec.; R. Lonsdale, I.G.; J. Saqui, Org.; W. Bonner, Steward; Weedon, P.M.; Wirtzfeld, P.M.; Adams, P.G.P.; Wm. Smith, C.E. P.G.S.; Woodman, P.M.; Allen, Hicks, Swallow, Mott, King Junr., Gale, Lucas, Lloyd, Davis, Murphy and others. Bro. F. B. Treatt of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1,238, at the request of the W.M. of that lodge with Bro. Lloyd were questioned in the second degree and raised to the degree of M.M. The lodge being reduced again to the second degree, Bros. Smith, James, Woodward and Glenie were questioned and passed. Three gentlemen were ballotted for, M.M. Marshall was initiated. The election of W.M. and Treasurer took place. The new by-laws were read and confirmed. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Glaisher for the able and efficient manner he performed the duties of W.M. during his year of office. The following visitors were present: Bros. W. Lowler, Northern Lodge of China, 170; Braham, Montefiore; Ferguson, Domestic 177. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, were responded to, and the brethren separated.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1,158).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, January 26, at the Montpellier Tavern, Walworth. Bro. T. H. Pulsford, W.M. presided, supported by Bros. H. Thompson and H. Potter, P.M.'s and a goodly muster of the brethren, besides several visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the reading of the minutes the lodge was opened in the second degree and Bros. Slessor and Horne passed to P.C. The lodge was afterwards opened in the third degree, and Bro. Pigott was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The lodge was lowered to the first degree, and four gentlemen who were candidates were respectively initiated. It was resolved to recommend a petition which an old Mason was about to present to allow him to become a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On the motion of Bro. H. Thompson P.M. and Treas., it was agreed that the meeting of the lodge in the month of July, should be discontinued, and a meeting in October be substituted for it. Some propositions for the next meeting having been made, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which did Bro. Allatt, the worthy host infinite credit. On the withdrawal of the cloth the W.M. gave the loyal and formal toasts, after which Bro. H. Thompson, called upon the brethren to do honour to the toast of the health of Bro. Pulsford, W.M., and alluded to the excellent way in which he had discharged his duties that evening. The toast was very cordially received and the W.M. returned thanks. The W.M. gave the health of the newly initiated brethren, for which they severally returned thanks. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the P.M.'s of the lodge, Bros. Thompson and Potter," and alluded to the fact that Bro. Thompson was the founder of it, and had entitled himself to the respect and esteem of all the brethren of the lodge. Bro. H. Thompson, P.M. returned thanks, and at the same time disclaimed all the credit of founding the lodge, for at every step he had been ably supported by Bro. Pulsford, and he trusted during his year of office it would maintain its present prosperity. Some other toasts were given and the evening was spent in the most complete harmony.

THE URBAN LODGE (No. 1,196).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Henry Marsh, took place on the 26th

ult. The lodge having been opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. E. Carpenter, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the audit committee was read and adopted. Bro. J. B. Ward, No. 525, Hong Kong, was balloted for, and elected as a joining member. Bro. Küster was then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, Bro. James Terry, P.M., officiating as Installing Master. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Carpenter, I.P.M.; Wm. Sawyer, S.W.; C. Braid, J.W.; Dr. Johnson, Treas.; J. Terry, P.M., Sec.; C. Ware, S.D.; De Fleury, J.D.; Kuster, Org.; J. Callingham, I.G.; and Beckett, Tyler. Mr. Dearberg was then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M., in a most masterly manner. The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in Bro. Wickens' best style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by the excellent singing of several brethren.

PROVINCIAL.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

KESWICK.—*Greta Lodge* (No. 1,073).—At an installation meeting held on Monday evening the 11th ult., Bro. John Banks was duly elected W.M. of the above lodge, D. Prov. G.M. Greaves acting with his wonted efficiency as Installing Master. The new W.M. appointed the following officers:—Bros. Wallace, S.W.; John Wood, J.W.; Lamonby, Sec.; Mayson, S.D.; Crosthwaite, J.D. & Treas.; and W. Gaspey, I.G.

DEVONSHIRE.

TORQUAY.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 328).—At the first meeting of the brethren of this lodge after the installation of their new W.M., a very pleasing incident occurred, commemorating as it does the able and judicious manner in which this lodge has been presided over for the past two years by Bro. the Rev. Robert Bowden, of Stoke-Gabriel, who hails this as his mother lodge. At the conclusion of the usual business, and previous to the lodge being closed, Bro. Glanfield, P.M., rose, and, after speaking in the most glowing terms of the great zeal and interest displayed by Bro. Bowden in the lodge, and the estimation in which he is universally held by his brethren, and his indefatigability and punctual attendance (having during the past year only been absent from one bi-monthly meeting, although frequently having to walk to and from the lodge a distance of 15 or 16 miles, and that through lanes and roads at times almost impassable), presented, on the part of the brethren, a life-size portrait, framed, in oils, of the above rev. brother, which is to be hung in the lodge room. Bro. Greenfield, W.M., then, in eulogistic terms, expressed the pleasure it gave him on his taking the chair for the first time to be the recipient of such a memento of Masonic zeal, and should ever look up to that as the portrait of a brother who but to know was to esteem and love, and that it would ever act as a stimulus to him, and he trusted to others to follow in his Masonic footsteps. The rev. brother, who was taken somewhat by surprise by this unexpected expression of esteem, in most eloquent language stated the satisfaction it had caused him to think that his services had not only been appreciated by the brethren, but that they should so delicately and kindly have honoured him by such a presentation, and that the great compliment thus paid him would never be effaced from his memory, and that it would ever be a pleasing reminiscence to think of the goodwill and respect which had thus been displayed towards him. After some business of a financial character relative to the salary of the Tyler, the Lodge was closed in harmony and brotherly love, and the brethren retired to their ante-room for the usual refreshment.

ESSEX.

COLCHESTER.—*United Lodge* (No. 697).—An emergency meeting of this lodge assembled at the George Hotel, on Wednesday, the 6th ult. There were present—Bro. Newman, in the chair; Bros. Rix, Bigley, Ray, Sec.; Eastace, Calthorpe, Richardson, Coast, Kain, Lugton, Crick, Gill. Visitors—Bros. Quilter, Black Cobb, W.M. 51; Cole, 51. The lodge was opened in due form in the first degree, and the summons convening the emer-

gency meeting was read, and the reasons stated for calling it. The questions appertaining to the first degree were then put to Bros. Coast, Kain, and Lugton, prior to their being passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, and they having been satisfactorily answered, the brethren retired to prepare themselves to be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then opened in due form in the second degree, and Bros. Coast, Kain, and Lugton were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft; after which Bro. Cobb, W.M. 51, kindly gave a lecture on the tracing board. The questions appertaining to the second degree were then put round for the information of the newly passed brethren. The lodge was then closed to the first degree, and nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry in general, or the lodge in particular, it was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial supper, and having spent a convivial evening, retired at an early hour.—A meeting of the above lodge took place at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Wednesday, the 13th ult. Present—Bro. Newman, W.M., in the chair; Bros. Rix, Bigley, Ray, Sec.; Calthorpe, Eustace, Crick, Lugton, Jenkinson, Conyard, Middleton, Lewis, Everett, Kain, Coast, Buckwell, J. S. Smith. Visitors—Bros. Bosworth, P.M. 59; Black, 56; G. W. Smith, 59. The lodge was opened in due form in the first degree, and the summons convening it was read, and the minutes of the last emergency and regular meeting were read and confirmed. Proceedings of the Board of General Purposes were read, stating that the following requisitions had been received by the W.M. 1st. That the name of Color-Sergeant James Curry might be inserted in the summons for the next regular meeting for initiation. 2nd. That the name of Bro. H. Everett, 433, Lodge of Hope, might also be inserted in the summons for the next regular meeting. The Board reported that they had inquired into the characters of Color-Sergeant Curry and Bro. H. Everett, and found them satisfactory. The members of the United lodge unanimously decided upon effecting a policy of insurance upon their plate, for the sum of £150. Communications were read from the Grand Lodge relative to the proceedings at the quarterly meeting on 2nd Dec. 1868. Bro. Buckwell signed and received his Grand Lodge certificate. Ballot was taken separately for Bro. H. Everett, Lodge of Hope, 433, as a joining member, and Color-Sergeant James Curry, 49th Regiment, for initiation, and which proved unanimous in each case. Color-Sergeant Curry was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our ancient Freemasonry. Bros. Curry and Everett signed and received a copy of the by-laws of the United Lodge. Bro. Bigley, J.W. pro tem., gave a lecture on the tracing-board in the first degree. Bro. Sidney Smith informed the brethren of the United Lodge, 697, that the brethren of the Angel Lodge, 51, contemplated "with their assistance," hiring convenient rooms for the purpose of having a Masonic hall worthy of the two lodges. The circumstance was referred to a committee for consideration and report. Proposed by Bro. Eustace, seconded by Bro. Jenkinson—That the name of Color-Sergeant Kinlock might be entered in the next summons for initiation. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry in general, the lodge was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial supper, and retired at an early hour.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

LIVERPOOL.—*Ancient Union Lodge* (No. 203).—Thursday evening, the 21st ult., being the annual installation meeting of the above lodge, the members assembled at the Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street, at 5 o'clock. The chair was taken by Bro. B. W. Rowson, W.M. & Prov. G.S., and the minutes of the preceding meeting confirmed. Bro. John Hughes, who had been unanimously elected W.M., was then presented and duly installed by Bro. B. W. Rowson, who performed the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. then nominated and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Ebenezer Hughes, S.W.; Richard Bulman, J.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; J. Parsons, Sec.; Hy. Colefield, J.D.; Bro. C. R. Martorell, J.D.; and G. R. Shepard, I.G. After partaking of an excellent banquet the usual toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. Laidlaw, responding to that of the P.G.M. and the officers of the P.G. lodge of West Lancashire, and Bro. J. Barker, Prov. G. Treas., to that of the P.G.M. and officers of the Prov. G. lodge of East Lancashire; Bro. B. W. Rowson proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M., which was enthusiastically received. Among the visitors were Bro. James Hamer, P.G., Treas. of

West Lancashire and W.M. 240; Laidlaw, P.G.S. and P.M. 216; Geo. Broadbridge, P.G.S. and P.M. 241; J. Barker, P.G. Treas. of East Lancashire; J. Cheese, P.M. 113; B. Toulson, P.M. 1134; W. Crankshaw, P.M. 673; John Jones, P.M. 594; W. K. Smith, W.M. 1,094; Saml. Forrest, J.W. 241; and F. Thompson, J.W. 1,134.

PRESTON.—*Lodge Concord* (No. 313).—The first meeting after the installation of the W.M. of this lodge, was held on Monday, the 25th ult., in the new room which the worthy host, Bro. Rd. Robison, P.M., has erected specially for Masonic purposes, at the rear of the King's Arms Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Pritt, through illness, Bro. Quail occupied the chair of K.S., and most efficiently, with the assistance of the new officers, Porter, S.W., and Banning, J.W., worked the ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiating; after which which a beautifully illuminated testimonial was presented by Bro. P.M. Robinson to Bro. N. H. Beazley, P.M., Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. West Lancashire, as a lasting memorial of esteem for so worthy a brother, on his leaving the town. He was also unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, Bro. Jesse Banning, J.W., moved that a donation of one guinea be presented by the lodge to the Masonic Life Boat Fund, which was carried *nem. con.* The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, when the brethren adjourned to partake of an excellent supper, which was heartily enjoyed after the protracted labour of the evening.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Isca Lodge* (No. 683).—The ceremony of installing Bro. W. J. Bussell as W.M. of this lodge came off at the Masonic-hall, Dock-street, in this town, on the 29th of December. The brethren assembled at 2 p.m., when the lodge was opened in due form. The Installing Master was Bro. J. Middleton, Prov. G.S.W., who performed the ceremony in an able and impressive manner. After the customary salutations the W.M. made the following appointments:—Bros. Thomas Williams, P.M.; R. J. Chambers, S.W.; William Parfitt, J.W.; Rev. S. Fox, Chap.; Henry Mullock, Treas.; John Middleton, Sec.; J. B. Skeates, S.D.; F. W. Lewis, J.D.; H. J. Groves, Org.; Lewis Rogers, I.G.; J. Partridge and W. G. Jones, Stewards; W. McFae, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Westgate Hotel, where Bro. H. Allen had catered the banquet in that superior style which has always characterized this celebrated hostelry. The chair was taken at 5 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Bussell, who was supported on his right and left by the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Lyne, and a company numbering between 40 and 50 of the Craft. The vice chair was occupied by Bro. R. J. Chambers, S.W., and amongst those present we noticed Bros. S. G. Homfray, P.S.B., P.M. 1098; John Middleton, P.J.W., P.M. 683; R. B. Evans, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., P.M. 471; W. Pickford, Prov. G. Treas., P.M. 471; H. Parvall, W.M., 471; Jno. Laybourne, P.M. 683; John Hyndman, P.M. 471; R. S. Roper, Prov. G.S. 683; Donaldson, P.M. 364, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. (Neath); Green, 364 (Neath); J. B. Skeates, S.D. 683; S. J. Wood, 683; J. Ireland Sayers, 683; Henry John Groves, P.M. 683, Prov. G. Org.; H. Fothergill, Bute Lodge, 960; George Fothergill, 471; Thomas Roberts, 323 & 611; Henry Griffiths, 683; Frederick Rafarel, 471; W. H. Hill, 683; J. H. Bladon, 683; H. Mullock, 683; W. Parfitt, 683; John Bladon; James Thompson, 683; James Cheese, 683; George Hoskins, 471; W. G. Jones, 682; Lewis Rogers, I.G. 683; Joseph Partridge, Steward; Llewelyn Gravenor, J.D. 1,098; R. Cooke, 19, Prov. S.W. 710; F. W. Lewis, J.D. 683; J. Simms 318; S. T. Allen, 471; S. C. Coombes, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W., P.M.A.Z., &c. "The Queen and Craft," and "The Earl of Zetland and Grand Lodge of England" having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Prov. G.M., D. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Lodge of Monmouthshire," with a graceful allusion to the presence amongst them that evening of Bro. Col. Lyne, which that brother suitably acknowledged. Bro. Thomas Williams gave the "Health of the W.M., 683," for which Bro. Bussell returned thanks, and gave "The Installing Master" (Bro. John Middleton), who had so kindly and so efficiently performed the ceremony of installation that day. The toast having been duly acknowledged, Bro. Col. Lyne proposed "The Lodges of Monmouthshire." Bros. Parvall, 471, G. Homfray, 1,098, and Bussell, 683, acknowledged the toast. By Bro. R. S. Roper, "The Past Masters." Acknowledged by Bro. Coombes. By the W.M. "The Visitors."

Acknowledged by Bros. Donaldson, Green, Fothergill, Roberts, and Simms. By the W.M., "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bro. R. J. Chambers, S.W. By Bro. Pickford, "The Masonic Charities." By Bro. Middleton, "The newly-initiated Brother," acknowledged by Bro. S. J. Wood, in the absence of Bro. Sayers. By Bro. Homfray, "The Host," acknowledged by Bro. Hallen. The last toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons," was, in the absence of the Tyler, given by Bro. Middleton. It should be stated that the "concord of sweet sounds" was not wanting at this fraternal gathering. Bro. Groves, who is a host in himself, presided at the piano-forte, and sang a variety of favourite airs. He also accompanied several of the brethren who kindly volunteered to swell the harmony of the evening, amongst whom were Bros. S. G. Homfray, G. Fothergill, George Hoskins, Colonel Lyne, W. Pickford, and others. The brethren separated at an early hour, after a most pleasant evening.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

WELLINGTON QUAY.—*Tyne Lodge* (No. 991).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Bro. G. A. Allen, W.M. presided, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren, several being from the neighbouring lodges. The lodge was opened in due form, after which Lieut. Col. Potter was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. The customary business having been transacted, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, the W.M. Bro. J. Robertson was presented to the I.M. Bro. James Roddam, P.M. 240 and 1119, by Bro. Hansen, P.M. 431 and 991, and P.Z. The qualifications and ancient laws and regulations having been read over to him, to all of which he gave his assent, the I.M. duly obligated and conducted him to the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, the brethren then duly proclaimed, and saluted the W.M. in the different degrees, and the officers having been duly charged by the I.M. the W.M. then proceeded to install the officers as follows: Bros. G. A. Allen, I.P.M.; W. Clelland, S.W.; Twizell, J.W. *pro tem.*; Allen, Treas.; Burroughs, Sec.; Fenwick, S.D.; Jarvis, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Heslop, Tyler. The W.M., officers, and brethren were duly charged in their respective duties by the I.M., and a vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Roddam for the manner in which he had conducted the duties of I.M., the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the dining hall, where a most sumptuous repast was tastefully laid up by Bro. T. Wilkinson, when about forty brethren partook of the same. Bro. Robertson, W.M. accepted the chair, and Bro. W. Clelland, S.W. the vice-chair, and among the brethren present were:—Bros. A. Clapham, P. Prov. G.J.W., Northumberland; Noach S. Lotinga, W.M. 424, Gateshead; Dr. Robson, P.M. 431; J. Gibson, P.M. 431; Bragg, 431; Bradshaw, 4S; S. N. Lotinga, 424, &c. The cloth having been cleared and the dessert on, thanks were returned to the G.A. by the W.M. The W.M. then proposed "The Queen," which was drunk with great applause, the healths of the G.M. of England, and then D.G.M. of England, and G.M. of Ireland and Scotland, the Prov. G.M.'s of Northumberland and Durham were duly given by the W.M., and the remainder of Masonic toasts having been given by the W.M., and the remainder of Masonic toasts having been gone through, the W.M. then called on Bro. Noach S. Lotinga, W.M. 424 to give the next toast, being that of the "Masonic Charities," and which really are the back bone of our order, and having always taken a great interest in them, I am sorry to see they are and have been so badly supported in Northumberland. At this stage Bro. A. Clapham, P. Prov. G.S.W. Northumberland, interrupted the speaker, saying Northumberland was the head of the three. Bro. P.M. Lotinga requested Bro. Clapham to be silent, and he would do justice to the toast and to Northumberland. Bro. Lotinga then said that in 1867 Northumberland, with 11 lodges, did not contribute one farthing to the Girls' School, or Aged Freemasons, and their Widows, but the Prov. G.M. being steward for the Boys' School was well supported by lodges and Grand Lodge, and showed a large list in 1868. Bro. Strachan being steward for the Girls' had also been well supported by himself and others, he having at the time a candidate for the school, but before that time I do not see much in the subscribers register for Northumberland. There is the Masonic Girls' School, where upwards of 1000 girls had been educated, and out of that number not one had gone from the path of virtue.

Then comes the Institution for Support and Maintenance of Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and lastly that noble institution the Boys' School, which had a debt of £10,000, and if this debt was paid would be able to make the school available for 150 boys, and hope by the noble examples of Lancashire and Yorkshire, and other provinces that the institution would be freed from this debt and prosper. Brethren at Grand Lodge meeting I had the pleasure of meeting your Immediate P.M. Bro. Allon, and introduced him to Bro. Farnfield, Sec. to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. Bro. Allon partly promised to become steward for the said institution, and I am proud to say to you that he afterwards consented, and is now the steward for the said institution, and I hope he will be well supported by you, and that at the festival he will have a good list; also, brethren, I humbly trust you will support me for the boys, having consented to stand as steward for the Boys, as a life governor, and life subscriber of all our charities. I feel great pleasure in assisting to get that institution freed from the burden which rests so heavily on it. Brethren, I have the great pleasure in proposing "The health and prosperity of the Masonic Charities," and couple that toast with "Bro. P.M. Allon, Steward for Aged Freemasons and their Widows." Bro. Allon, in replying to the toast so ably proposed by Bro. P.M. Lotinga, said as a young lodge Tyne Lodge sent governors to the institution, and had this day initiated one who had subscribed to his list before he was initiated, and, as Bro. Lotinga says, is most happy to receive donations on behalf of the institution, and thank them kindly for support already received. After the usual toasts had been gone through, and a jovial evening spent, the brethren parted in love and harmony.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

BRISTOL.—*Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality* (No. 187).—The members of this lodge held their annual banquet at the White Lion Hotel, Broad-street, on the 27th ult. under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. F. Howard. The dinner, which was tastefully arranged and admirably served, reflected much credit on the manager, Mr. Rudd, and was greatly appreciated by the brethren present. The W.M. was supported by a strong muster of the brethren, including W. A. F. Powell, D.P.G.M.; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C.; H. R. James, P.M., 187; Rev.—Spring; Captain Nuttlebury, P.P.G.R., Bath; F. G. Powell, W.M., 68; R. Hewitt, W.M., 103; P. D. Alexander; W. Bowden, P.M.; H. R. Fergus, P.M.; T. Pritchard, P.M.; C. H. Low, P.M.; J. J. Peters, P.M.; E. M. Harwood, P.M.; W. Barge, P.M.; J. A. Gardiner, P.M.; J. Randall, P.S.W.; J. Bell, P.J.W.; R. A. Wright, W.M.; 504, P.P.G.P.; J. Brooke; 610; A. W. Waite, 610; U. Richardson, 610; G. Pfeiffer, 610; W. Maby, 68; W. Howell, 326; C. G. Barnett, 187; E. A. Barnett, 187; J. A. Clarke, P.G.S.W.; J. A. Page, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Clarke, J.D., 187; R. W. Butterworth, 187; R. G. Barnes, 187; J. J. Peters, P.S.D.; J. A. Gardiner, P.S.D.; R. Cripps, 187; Hy. Wilshire, 200; J. Gunning, 187; W. H. Vines, 187; S. Lowther, 187; T. Gallifer, 610; G. R. Roe, 610; H. C. Pope, 326; T. Edwards, 610; W. A. Scott, P.G.D.; D. Belfield, 103; R. Fendick, P.M., 103; and John Yuffand, 68. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to:—The brethren finally separated, having enjoyed a most agreeable evening.

GLASTONBURY.—*Pilgrims' Lodge* (No. 172).—This flourishing lodge held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Room, George Hotel, the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Captain Bridges, presiding, in consequence of the severe indisposition of the W.M., Bro. Bloxham. The lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Dr. Thomas Marsden Edwards was passed to F.C. Mr. A. Bailey, of Glastonbury, was then initiated, as also the Rev. H. P. Hughes, LL.D., and Mr. Austin, of Baltonsborough. The ceremonies, which were admirably performed, being completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, served up by Bro. Bailey, George Hotel. The usual toasts were given, songs sung by Bro. Bristow and others, and the banquet passed off with *éclat*. The visiting brethren were—Bros. Bristow, W.M. 415; Knight and George, 416; Smith, 622; Burnett and Salisbury, 291.

WARWICKSHIRE.

ASTON.—*Holte Lodge*, (No. 1,246).—The consecration of this new lodge and the installation of Bro. Thomas Partridge as W.M. took place, at the Holte Hotel, Aston, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The D. Prov. G. Master Bro. Major Machen accom-

panied by the Hon. and Rev. J. Leigh, P.G. Chap. and other brethren arrived at 3.30, a procession was formed of the provincial grand officers, and on their arrival in the lodge room the D.P.G.M. took the chair, and proceeded with the consecration as per programme. At the conclusion of that ceremony Bro. T. Partridge, P.G.O. was installed into the G.C. of K.S. Bro. the Rev. W. B. Smith officiating as Installing Master. After which ceremony the W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Grinsell, W.M. 1,016, as S.W.; H. Smith, J.W.; H. Quilter, Treas.; John Parker, Sec.; J. J. Fullam, Assist. Sec.; T. Vaughton, S.D.; J. Kennedy, J.D.; F. J. Roberts, P.M. Dir. of Cers.; J. Truman, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; James Gilbert, I.G.; G. Hughes and J. Guarrins, Stewards. It was remarked by several that there was a larger board of Installed Masters present on this occasion than has been known at any previous installation in the province, as about 40 P.M.'s remained in the lodge room after the M.M.'s had been requested to withdraw, the P.G. Lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren in number about sixty-five adjourned to the handsome and spacious assembly room, and partook of an excellent dinner, served up in Bro. Quilter's usual good style, the wines being of the first quality. The usual Masonic toasts having been drank and responded to, the brethren adjourned about 10 p.m. This new lodge is likely to prove a very prosperous one, having among its members brethren who know the work and take an interest in the progress of Masonry. The lodge room was most elegantly furnished, Bro. J. Kennedy supplying nearly all the furniture except the pedestals made by Bro. Bloore. A beautiful set of officers' jewels was presented to the lodge, by Bro. T. Bragg, and the Tyler's sword by Bro. J. Kennedy. The whole of the furniture is first class, and a pattern to most of the lodges in the province. Many thanks are due to Bro. Quilter for the great assistance he rendered the brethren in the formation of the lodge, having spared no time, trouble, or expense, in making the necessary arrangements; also to the brethren in general who assisted at this first meeting of the lodge—the musical brethren in particular whose excellent music and singing gave great effect to the ceremonies. Among the visitors were the following brethren: Bros. John Denton, P. Prov. G.P., Yorkshire; Rev. W. B. Smith, P. Prov. G.C.; M. Smart, P.M. 74; James Cook, P.G.S.W.; J. Beresford, P.G.S.B.; J. Bragg, P. Prov. G.O.; J. Bourne, P.M. 1,016; H. Sanderson, W.M. 925; E. Ratcliffe, W.M. 587; F. Bushill, S.W. 725; Rev. Smith, P.G.C.; Dr. J. Johnston, 587; A. Blanckensee, P.M. 43; T. D. Miller, W.M. 1,031; F. Cohen, W.M. 1,180; W. Balls, I.G. 1,163; W. H. Haseler, W.M. 739, and several other brethren who forgot to sign the Tyler's book. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Lord Leigh, P.G.M., who had promised to attend, but was unable to do so, and sent a telegram to that effect.

YORKSHIRE (WEST.)

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—*Prince Frederick Lodge* (No. 307.)—The brethren of this lodge met on Monday, Jan. 25th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, and for celebrating the Festival of St. John. Amongst the P.M.'s present were Bros. G. Clegg, P.P.G.S. of W., A. Cockcroft, J. Cockcroft, L. Crabtree, W. Gill, D. Heap, R. Nicholson, and W. Patman, P.P.G.P. The only visitors were Bros. W. Shackleton, P.M., 288; W. Cooke, P.M., 445; G. Normanton, P.M., 448 and 1231; Thos. Whitaker, 448; J. Wainwright, J.W., 1102, and F. Normanton, 1102. The lodge having been opened in the first degree by Bro. Nicholson, P.M., and the usual formal business transacted, it was then opened in the second degree, and the W. M. elect. Bro. Fredk. Whitaker, S.W. (of Halifax) presented to Bro. Nicholson for the ceremony installation. Having answered the necessary questions and taken the O.B., the lodge was opened in the third degree, and then a Board of Installed Masters opened, when Bro. Whitaker was duly installed as W.M. of No. 307 by Bro. Nicholson, P.M. The officers invested by the new W.M. were as follows:—A. Roberts, (448) S.W.; G. Sutcliffe, J.W.; L. Crabtree, P.M., Treas.; W. Patman, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec., R. Worsick, S.D., W. Gill, P.M., J.D. A. Cockcroft, P.M., J.G.; and J. Dewhist Tyler. Bro. Nicholson then gave the usual charges to the W.M. and officers, the W.M. was saluted by the brethren in the different degrees, and the lodge closed with prayer. A banquet had been prepared which reflected the highest credit upon the host, Bro. W. Jackson, P.M., of the White Horse Hotel, and was enjoyed by the brethren. They then returned to the lodge room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to; the

toast of the evening, that of the newly-installed W.M., being proposed by Bro. D. Heap, I.P.M. Bro. Whitaker, W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by electing him to preside over them, and trusted he should discharge the duties devolving upon him in such a way, that at the end of the year they would have no cause to regret the choice they had made. He also announced his intention of giving £1. 1s. to the Masonic Lifeboat Fund. This was taken up by Bro. Gill, P.M., who hoped the brethren would unite with the W.M., and subscribe their mite to so good an object. The toast of "To the Distressed Masons" having been given, the brethren separated, so many having to leave by the 9.45 train, after enjoying a very pleasant and social evening.

SCOTLAND.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at six o'clock p.m., when the following business was brought before the Grand Lodge:—

1. Proxy Commissions.
2. Presents:—1. From Grand Lodges of England, Canada, France, Prussia, Texas, Tennessee, New York, Arkansas, and Missouri. 2. Masonic Calendar for 1869, by Bro. J. D. Porteous, *Editor*.
3. Minutes of Grand Lodge and Grand Committee.
4. Appointment of Grand Committee for 1869-70.
5. Petitions for Charters:—1. Lodge "Scarborough," Tobago, West Indies. 2. Lodge "Caledonian," Haskeni, Turkey. 3. Lodge "Caledonian," Bombay.
6. Motion:—Moved by Bro. L. Thallon, P.M. 162, seconded by Bro. H. R. Kay, R.W.M. 291:—"That it be enacted that any Office-bearer failing to fulfil the duties of his office in accordance with the provisions contained in Grand Lodge Laws, be held as disqualified for re-election to said office."

EDINBURGH.

STOW.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 216).—At the St. John festival of the Masonic Fraternity fell this year on Sunday, the brethren here celebrated it on the previous Friday, when between fifty and sixty members of the Craft assembled in the Town Hall about mid-day for the despatch of business, after which they marched in procession through the village, and dined at four o'clock—a deputation from Galashiels being present. The R.W.M. elected this year is Bro. Henry Ker, who after he had been installed, in a very impressive address by Past Master Bro. Brownlee, presided at the festive board. The other principal office-bearers are:—Bros. Robert Sanderson, Depute-Master; Wm. Forsythe, Substitute-Master; John F. Walker, S.W.; James Lambert, J.W.; Joseph Wilson, Treas.; David Scott, Sec.; Rev. David Waddell, Chap.; George Tait, Bible-Bearer; James Chisholm, I.G.; and Thomas Forsythe, Tyler. The dinner was provided by Bro. Dickson, of the Railway Hotel, in his usual sumptuous and substantial style. After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. Other toasts, with addresses, songs, &c., were given by the brethren, who spent the afternoon and evening in a very agreeable manner. The usual torch-light procession terminated the public part of the proceedings in the evening, when the deputation and brethren from a distance were escorted to the railway station. A little later in the evening the lodge was closed in the hall in due form.

GLASGOW.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge of Glasgow St. John* (No. 3 bis).—The meeting of this lodge was held in the Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., Bro. Baird, R.W.M., in the chair. The minutes were read and approved of, and the election of I.G. then took place; after which the R.W.M., referring to the apology the lodge desired from Bro. Buchan, anent the letter which (as stated in the *MAGAZINE* for Jan. 16th) appeared in the *North British Daily Mail*, stated that a correspondence between him and Bro. Buchan on the subject had been entered into, the result being that Bro. Buchan decidedly refused to sign the apology desired. The R.W.M. read the said correspondence to the lodge, after which a form of apology was handed to Bro. Buchan, for the adhibition of his signature, allowing a

few minutes for consideration. Bro. Buchan observed, that he ought to have a copy of the document, and also at least twenty-four hours to think over it. The lodge, however, disallowed both suggestions; on which Bro. Buchan, having solemnly perused the "form of apology," handed it back, respectfully declining to attach his name to such a document. Thereupon Bro. Jas. Anderson proposed that a special meeting be held, to which Bro. Buchan be summoned to answer for himself ament this matter; and that he be tried and dealt with in accordance with Masonic law, which was agreed to. It was then decided that the said special meeting should be held on Thursday, 4th February, 1869. Thereafter the R.W.M., referring to an article which appeared in the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE of the 9th Jan., pp. 29 and 30, by "Crux," and which he also read to the lodge, said that he considered the said article to be a personal reflection on himself; and that he therefore intended, if possible, to find out the author, so that proceedings might be taken against him, as he (Bro. Baird) believed the said article to be a libel. Bro. Baird then threw himself upon the lodge, and trusted that the brethren would support him under the circumstances, which was vociferously responded to. Some brethren were then affiliated, after which the lodge was duly closed.

GLASGOW.—*The Lodge Caledonian Railway* (No. 354).—This lodge held its usual meeting in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. On account of the death of a near relation of the R.W.M. elect, it was only at this meeting that the installation of office-bearers was completed. The following brethren were installed by Bro. James E. Wilson, now P.M. of the lodge, and Bro. William Robertson, P.M. 333:—Bros. J. Hamilton, R.W.M.; James E. Wilson, P.M.; W. R. Thomson, D.M.; Dr. R. F. Paterson, S.M.; D. K. Speirs, S.W.; John Crichton, J.W.; A. Carmichael, Treas.; P. Sanderson, Sec.; J. Miller, S.D.; Andrew Mackay, J.D.; Rev. A. E. Wilson, Chaplain; John Price, Architect; D. Buchanan, B.B.; Gourlay, S.B.; David Martin, Dir. of Cers.; A. A. Smith, Dir. of Music; Alexander Murie, C.S.; Matthew Mann, J.S.; A. S. Walker, P.G.S.; John Henderson, I.G.; W. F. Gemmell, Tyler. John, S. Hunter, T. B. Sim, R. Wilson, J. H. Geddis and Colin More, members of Committee. Previous to the election there was a talk of a contest for some of the offices, notably for that of Master, for which two candidates were proposed, either of them being well qualified to fill the office. The first of the two, however, found that his private duties would not allow him to give, what he considered, the necessary time required to fulfil the onerous duties of the chair, and therefore declined it, kindly consenting to act as D.M., an office in which, from his great experience, he will be of great service to the lodge, and an efficient support to the newly-installed Master. The popularity of the newly-elected R.W.M. was evinced by this crowded and enthusiastic meeting, at which four gentlemen were initiated, and a visiting brother presented to the lodge a very fine set of silver square and compasses, embellished with emblems of the Craft. Bro. Hamilton in feeling terms returned thanks for the honour done, and hoped, if spared, to show by deeds, rather than by words, the interest he felt in 354, and expressed a hope that the brethren would bear with him if he failed to reach that point of excellence attained by P.M. Bro. Wilson in the past two years in working the lodge. The initiation of candidates was conducted by Bro. Wilson, P.M., as also the affiliation of Bro. Gallo-way, whose brotherly kindness to the lodge was highly extolled. From the auditors' report it appeared that the retiring Master was leaving the lodge about £100 richer than when he took office, and that 100 names had been added to the roll of membership during his occupation of the chair. The lodge being put under the genial sway of the J.W., the customary toasts on such occasions were given and responded to. Bro. Wilson, P.M., in responding to "The Past Office Bearers," remarked that, though now taking his place among those under the "sere and yellow leaf," nothing would give him greater pleasure than still to take his part in the work of a lodge among whom he had made so many true friends and spent so many happy hours, and that he could never forget their brotherly kindness to him. The memory of Captain Speirs, R.W. Prov. G.M., was received with solemn honours. The "last toast" was then given, and the lodge called back to labour and closed in due and ancient form.

SIR WALTER SCOTT, whose centenary celebration is now the topic of the day, was initiated in the Lodge Edinburgh St. David's, No. 36; Robert Burns in the Canongate Kilwinning,

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

GUERNSEY.

DOYLE'S LODGE, (No. 84).—A lodge was held on Tuesday the 29th Dec., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect and passing to the second degree Bro. Le Maitre. The lodge was opened at 2:30 by the W.M. Bro. Martin: there were present Bros. Gallienne, P. Dep. Prov. G.M.; Stickland, P.M.; Hutchinson, P.M., and Treas.; Churchouse, P.M.; Gardner, S.W. & W.M. elect; Glencross, J.W.; Clarke, Millington, S.D.; Muntz, J.G.; Parker, J.D.; Cohen, Barter, Le Maitre; Baujour, Lucas & Coles, visitors. Bros. Smythson, P.M., 168 and Henry, J.W., & W.M. elect 168. The minutes of the preceding lodge were read and confirmed, and Bro. Le Maitre, was duly passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was then opened in the 2nd. and 3rd. degrees respectively; and Bro. Gardner was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. as W.M. of Doyle's Lodge, for the ensuing year with all the usual rites and ceremonies of salutation which the Masonic ritual enjoins on such occasions. The P. Dep. Prov. G.M., was the Installing Master, and having thus written, it would be superfluous to enlarge on the eloquent and impressive manner in which the ceremony was worked. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. Glencross, S.W.; Millington, J.W.; Parker, S.D.; Muntz, J.D.; Cohen, I.G.; Sarchel, Sec., and Clarke, Assistant Sec. At the last previous lodge, Bro. Hutchinson, was elected Treasurer and Manger Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned until 6 when the Annual Banquet was to be held in the lodge room. The dinner which had been entrusted to the catering of "Sister Edward" by the committee appointed to carry out the arrangements was a very capital—almost too profuse a one—and was served up in good style. The loving cup was then passed round and partaken of by all with the exception of two brothers, whose extremely strict ideas as to the propriety of "sacrificing to Bacchus," prevented them from "sipping the Goblet," but whose heartily-expressed good wishes for "peace on earth and good will towards all men" were it is certain none the less sincere for their conscientious abstinence. Amongst the toasts which were proposed and most cordially responded to were the Queen and Craft, Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, Lord Zetland, G.M., and Grand Lodge, the W.M.'s health, the Past Master's, the Wardens and the Deacons, health. The health of the P. Dep. Pro. G.M. was the one which during the evening elicited the greatest enthusiasm—it was proposed by Bro. Hutchinson and responded to by the worthy P. Deputy, in terms so eloquent, and in a manner so impassioned that the feelings of all were acutely touched. The tenor of his remarks throughout the whole of his speech was truly Masonic, but as he touched chiefly on subjects which would not much interest the general reader of the Magazine an Epitome of it is not here given. The health of Bro. Horner was also very warmly received. A letter was read by Bro. Clarke, which had been received from him—explaining the reason why he could not attend the banquet as he had hoped to have done, and all were grieved to hear it was of a nature which caused him much sorrow. On the whole a thoroughly harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren separated much pleased at the very agreeable success which had attended their annual re-union.

ROYAL ARCH.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Grand Chapter met on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at eight o'clock. There were present, M.E. Comps. Rev. J. Huyshe, Grand J., as Z.; Lord de Tabley, Prov. G. Supt. Cheshire, as H.; Geo. W. K. Potter, P.G.P.S., as J.; H. Browne, G.S.B.; H. Muggeridge, G. Std. Bearer; J. Thomas, Dir. of Cers.; B. Head and E. S. Snell; W. E. Walmsley, J. Savage, P.G.S.B.'s; and N. Bradford, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; William Smith (C.E.), J. Brett, J. Nunn, J. Keeve, H. G. Buss, W. M. Bywater, W. Mann, H. Radcliffe, F. Adlard, H. J. Dumas, G. Lambert, G. S. States, F. Bennoch, W. C. Barlow, E. J. Barron, and J. M. Case.

Grand Chapter having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last convocation were read, and after a short discussion, they were confirmed.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was next read.

The committee reported that they had examined the accounts from the 21st October, 1868, to the 19th January, 1869, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance 21st October	£497	4	9
„ Subsequent Receipts	266	19	9
	£764	4	6
By Disbursements during the Quarter...	£123	9	8
„ Purchase of £300 Consols, at 91½ ...	283	10	0
„ Balance	357	4	10
	£764	4	6

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The committee also reported that they had received the following petitions, viz:—

1st. From Companions Moore, as Z.; William Henry Bagnall, as H.; Thomas Mason, as J., and eight others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, Lancaster, to be called "The Rowley Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on the third Monday in the months of February, May, August, and November.

This petition was approved, and the warrant ordered to issue.

2ndly. From Comps. John Elliott, as Z.; William Browning, as H.; John Rathbone Longshaw, as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, East Stonehouse, to be called "The Elliott Chapter," and to meet at the Metham Lodge Rooms, East Stonehouse, in the county of Devon, on the third Thursday in February, May, August, and November.

The warrant was granted.

3rdly. From Comps. William Wade, as Z.; John Horbury, as H.; William Jones, as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Combermere Lodge, No. 605, Seacombe, to be called "The De Tabley Chapter," and to meet at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire, on the first Monday of every month.

The warrant was granted.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, and the committee having recommended that the prayers thereof be respectively granted, it will be seen that their recommendations were complied with by Grand Chapter.

The committee having also received a petition from Comps. Charles John Brown, as Z.; Harvey Tuckett Duncan, as H.; Alexander John Greenlaw, as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge Arakan, No. 645, Akyab, to be called "The Loyal Arakan Chapter," and to meet at Akyab, British Burmah, in the East Indies, on the first Wednesday of every month, recommended that the prayer of this petition be granted, subject to the receipt of the written assent of Comp. Harvey Tuckett Duncan, the proposed H., who has not signed the petition; which was thereupon done.

The committee having also received a memorial from the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 477, praying for permission to remove the Chapter from the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, back to No. 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, its former place of meeting, and having carefully considered the circumstances under which this application is made, and its former removal to Seacombe; and the Lodge No. 605, at Seacombe, having now applied for a Chapter to be attached to that lodge, the committee recommended that the permission now prayed for be granted; and upon the motion of M.E. Comp. Lord De Tabley, the recommendation was adopted.

The following notice of motion having been received for this quarterly convocation of Grand Chapter, from Comp. Francis Bennoch, M.E.Z., No. 2, viz:—"That the meetings of Grand Chapter be held at 7 o'clock p.m., instead of 8 o'clock," it was then seconded by Comp. Brett, and, after some discussion, carried by a large majority. In future Grand Chapter will meet at 7 o'clock, and it is hoped that the resolution carried at last Grand Lodge, to a like effect, will be confirmed at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, so that both Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge will meet at the same hour.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

METROPOLITAN.

CAVEAC CHAPTER.—The convocation was held on Friday January 22, at Radley's Hotel, New Bridge-street, Blackfriars. The chapter was opened, and there were present Comps. C. T.

Dorey, M.E.Z.; J. Lacey, H.; P. A. Nairne, J.; F. Walters, P.Z. Treas. S.E.; P. Browne, S.N.; M. Scott, P.S.; R. S. Foreman, 1st Assist. Soj.; E. Palmer, D.C.; E. S. Stidolph, W.S., and others. Bro. W. Holland, S.D. 157 was exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The ceremony, as usual here, was well rendered. No visitors were present. The usual excellent banquet was served up.

MARK MASONRY.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

HALIFAX.—*Fearnley Lodge*, (No. 58).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Talbot Hotel, Halifax, when there was an average attendance of the members. The lodge was opened at 5 p.m. After the minutes of the last regular lodge and of the two subsequent lodges of emergency had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Nowell of Huddersfield, which proved unanimous, and he was subsequently advanced to the degree of Mark Master by Bro. Normanton, P.M. The brethren then adjourned for tea. On the return of the members to the lodge, and the usual questions answered in the affirmative by the W.M. elect, Bro. John Stott, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Stott was duly obligated and installed as W.M., for the ensuing year by Bro. Normanton, P.M. after which Bro. Perkinson, G.S.G., was invested as I.P.M. The brethren were then admitted, and the new W.M. commenced his duties by investing his officers as follows:—Bros. John Firth, S. W.; Alfred Supton, J.W.; W. F. Wilkinson, M.O.; W. H. D. Horsfall, S.O.; W. Tasker, J.O.; F. G. Fleming, (3rd time) Treas.; F. Whitaker, Reg.; W. Cooke, P.M. P.G.S.O., (5th time) Sec.; A. Roberts, S.D.; G. Jennings, J.D.; E. M. Wavell, Dir. of Cers.; Dr. Symmott, I.G.; J. Morton and W. Dewhurst, Stewards; J. Greenwood, P.M. Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards spent the evening in a very harmonious manner.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

METROPOLITAN.

PLANTAGANET CONCLAVE (No. 2).—A regular assembly of this conclave was held at the George Hotel, Aldermanbury, on the 11th ult., under the presidency of Sir Knt. T. Wescombe, G. Standard Bearer, M.P.S., and was numerously attended, several visitors being present, amongst whom we noticed: Sir Knts. W. R. Woodman, M.D., G. Assist. Recorder, No. 6; Geo. Kenning, of the Premier Conclave, and S. G. Foxall of No. 6. After the usual ballot, Bros. H. Smith, 907, and Joseph L. Woods, 30°, D.P.G. Master of North Connaught, were duly approved as candidates, and the former being in attendance was duly installed a Knt. of the order. The elections for the ensuing year resulted unanimously as follows: E. Sir Knt. John Boyd, as M.P.S.; D. G. Berri, V.E.; T. Cubitt, P.S., Treas.; J. Gilbert, Sentinel. It was also resolved to remove the conclave to the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, where superb and unique accommodation is now provided for Masonic meetings. Our esteemed Bro. Woods being in Paris at the time of this assembly, it was resolved to hold a special conclave at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th ult., for the purpose of installing him, and this resolution was accordingly carried into effect on that day, when after the accolade of Knighthood had been conferred, Sir Knt. Woods, was in due succession admitted to the ecclesiastical and imperial orders by Sir Knt. R. W. Little, G.R., assisted by Sir Knts. J. G. Marsh, G.A.; H. C. Levander M.A., G. Assist. Treas.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, G.A.R., &c., and the new Prince of the Order of Constantine, expressed his great pleasure at the entire ceremonial.

MASONIC LIFEBOAT FUND.

Further subscriptions received:—Bro. Frederick Whitaker, W.M., Prince Frederick Lodge, No. 307, Hebden Bridge, £1 1s. Announced: Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, £1 1s. Bro. Pyall, 5s.

MEETINGS OF THE LEARNED SOCIETIES.

MONDAY, 8th February.—Royal Geographical Society at 8-30.
 TUESDAY, 9th February.—Institution of Civil Engineers at 8.
 WEDNESDAY, 10th February.—Royal Microscopical Society at 8 (anniversary). Society of Arts at 8. Geological Society at 8.
 THURSDAY, 11th February.—Royal Society at 8-30. Chemical Society at 8.
 FRIDAY, 12th February.—The Royal Institution at 9. Royal United Service Institution at 3 o'clock. Subject. The Italian Campaign of 1866 by Major C. Adams.

LIST OF LODGE, &c., MEETINGS FOR WEEK ENDING 14TH FEBRUARY, 1869.

ENGLAND.
METROPOLITAN.

Monday, February 8th.

LODGES.—St. George and Corner Stone, 8, Freemasons' Hall. Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 12, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. St. Alban's, 29, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Royal Naval, 59, Freemasons' Hall. Confidence, 193, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. St. Andrew's East, 222, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. Peckam, 879, Edinboro Castle, Peckham-rye. Leigh, 957, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Union Waterloo, 5 (for M.M.), King's Arms, Woolwich. Prosperity, 65, White Hart, Bishopsgate-street. Temple, 101, Old George, St. Mary Axe. Justice, 147, Royal Albert, New Cross-road, Deptford. Old Concord, 172, Turk's Head, Motcombe-street, Belgrave-square. Sincerity, 174, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, St. James's Union, 108, Swan Tavern, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square. Industry, 186, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-street. Salisbury, 435, 71, Dean-street, Soho. Camden, 704, Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock Hill. Westbourne, 733, Running Horse, Duke-street, Grosvenor-square. Crystal Palace, 742, City Arms Tavern, West-square, Southwark. High Cross, 754, White Hart Hotel, Tottenham. Tower Hamlet Engineers, 902, Duke of Clarence, Commercial-road, East.

CHAPTERS.—Mount Zion, 22, Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars. Panmure, 720, Loughborough Arms, Brixton.

MARK LODGE.—United Service, 69, Red Lion Hotel, Brompton.

TEMPLAR ENCAMPMENT.—Frederick of Unity, 28, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

Tuesday, February 9th.

LODGES.—Old Union, 46, Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street. Blackfriars. Burlington, 96, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Union, 166, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. St. James's Union, 180, Freemasons's Hall. Percy, 198, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. St. Michael's, 211, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. United Strength, 228, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Nine Muses, 235, Clarendon Hotel, Bond-street. Wellington, 548, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford. Ranelagh, 834, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Doric, 933, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

CHAPTER.—Jerusalem, 185, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Strong Man, 45, White Horse, Little Britain. Pythagorean, 79, Prince of Orange, Greenwich. Faith, 141, Albert Arms, Victoria-street, Westminster. Domatic, 177, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell. Jordan, 201, Alwyne Castle Canonbury. Euphrates, 212, White Hart Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. Yarborough, 554, Green Dragon, Stepney. British Oak, 831, Silver Lion Tavern, Pennyfield, Poplar. Dalhousie, 860, Royal Edward Triangle, Hackney. City of London, 901, Shepherd and Flock Tavern, Bell Alley, Moorgate-street. Royal Albert, 907, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane. New Wandsworth, 1,044, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.—Robert Burns, 23, Sussex Stores, Upper-street, St. Martin's-lane. Mount Zion, 145, White Hart Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. Rose of Denmark, 975, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.

Wednesday, February 10th.

Committee of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.

LODGES.—Fidelity, 3, Freemasons' Hall. Royal York Perseverance, 7, Freemasons' Hall. Echo, 11, Freemasons' Hall. Union Waterloo, 13, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich. Kent, 15, Three Tuns Tavern, Southwark. Vitruvian, 87, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Justice, 147, White Swan Tavern, Deptford. Euphrates, 212, George Hotel, Aldermanbury. Pilgrim, 238, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Belgrave, 749, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Merchant Navy, 781, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Montefiore, 1,017, Freemasons' Hall. Beacontree, 1,228, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Eastern Star, 95, Sugar Loaf, Burdett-street, Mile End-road. Confidence, 193, Sugar Loaf, Great St. Helens. United Strength, 223, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town. Prince Frederick William, 753, Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's Wood. New Concord, 813, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton. St. Mark's, 857, Mawby Arms, Mawby-street, South Lambeth. Peckham, 879, Edinboro Castle Tavern, Peckham Rye. Temperance in the East, 893, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

MARK LODGE.—Kent, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—St. James's Union, 180, Swan Tavern, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square.

Thursday, February 11th.

LODGES.—Royal Athelstane, 19, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Regularity, 91, Freemasons' Hall. Friendship, 206, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bank of England, 263, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars. Polish National, 534, Freemasons' Hall. Canonbury, 657, Haxeli's Hotel, Strand. Dalhousie, 860, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Copper, 1076, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Fidelity, 2, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Kent, 15, Duke of York, Borough-road, Southwark. Globe, 23, No. 10, Old Bond-street, W. United Mariners, 30, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road. Vitruvian, 87, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. St. George's (for M.M.), 140, Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich. St. John's, 107, Hollybush Tavern, Hampstead. Manchester, 179, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Berkeley-square. Tranquillity, 185, Sugar Loaf Tavern, Great St. Helen's, St. Mary Axe. Merchant Navy, 781, Jamaica Tavern, West India Dock-road, Poplar. Whittington, 862, Thatched House Tavern, No. 9, Red Lion-street. Royal Oak, 871, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford. City of London, 901, Shepherd and Flock Tavern, Bell-alley, Moorgate-street.

CHAPTERS.—Yarborough, 554, Green Dragon, Stepney.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.—Domatic, 177, City Arms, West-square; Joppa, 188, Prospect of Whitley Tavern, 57, Wapping-wall.

ENCAMPMENT.—Observance, 58, 14 Bedford-row.

Friday, February 12th.

LODGES.—Britannic, 33, Freemasons' Hall. Caledonian, 134, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bedford, 157, Freemasons' Hall. Domatic, 177, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

CHAPTER.—Friendship, 6, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Robert Burns, 23, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street. St. Luke's, 144, Pier Hotel, Chayne Walk, Chelsea. Temperance, 169, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford. Stability, 217, Guildhall Tavern, 33, Gresham-street. Union's (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), 256, Freemasons' Hall. United Pilgrims, Horn's Tavern Kennington. Wellington, 548, Lord Duncan Tavern, Broadway, Deptford. Belgrave, 749, Hand and Racquet, Whitcomb-street, Leicester-square. St. James's, 765, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey. Lily, 820, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. Ranelagh, 834, Windsor Castle, King-street, Hammersmith. Doric, 933, Three Cranes, Mile End-road. Rose of Denmark, 975, White Hart, Barnes, Surrey. Victoria (Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction), 1,056, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.

Saturday, February 13th.

LODGES.—London, 108, Freemasons' Hall. Phoenix, 173, Freemasons' Hall.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Mount Sinai, 19, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.

PROVINCIAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

Monday February the 8th.

LODGE.—Howe, 587, Masonic Room, Newhall-street.

Tuesday, February 9th.

LODGE.—Faithful, 473, Masonic Room, Newhall-street. Temperance, 739, Masonic Room, Newhall-street. Emulation, 1163, Masonic Room, Newhall-street.

Wednesday, February 10th.

LODGE.—Fletcher, 1031, Masonic Room, Newhall-street.

LIVERPOOL.

Monday, February 8th.

LODGE.—Sincerity, 292, Masonic Temple.

Tuesday, February 9th.

LODGE.—Merchants, 241, Masonic Temple.

Thursday, February 11th.

LODGE.—Harmonic, 216, Adelphi Hotel. Croxteth, 786, Masonic Temple. Prince of Wales, 1035, St. Mary's School Rooms, Kirkdale.

Friday, February 12th.

LODGE.—Perseverance, 203, Masonic Temple.

MANCHESTER, SALFORD, &c.

Monday, February 8th.

LODGE.—Zetland, Royal Veteran Inn, Salford.

Tuesday, February 9th.

Encampment, United Encampment, 104, Palatine Hotel.

Wednesday, February 10th.

LODGE.—Caledonian, 204, Masonic Hall.

CHAPTER.—Social, 62, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.

Thursday February 11th.

LODGE.—St. David's. Masonic Hall, 1147, Cooper-street.

Friday, February 12th.

LODGE.—Blair, 815, Town Hall, Hulme.

SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH.

Monday, February 8th.

LODGES.—Se. Stephen, 145, University Hotel. St. Clair, 349, Freemasons' Hall.

Tuesday, February 9th.

LODGE.—Mary's Chapel, 1, Ship Hotel.

Wednesday, February 10th.

LODGE.—Canongate Kilwinning, 2, St. John's Chapel.

CHAPTERS.—Edinburgh, 1, Freemasons' Hall. Naval and Military, 40, Freemasons' Hall.

Thursday, February 11th.

LODGES.—Journeymen, 80, High-street. Caledonian, 392, Albert Hotel.

GLASGOW.

Monday, February 8th.

LODGE.—St. Clair, 262, 19, Croy-place.

Tuesday, February, 9th.

LODGES.—Athole, 413, 213, Buchanan-street. Neptune, 46, Clyde-place. Robert Burns, 440, Thorn's Inn, Baitheston. Glasgow, 441, Antiqua-place.

CHAPTER.—St. Andrew, 69, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, February, 10th.

LODGES.—Scotia, 178, 170, Buchanan-street. St. George, 333, 218, Buchanan-street.

Thursday, February 11th.

LODGE.—St. Mary, 117, Masonic Hall, Partick.

Friday, February 12th.

CHAPTER.—Glasgow, 50, 213, Buchanan-street.

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.

Monday, February 8.—Dublin Lodge, 100; Tuesday, February, 9.—Dublin Lodge, 245; Wednesday, February 10.—Hiram Lodge, 120, Shakespeare, 143; Thursday, February 11.—Grand Lodge of Instruction; Friday, February 12.—Grand Master's Lodge, Encampment Dublin, 4; Saturday, February 13.—Encampment, Kilwinning. All meetings of Dublin Lodges are held at Freemasons' Hall, Deane-street.

BELFAST.

Tuesday, February 9th, Prince of Wales Encampment, 154, Masonic Hall. Wednesday, February 10th, Provincial Grand Lodge, Masonic Hall. Prince of Wales' Owu, Lodge of Instruction, 154, Masonic Hall. Thursday, February 11th, Lodge Ark, 10, Masonic Hall. Friday, February 12th, Union Encampment, 106, Masonic Rooms, Donegal-place.

The above information is extracted from "The Universal Masonic Calendar" for 1869.

Poetry.

THE LIFE-BOAT HOUSE.

By T. J. SWAIN.

Shining beacon! storm-tost sailors
Seek thy light to guide their way,—
Look for thee with straining vision,
Almost blinded by the spray.

Rough but kindly people tend thee,
Inmates of that light-house drear;
Often they befriended the sailor
When no other aid is near.

Sad their life, with sighing billows
Dashing round their sea-girt home,
Sometimes presaging the tempest,
Which 'ere long is sure to come.

Yet their deeds are often noble—
See, how valiantly they row
T'wards yon sinking shipwreck'd vessel,
Fear they hardly seem to know.

Joy! their mission is accomplished;
They have sav'd the suffering crew;
God their fragile boat hath guided,
And they feel His blessing too.

No'er I see the lonely lighthouse,
But my prayers in pity plead
For the oft heroic inmates
In the sailors' hour of need.

And I feel, whate'er their station,
Masons should unite to aid
In the noble life-boat project,
Which so long has been delay'd.

God a cheerful giver loveth;
If we strive as Masons should
In a duty, so heart-stirring,
There's a blessing for the good.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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