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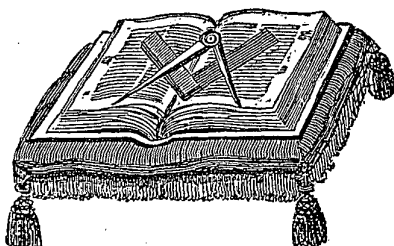
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ADDRESS TO OUR READERS.

THE present number completes the twenty-first volume of the quarto series of THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR, and the first at the reduced price of Threepence, a measure which has opened to us a wider field of usefulness—a result which it has ever been the aim of the proprietors to accomplish, beyond mere considerations of pecuniary profit.

The year just completed makes a new era in Freemasonry in Great Britain. Having once more connected with our Order a member of the Royal Family, in the person of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, we may expect a large addition to our ranks from the higher circles of society, and, in consequence, additional prosperity to the Order, both in numbers and in influence; and no doubt, from the expected accessions to our ranks, the charities will meet with that increased support which they so eminently deserve.

Although the pleasure anticipated at his reception amongst Masons was not entirely unalloyed (from the fact of his having been initiated abroad) English Masons having long looked forward to the honour of initiating him), his very cordial reception amongst them left nothing to be desired. Such a course is not unprecedented, for on former occasions Princes of the Blood Royal have, in several instances, been initiated in foreign countries, and have afterwards presided over Grand Lodge, or held high rank in it.

It became our duty to announce in the same number which chronicled the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as a Past Grand Master, the intended retirement of the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, from the position which he has held more than quarter of a century, during which time he has gained the personal esteem of every member of the Order whom Masonic business has brought him in contact with, as well as of the whole Craft, for the firm yet beneficent rule that he has exercised. That his position was one which required the nicest powers of discrimination cannot admit of doubt, and that our M.W.G.M. has exercised that discretion is evidenced by the harmony which has prevailed generally in Grand Lodge under his sway. Every measure brought forward for the good of the Order, when he could conscientiously concur, has met with his hearty support, while at the same time he has unflinchingly opposed every measure which, in his mind, was not calculated to forward the interests of the Craft. Although in some instances his policy has been opposed by the conductors of this MAGAZINE, they have never for a moment imputed to him any other than the most conscientious motives. There is one consolation, that, although he alleges advanced age as his reason for relinquishing his post, we have his assurance that, as long as the Almighty shall spare his life, he will continue to take the greatest interest in all that concerns Freemasonry.

In announcing the retirement of the M.W.G.M. we ventured to hope that "the election of a successor to so estimable a Mason as the present Grand Master should take place in the same cordial and unanimous way that has, almost without exception, marked the annual re-election of the Earl of Zetland for the last twenty-five years; and as no one more able, or more distinguished as a

Mason, could by any possibility be appointed as Grand Master, we trust that the name of the EARL DE GREY AND RIPON will be the only one mentioned for the high and distinguished office." Our hopes were fully realised, for at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, his was the only name mentioned in connection with the office of Grand Master, and, although not yet elected, we may look upon it as a foregone conclusion that he will occupy the Throne. Indeed, we perceive from our reports that in the provinces, especially in that over which he rules as Provincial Grand Master, he is being toasted as "Grand Master Elect." Under his rule may Masonry continue to prosper!

While upon this subject, we feel constrained to express our regret that so favourable an opportunity had not been embraced, for the adoption of some one or other of the propositions brought forward by distinguished brethren, limiting the term of occupation of the chair of Grand Master. Such a rule would stimulate many to greater exertion; for when the highest office in the Craft is open to numerous aspirants, many, instead of "hiding their light under a bushel," would "set it up on a candlestick."

The subject of Uniformity of Ritual has at last been taken up by Grand Lodge, a resolution on this subject being referred to a Committee of Past Masters, who will no doubt, find an arduous task before them. Whatever may be the result of their labours, we desire to see more Lodges of Instruction, established and conducted on the model of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

The recognition the independence of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, although diminishing the power and revenue of the Grand Lodge of England, should be a source of congratulation to every sincere well-wisher to the cause of Masonry. The main consideration, with such, should be the spread of Masonry into the most remote quarters of the globe. Although regret must be felt at the severance of the connection with our colonial brethren, the same proud feeling should exist as when a mother sees her son preparing for a start in the world on his own resources. The parting pang doubtless must be felt, but, it is lost in the honest pride of seeing the bantling "run alone."

We have ever set our faces against the prostitution of Masonry to trading purposes, and have deprecated the conspicuous display of Masonic emblems, in public houses and other places of business, and we regret to see that the practice is extending in every direction, trade circulars being established under the guise of Masonic journalism, and used as vehicles for un-Masonic attacks upon individuals; and even to the extent of starting new quasi-Masonic Orders with no other apparent purpose than to provide employment for Masonic tailors and jewellers, and the self glorification of the promoters.

We have had the pleasure of recording the inauguration of several Masonic Halls, both at home and in our colonies, but shall never consider the work of Masonry complete, until in every instance the ceremonial portion of Masonry, at least, shall be conducted away from inns and taverns.

We have to thank our numerous contributors for their interesting communications, and for the discussions they have evoked, which will no doubt exercise a beneficial influence in the spread of Masonic knowledge, and although many may consider that we have given more prominence to one or two of the subjects than they appear to deserve, it may be fairly inferred that we have seen sufficient reasons for so doing.

Thanking our subscribers and readers for their support, and wishing to all the compliments of this festive season, and happiness in the future, we hope our connection with them may long continue, with mutual profit and advantage.

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LONDON, SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1869.

THE PUBLIC ASPECT OF FREEMASONRY.

There are symptoms that Freemasonry is about to attract more of public attention. The notice given to the initiation of the Prince of Wales is only one of these indications; but if the Prince should be elected Grand Master, then such a result would be unequivocal.

There are many who will regret that any greater degree of publicity should be given to our institution, there are many who would clamour for it, and it is certainly worthy of consideration how far Masonry may be affected by such external influences. Masonry has been public enough before, it is public enough elsewhere than in London, and yet to a great number of Masons there is no conception of Masonry beyond the lodge-room. There are London and other Masons who have never been to a festival dinner where ladies sit down with their partners, the W.M. presiding; many who have never been to a Masonic ball. There are, however, many parts of the country where there is the yearly procession to church, there is a ball, and there is the occasional celebration of a funeral, all this apart from great gatherings for laying a corner-stone.

In the beginning of the last century the G.M. proceeded, in public state and in procession, from the West-end to Grocers' Hall, or whatever city hall wherein the Grand Lodge and Grand Festival were holden; but this has been so long discontinued as to appear a celebration unmasonic. The neglect of Masonry, indeed, has been a cause for peace and quietness, as neglect is apt to be; and returning prosperity may be the provocative to more noise. The charity festivals have become

less familiar. Formerly non-Masons were admitted, but for some years their exclusion has been rigidly enforced, and ladies in the gallery alone represent the general public. All has contributed to seclusion in the metropolis. Except the square and compasses on a public-house, which is as often as not un-Masonic, there is no public placarding of Freemasonry, while in a country town each member is as well known as if he were legally registered with the clerk of the peace.

This being so, some of the consequences of publicity may be already measured. The W.M. is as well known by his place in the procession and in the pew in the church as if he were announced in the *London Gazette*. Each individual Mason remains as unmolested in his Masonic opinions by the community at large as he may do in his religious opinions.

This consequence will accrue, that, whenever the Prince of Wales is mentioned, there will be certain obtrusive persons—whose membership is no distinction to the Order—who will announce themselves as brother Masons of the Prince of Wales. It is some consolation to believe that the Masonry of such persons has seldom shut up or caused the dissolution of a single country lodge, and that the public have rather chosen to judge of Masonry by the good men within its ranks than from its inferior constituents.

Still, there will be more public attention bestowed upon Masonry, a greater canvassing of its claims to respect, and a sterner criticism of its composition and constitution. Of course there will be the usual answer to this, "The Charities," and this will satisfy very few. A member of the Merchant Taylors' Company, or the Mercers', will make no great account of our schools in comparison with his own, and will be little inclined to admit such a title to superiority. It may, perhaps, be that some Masons may be led to question their Masonry. Dinners will stand for little in the account, as the Fishmongers or the Clothworkers can make out a better case.

Mysterious insinuations that Masonry is something very sublime will come with very little effect from one who is better known as a boon companion than a hierophant of philosophic pretensions, and whose port wine is sounder than his learning. There will be a stirring up, such as in the late dull times of Masonry, self complacent Masonry has been little accustomed to, and this may be not without very good fruit for the Craft in general.

It can bear a good deal more zeal, and a far greater share of earnestness.

This therefore is what we should understand as a preparation for publicity, involving greater care in the selection of members, who may bring discredit in our Order, a better choice of officers, than those who so often misrepresent Masonry in the natural passage and promotion from the W.M. ship to the W.S. ship, a greater attention not only to what are called "the charities," but to all charities and the charitable duties of the fraternity; some regard for the claims of learning as well as the claims of good fellowship, more zeal for our Masonic halls, a more liberal supply of books and newspapers, more portraits and busts than gorgeous jewels, and a better distribution of the honours of the Craft, and a more open spirit in its administration. Many things will occur to our readers in relation to Grand Lodge, and the provinces and colonies, and some hope of the working out of a higher policy may be encouraged by the contemplation of what has been done in the renovation of Freemasons' Hall, and the proposed remodelling of the Board of Benevolence.

If we can arrive at the conviction that we are not all perfect, we may see our course to much in the way of amelioration.

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### THE MARK DEGREE.

By REITAM.

I have read with much pleasure the article of Bro. Binckes in the MAGAZINE of the 19th June, but must take exception to several of his remarks on the topics of interest to which he refers. In the first place the position of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters both with respect to the Grand Lodge of England and the Supreme Masonic bodies of other countries is widely different from that of the Grand Conclave of K.T., and the Supreme Grand Council 33°. The difference is this, in other countries there are governing bodies of these degrees, exercising supreme authority over those brethren who owe allegiance to them, and although the Grand Lodge of England does not recognise the *Hautes Grades* of Masonry, she cannot object to the jewels of those degrees being worn in English Craft lodges, by brethren who have obtained them in countries with whom she is in communion. On the contrary, the Mark jewel, when worn by a member of the English

Lodge of Mark Masters is prohibited, and I myself have seen cases, in which a Provincial Deputy G.M. insisted on its being removed.

Again it is evident that at the present, Grand Lodge of Mark Masters is not in communication with *any* Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter in the world, and were it to be recognised, it would have the effect of creating a new governing Masonic body in England, wholly unknown in other countries, and in itself anomalous, as were the Grand Lodge of England at any future time to acknowledge the degree of Mark Master, what becomes of the *soi disant* Grand Lodge? I should much like to hear Bro. Binckes reply to this question, as we must reasonably expect that the leading opponents of the degree, to whom he refers, will not always exercise supreme sway in the Grand Councils of the Craft.

This, I believe to be the true reason why the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapters of Scotland and Ireland have refused to acknowledge the Grand Mark Lodge, as in the event of the recognition of the degree by the Grand Lodge of England, almost a revolution would have been caused in the Craft which would have been totally subversive of all Masonic discipline, and highly prejudicial to the institution. In my opinion the supreme bodies in Scotland and Ireland were right in refusing to be the *first* to recognise the Grand Mark Lodge. They left the option to England, either to sanction the degree as part of the Fellow Craft, or to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters as the lawful head of the Order in England, and until this be done, I do not think those grand bodies are to blame, in declining to take the initiative in recognising the Grand Mark Lodge as a lawfully constituted governing body.

Were this to be done, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, would have an equal right to claim the same communion, perhaps a better right, as they suppose themselves of much more ancient origin. I give all honour and credit to the members of the Grand Mark Lodge, for their sincerity and their arduous labours in the cause, and heartily regret the degree cannot be placed on the same footing, as in sister Grand Lodges, *Spero Meliora*.

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FREEMASONRY would make this whole world one great cathedral, and all living in it at eternal worship, prayer, praise and charity.

## THE ROSE CROIX.

By DNALXO.

While earnestly deprecating any attempt to limit the universal application of Freemasonry, from a firm conviction that it is now a cosmopolitan institution, we cannot overlook the fact that this universality is the result of the changes that have been effected in the theory and practice of the Order, since its revival in the early part of the eighteenth century.

The benefits arising from these changes, to the Craft and society in general, cannot be overrated, and the highest honour is due to those, who at a period of bitter political and religious intolerance, boldly proclaimed their free and generous opinion, that all just and upright men are brethren. While ascribing due honour to the promoters of universality in the Craft, we cannot forget that a christian element pre-existed, which by the elevation of Freemasonry from a sectarian to an universal institution, was diverted into another channel—that of the so called High Degrees.

Though from political and other sinister motives, pseudo Masonic degrees have been invented of intolerant and pernicious principles, yet there are many of the high degrees against which no such objection can be sustained, and of one of these, the Rose Croix, we purpose giving a brief sketch, deeming it will be of interest from the universality of its diffusion (which is inferior to that of the Craft degrees alone) and from the fact, that many of our most talented and influential brethren are enrolled in its ranks.

The Rose Croix is one of the most important and generally diffused of the historical and chivalric degrees, and viewed not as an innovation on pure symbolic Masonry, but as a christian illustration thereof, the degree undoubtedly merits the high esteem in which it is now held.

Various authors have attempted to prove the date when, the place where, and the individual by whom the Rose Croix was organised as a Masonic grade; but their efforts have been fruitless, and unless by some happy chance additional light is thrown on the subject, the origin of the degree must ever remain as at present, veiled in the obscurity of the past.

The Rose Croix is undoubtedly the most ancient of the high degrees, and notwithstanding the obscurity of its origin, the degree or its counterpart is to be found in nearly all the principal rites now in existence, being in many of them the *ne plus ultra* of the ritual.

From a resemblance in the sound of names, the Masonic degree of Rose Croix has frequently been confounded with the alchemical sect of Rosicrucians, or "Brethren of the Rosy Cross," but the signification of the two names is totally different, the former being derived from the emblems of the Rose and Cross, the latter from the Latin *ros*—dew, the supposed universal solvent—and *crux*—the cross, a hierogram of light; and to this slight similarity of names, must be attributed much of the confusion that now exist in relation to the history of the Rose Croix. The initials I.N.R.I., which in the Rose Croix represent the sentence Jesus Nazareus Rex Judceorum, are also used by the Rosicrucians as the initials of one of their hermetic secrets *Igne Natura Renovantur Integra*, "by fire nature is perfectly renewed," these letters are also supposed to be a key to the elementary principles expressed in the sentence *Igne Nitrum Roris Noventur*.

In the exquisite mysteries of the Rose Croix, the christian is shewn the last great lesson of his faith; he figuratively passes through the dark valley of the shadow of death, and beholds from afar the bright abode of peace and immortality, wherein by the blessing of the Great Emanuel, it shall be his happy lot to dwell, when his soul has quitted its tenement of clay.

The solemn and impressive ceremonies of the degree represent to his view, a sublime and inimitable lesson of charity; he beholds the cubical stone sweating blood and water; the blazing star eclipsed; the pillars of Masonry overthrown; and the world plunged into darkness and confusion.

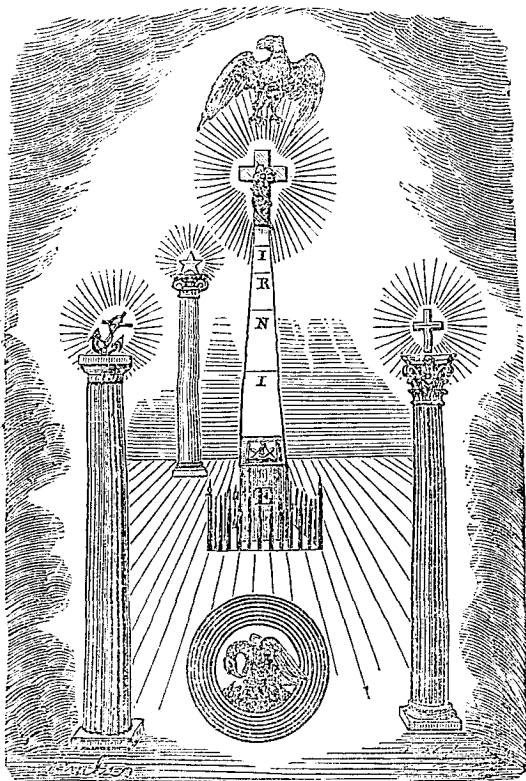
After the lapse of three days of gloom and consternation the true word is suddenly found, the cubical stone changes into the mystic rose, and the blazing star shines forth again with redoubled splendour, dispelling darkness, restoring the true light, and making visible the new law that is henceforth to govern his works.

In the Rose Croix, to the Temples of Solomon, and Zerubbabel is added a third and most holy, that to which the Messiah alluded when he said destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. The great pillars of this new temple are

Faith, Hope, and Charity, and they take the place of the pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, which supported the Temple of Solomon.

The three great lights of the symbolic degrees necessarily remain, as without them Masonry would cease to exist; but the three lesser lights are replaced by thirty-three others, which allude to the years of our Redeemer's sojourn upon earth.

In our sketch we have arranged the most important symbols of the Rose Croix in the form of a tracing board, from a brief explanation of which an idea may be formed of the true design of the degree.



The rose is an emblem of the Messiah who is frequently alluded to in the scriptures under that figurative appellation; the cross as will be recognised, is a symbol of his death, thus the cross bearing on its centre a full blown rose, is a simple and beautiful emblem of the death of him who is the Rose of Sharon. The pelican from a supposed habit of feeding its young with its own blood, has been adopted as a symbol of Christ shedding his blood for the salvation of mankind. The eagle from the custom attributed to it of bearing aloft its feeble young on its own wings, to assist them in their flight, is chosen as an emblem of our Saviour teaching the children of his adoption, to

soar from the temptations and corruptions of the world to a higher and holier sphere,

“As an eagle stirreth up her nest  
Fluttereth over her young  
Spreadeth her pinions, taketh them  
Beareth them on her wings  
So the Lord alone did lead him,  
And there was no strange God with him.”

Deuteronomy XXXII. 11 and 12.

The seven concentric circles allude to the seven periods of the world's existence, and to an early part of the ceremonial of the degree.



The jewel of the Rose Croix is a compass extended on an arc to 60°, and surmounted by a seven pointed antique crown; enclosed by the compass, is a cross, bearing on its centre a full blown rose, whose stem entwines the lower limb of the cross, a pelican stands in its nest at the foot of the cross, feeding seven young birds with blood from its own breast; on the reverse of the jewel is a white eagle, with wings extended as if rising in the air.

In England and Wales the Rose Croix forms the 18° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite and is conferred in a Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. the recipient being constituted a perfect Prince Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. or Knight of the White Eagle or Pelican.

The degree Rose Croix is highly esteemed by continental Masons, and its possession will be found of great service to brethren wishing to visit lodges in France, Germany, Prussia, Portugal, &c.

Enough has been said to demonstrate the eminently christian character of this degree and though forming no part of pure symbolic Masonry, the Rose Croix cannot fail to be admired as a beautiful adoption of the sublime and all tolerant principles of Craft Masonry to a system of more christian application.

We conclude our remarks on this sublime degree with the anthem sung at the closing of a chapter.

Grateful notes and numbers bring,  
While the “name of God” we sing;  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
Be thy glorious name adored.

While on earth ordained to stay,  
 Guide our footsteps in Thy way;  
 Mortals, raise your voices high,  
 Till they reach the echoing sky.  
 Men on earth and saints above  
 Sing the great Redeemer's love.  
 Lord, thy mercies never fail  
 Hail, celestial goodness, hail!

### A BANQUET AT "OURS."

By J. A. H.

Ours—what is "ours"? Charles Lever designated one of his novels "Tom Burke of Ours," using the pronoun to represent a regiment in which his hero served. In Norfolk and Suffolk the possessives have acquired a usage, which is very peculiar and prevails no where else in Great Britain. Thus, even educated people will say, "How is it you have not been to *mine* lately when I am so often at *your's*; the pronouns meaning respectively "my house" and your house." Again it will be remarked that "Tomkins said Smith had been at *his*," meaning the residence or place of business of Tomkins. Thus, also the "word "ours" is employed to denote "our house," or "our office," as the case may be. When, therefore, we head our article with "A Banquet at *Ours*," we adopt Suffolk phraseology to refer to a lodge with which we have the honour to be connected by membership—the particular lodge in question being one of the most ancient on the Grand Roll of England—the Unity Lodge Lowestoft, No. 71, founded originally in 1747.

The Unity Lodge meets at the house of a worthy Mason and Past Master, Bro. Clarke, "mine host," of the well-known Suffolk Hotel, Lowestoft. A good dinner can always be had on reasonable terms at the "Suffolk" but on the occasion of initiating the W.M. on Thursday, June 17th, 1869, Bro. Clarke excelled himself and won encomiums on every hand by the abundance and superiority of the viands he furnished. Rarely, even in London, have we dined from a bill of fare so *recherché* and extensive. "The Art of Dining" has often been condemned as an injurious department of Masonic Science; but for ourselves we cordially endorse the remarks in this subject of our distinguished Bro. James Glaisber at the Inaugural Meeting of the Masonic Archaeological Institute, and are convinced that festive meetings are valuable as centres of union, friendship, and good feeling.

The Banquet at Bro. Clarke's was no ordinary occasion for it celebrated the accession to worshipful dignity of an esteemed Bro., whose name is "a household word," throughout the province, while his virtues are not unrecognised in more general Masonic circles. Bro. W. Oldham Chambers is emphatically "a good Mason," and as such has exemplified his principles by successful labour in the fields of science and art. In the exercise of his profession as an architect he has already achieved local fame for originality of design and practical genius. The profession which our whilom Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren adorned, has a worthy representative in the W.M. of the Unity Lodge. At the Norwich meeting of the British Association, Bro. Chambers was associated with Bros. the Duke of Buccleuch, G. P. Bidder, C. Hutton Gregory, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers; William Smith, C.E.; and other eminent brethren in Section G., which was devoted to Mechanical Science. On the formation of the Masonic Archeological Institute Bro. C. was one of the first to enrol himself among the members of that valuable association. Bro. Chambers also holds office in the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar for Suffolk, and Sir R. A. Shafto Adair, the popular Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, has recently conferred upon him the well-merited distinction of Provincial Grand Director of Works. Bro. Chambers notwithstanding his activity in Craft Masonry has steadily progressed in the higher degrees having become a Mark Master at Norwich, and a Sovereign Prince Rose Croix at Ipswich. The Unity Lodge may therefore be congratulated on having placed in the chair of King Solomon a brother in whose hands the Royal sceptre will be wielded with dignity and grace worthy of the long line of distinguished brethren who have maintained the honour of the Ancient Craft in Lowestoft. The retiring W.M., Bro. Day, under whose judicious rule the lodge most satisfactorily progressed in numbers, and influence left behind him a reputation, which would have rendered the duties of the chair difficult to any brother who was not thoroughly up to the work; but Bro. Day felt bound to express the pleasure with which he witnessed the workmanlike manner in which Bro. Chamber entered on the discharge of his onerous and important position.

From time to time there has been under con-

sideration the propriety of erecting a suitable Masonic Temple in Lowestoft and some day the idea may be developed. Meanwhile not the least pleasing of the exhibitions of fraternal feeling at the banquet was a spontaneous and truly generous statement by our excellent Bro. Clarke, that whether or not the lodge remained under his hospitable roof he was "heart and soul with the lodge." It would be a credit to the Craft if similar unselfish subordinations of pecuniary considerations for the love of the Order were more general.

Probably there are few of the readers of the MAGAZINE who are not aware that the town of Lowestoft—undoubtedly the gem of Suffolk watering places—owes its rise and progress to Sir Samuel Morton Peto, the former lord of the beautiful *demesne* of Somerlyton Hall. Sir Morton has never been forgotten by his Lowestoft friends, and they still remember him with affection and regret. Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary of England was one time associated with Sir Morton, and the recollection of Bro. H. and the instruction he gave is warmly cherished in the Unity Lodge.

A pleasing feature in Masonic gatherings is the opportunities they afford for intercommunication between friends and brethren. The installation of Bro. Chambers was attended not only by visiting brethren from the Provinces but also by members of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the *Grand Orient de France*. There were also representatives of Lancashire and Yorkshire Bro. Cragg, of Unity Lodge, being a son of "proud Preston."

The moving spirit of Freemasonry in Lowestoft is our accomplished Bro., Major Allez, who has had the honour to install no less than seven of the Worshipful Masters of the Unity Lodge. At the call of duty Bro. Allez is ever ready to go any number of miles in order to assist his brethren in any way they desire, and there is no brother in the Province of Suffolk who is oftener in request at Masonic celebrations. We were delighted to find that Major Allez was a native of Guernsey; his father having been a member of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship in that island, where we have the happiness to know and esteem so many excellent brethren. Thus, the Major may be described as the "worthy son of a worthy sire," in the Craft. Conversing with the Major on Guernsey matters, we could not but recall to mind our presence at

the installation of Bro. Martin in Doyle's Lodge, in 1866, when one brother, who has since under Divine Providence been called away, excited our admiration by the earnestness of his devotion to the Craft, and his sturdy manly welcome to the visiting brethren. Little did we think as we sat at the hospital board of Doyle's Lodge that our *vis a vis*, Bro. Muntz, would so soon be removed from the Lodge he loved so well, to stand before the Great Architect. We ourselves were then weak and sickly, just arisen from a bed of suffering, while he was the embodiment of manly vigour and joyous spirits. Truly the grim soldier Death strikes when least expected. May all brethren of "the mystic tie," be ready to meet his summons! Bro. Muntz has passed away, but his memory will long be cherished. As was written of another we may say of Bro. Muntz:—

"Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee."

We will rather hope to preserve in our hearts that chivalric love for Freemasonry, which formed the highest feather in his character.

Bro. Allez did us the honour to associate our name with the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE among the toasts of the evening. Thus called upon unexpectedly to answer for our esteemed Bro. William Smith and his excellent staff of literary assistants, we bore our hearty testimony to the services which Bros. Smith, Hughan, D. Murray Lyon, Buchan, and others whose *noms de plume* modestly hide their genius are rendering to the Order. Under such circumstances a pun on the patronymic of Bro. Allez was perhaps excusable. *Allez* being the French for *go*, we remarked that with so much *go* (as the Americans say) in the Major and such a *head* as Bro. Chambers, the lodge could not fail to *go-a-head*.

It cannot be denied that both physically and mentally the Master and Wardens of Lodge Unity are up to the mark. Bros. Williams and Sterry the Senior and Junior Wardens have gained their honours by steady head work and unconquerable zeal, and like the respected W.M. they are what an old lady of our acquaintance recommended all young ladies to marry—"sizeable men"—physically qualified to *fill* their chairs of office. The members of Unity Lodge evidently love men of *weighty* character and to judge by the appearance of the brethren of the lodge the immortal Banting has not many disciples among them.

The accession of Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales to the ranks of Freemasonry (which by the bye we were the first to announce in Great Britain) was suitably recognised at the banquet. Instead of "the Queen and the Craft," so long interlinked in Masonic honours, her Majesty was separately honoured, and "the Prince of Wales and the Craft" received due appreciation. This was the first occasion on which we had witnessed the change and it met with a hearty and truly fraternal reception. The Heir Apparent has evidently increased the depth and earnestness of the loyalty with which he is regarded by joining our Order. Long live our Royal Past Grand Master.

A custom prevails among the Suffolk lodges of "chorusing" the toasts of the evening, which is done in a peculiarly stentorian manner. Thus after the health of the W.M. or other distinguished brother has been toasted, he is honoured with the following choruses:—

"Prosper the man  
Prosper the man

Join in one chorus to prosper the man."

"Prosper his lodge  
Prosper his lodge

Join in one chorus to prosper his lodge."

This is diversified occasionally by singing "prosper the art" and other variations, and when the "choruses" are lead by an experienced brother whose lungs are sound, their effect may well be described as "Suffolk harmony."

The Unity Lodge at Lowestoft and the Appollo Lodge at Beccles, have long maintained a close alliance and constant interchange of visits. The Beccles brethren mustered very strongly on this occasion, headed by the veteran Bro. Fenn, P. Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. Ward the W.M. of the Apollo Lodge. It was a singular fact remembered during the evening, that Bro. Chambers and Bro. Ward were schoolfellows in childhood, and in mature years have been called upon during the same years to act as Worshipful Masters of lodges in neighbouring towns. The ancient corporation of Beccles was well represented, inasmuch as three of the brethren present had served the office of Chief Magistrate of that Borough. Bro. Fenn who has we believe been more than once Mayor of Beccles, has rendered many public services to that town among the rest, that of promoting the formation of the park or recreation ground which passengers in the Great Eastern Railway will find branching off from the Railway station.

The "Old Century Lodge" otherwise the

Lodge of Friendship, Great Yarmouth, No. 100 in the Grand Lodge of England, was represented by its Junior Deacon Bro. James Beaumont who having delighted the brethren with a song on the virtues of the fair sex, appropriately wound up by proposing the health of the excellent "sister" who presides over the household of Bro. Chambers—a compliment to Mrs. C. which was given with hearty enthusiasm.

The respected secretary of the Unity Lodge Bro. W. R. Archer was unfortunately absent in London, but the duties of the secretariat were for the evening ably discharged by Bro. Bradbeer, P. Prov. G.S.W. for Suffolk.

At the house of Bro. Archer we met with one of the few remaining links which unite the present generation, with the Battle of Waterloo—won be it remembered by the Duke of Wellington himself a craftsman. Bro. Archer has a lady relative whose husband commanded a man-of-war when Waterloo was fought, and she herself was at Ostend and heard the firing of the guns during the great conflict. This venerable lady had her own experience of the Craft to relate and in proof that Freemasonry was "a good thing" she told us how on board her husband's ship the officers recognised brother Masons among the French captives taken at Waterloo, and carefully showed the grateful prisoners that the fraternal principles of Freemasons had power enough to subdue even the animosities of sworn foes separated by race language and religion. In these happier times Englishmen and Frenchmen have established an *entente cordiale* which we would fain hope may never be broken, but though each nation may cherish different reminiscences of the battle-field of Waterloo Bro. John Bull and Bro. Johnny Crapaud have alike reason to feel proud, that even amid the grim struggle there were not wanting illustrations of the power and philanthropy of the Royal Art which hallowed by the antiquity of Ages, is still girdling the globe with its peaceful and elevating influence.

It was not without some determination of purpose that we were able to attend the banquet. The day was terribly wet and we had a dozen miles across country to drive. But we were well rewarded by the pleasant evening we spent. The command for brethren to "dwell together in unity" is carried out to the fullest extent in the Unity Lodge, and distant *frères* who wish to enjoy a summer holiday will find Lowestoft a pleasant place to visit, Bro. Clarke a hospitable and yet economical host, and the Unity Lodge a happy home of the Craft.

## ANCIENT LODGES.

*A New and Correct List of all the English Regular Lodges in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, according to their seniority and constitution. By order of the Grand Master. Brought down to April 19th, 1765.*

*(Continued from page 507.)*

- 120 George, Whitehaven, Cumberland, first Monday, March 19, 1740.  
 121 Ship and Castle, High-street, Haverford West, South Wales, April 14, 1741.  
 122 Two Chairmen, Little Warwick-street, Charing-cross, first and third Thursday, April 13 1742.  
 123 Old Rood, at St. Christopher's, Jan. 17, 1742.  
 124 Union, Franfort, in Germany, second and fourth Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1742.  
 125 Three Horse Shoes, Leominster, in the county of Hereford, Oct. 11, 1742.  
 126 Port Royal Lodge, Jamaica, 1742.  
 127 Angel, Dolgelly, in Merionethshire, North Wales, first Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1743.  
 128 St. George, Emperor's-court, at Hamburg, every other Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1743.  
 129 Bull, High-street, Bristol, first and third Tuesday, March 20, 1743.  
 130 New Lodge, Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 25, 1745.  
 131 St. Jago de la Vego, in Jamaica, April 29, 1746.  
 132 Bear, Norwich, second and fourth Tuesday, May 9, 1747.  
 133 A New Lodge in St. Eustatia, Dutch Island, West Indies, Jan. 1748.  
 134 Prince George's Head, Plymouth, May 1, 1748.  
 135 Jan. 15, 1748.  
 136 Queen's Head, Norwich, third Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1748.  
 137 Sun, at Cambridge, second Monday, March 31, 1749.  
 138 Lodge of Orange, at Rotterdam, May 5, 1749.  
 139 St. Martin's Lodge, at Copenhagen, in Denmark, Oct. 9, 1749.  
 140 Sun, St. Peter's Mancroft, Norwich, second and fourth Monday, Jan. 9, 1740.  
 141 No. 1. at Minorca, first Thursday, Feb. 1750.  
 142 No. 2, at Minorca, second Tuesday, May 23, 1750.  
 143 No. 3, at Minorca, first Wednesday, June 24, 1750.  
 144 St. Christopher's, at Sandy Point, July 20, 1750.  
 145 The Key, Norwich, second and fourth Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1751.  
 146 King's Arms, Falmouth, second and last Thursday, May 20, 1751.  
 147 Angel, Great Yarmouth, in Norfolk, June 6, 1751.  
 148 King's Head, West-street, Gravesend, first and third Thursday, June 8, 1751.  
 149 King's Head, the Sea Captains Lodge, in Fen-church-street, first and third Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1751.  
 150 No. 4, at Minorca first Monday, Nov. 26, 1751.  
 151 King's Arms, at Helston, in Cornwall, first and third Tuesday, April 14, 1752.  
 152 St. John's Lodge, at Bridgetown, in the Island of Barbadoes, fourth Monday, April 23, 1752.  
 153 Ship, Leadenhall-street, late the Bell at Aldgate, second and fourth Monday, July 13, 1752.  
 154 The George, Maggoti-court, Piccadilly, first and third Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1752.  
 155 King's Head, at Truro, in Cornwall, first and third Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1752.  
 156 At Cardengere, the chief French Settlement in Bengal, East Indies.  
 157 At Madras, in East India.

- 158 At the Hague, in Holland.  
 159 St. Peter's Lodge, in the Island of Barbadoes, first and third Saturday, Dec. 15, 1752.  
 160 Jan. 7, 1753.  
 161 Lion and Goat, Grosvenor-street, second and fourth Monday, Feb. 24, 1753.  
 162 Horseshoe and Crown, Holborn, second Wednesday, March 5, 1753.  
 163 Angel, Piccadilly, second and fourth Monday.  
 164 Lilly Tavern, in Guernsey, May 10, 1753.  
 165 Nag's Head, Wine-street, Bristol, second and fourth Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1753.  
 166 Queen's Head, Great Queen-street, second and fourth Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1753.  
 167 Red Lion, Market-street, Carmarthen, South Wales, first and third Monday, Oct. 24, 1753.  
 168 King's Head, Balsover-street, Cavendish-square, second and fourth Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1753.  
 169 Castle and Lion, White Lion-lane, Norwich, third Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1753.  
 170 Evangelist's Lodge, at Antigua, Nov. 10 1753.  
 171 At Amsterdam, Nov. 30.  
 172 Rose and Crown, at Prescott, Lancashire, Wednesday next before full moon, Dec. 20, 1753.  
 173 The Royal Exchange, in the borough of Norfolk, Virginia, first Thursday, Dec. 22, 1753.  
 174 Jan. 31, 1754.  
 175 White Hart, Mansel-street, Goodman's-fields, second and fourth Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1754.  
 176 Redruth, in Cornwall, first and third Thursday, Feb. 14, 1754.  
 177 Bear, Leman-street, Goodman's-fields, first and third Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1754.  
 178 Mitre, Union-street, Westminster, second Tuesday, March 2, 1754.  
 179 Chequers. All Saints, Norwich, March 4, 1754.  
 180 Swan, Ramsgate, in the Isle of Thanet, second and fourth Monday, March 8, 1754.  
 181 Parrot, Cow-lane, in Leeds, first Wednesday, March 28, 1754.  
 182 Robinhood, Butcher-row, near St. Clements, first Thursday, March 29, 1759.  
 183 Crow, without Cripplegate, second and fourth Monday, April 5, 1754.  
 184 Paul's Head, Doctors-commons, second and fourth Monday, April 13 1754.  
 185 Swan, Westminster-bridge, first and third Wednesday, May 13, 1754.  
 186 Rustal's Coffee-house, Sharrad-street, Golden-square, second and fourth Wednesday, June 4, 1754.  
 187 Pelican, Leicester, first and third Thursday, Aug. 21, 1754.  
 188 Red House, Cardiff, Glamorganshire, South Wales, second Monday, Aug. 21, 1754.  
 189 Bear, Cow-bridge, Glamorganshire, last Monday, Sept. 1754.  
 190 No. 2, at St. Eustacia, Dutch Island West Indies, 1754.  
 191 Queen's Head, Lowestoff, in Suffolk, second Monday, Oct. 29, 1754.  
 192 Chequers, Charing-cross, second Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1754.  
 193 The two Spies, King-street, Seven-dials, second and fourth Monday, Dec. 14, 1754.  
 194 Coffee-house, St. Anne's-square, Manchester, first and third Wednesday, Feb. 1755.  
 195 No. 8, The King's own Regiment of foot, first and third Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1755.  
 196 Two Blue Posts, Old Bond-street, second and fourth Friday, March 2, 1755.  
 197 Jack of Newberry, Chiswell-street, first and third Wednesday, April 5, 1755.  
 198 White Hart, St. James's-street, second and fourth Thursday, May 5, 1755.

*(To be Continued.)*



## MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

LODGE MINUTES, ETC. NO. 5 (FROM P. 388.)

In the inside of the title-page of the St. Mungo Bye-laws (printed in 1862), I find the following:—

“Lodge St. Mungo, Glasgow, No. 27, Holding off Grand Lodge of Scotland, Date of confirmation 1729, originally part of St. John's Lodge, Glasgow, 3<sup>d</sup>, date of constitution, 1057.” Now that is a mistake, as the charter—see page 387—proves. It should be:—

“Date of confirmation 1762, which refers to date of constitution, as a pendicle of Mother Kilwinning, in 1729; and also claiming to have been previously chartered by, or, to have originally formed part of, the Lodge of Glasgow St. John (now No. 3 bis), date of constitution. . . .?”\* However, to proceed with the old minutes:—

“1762. 27th December, Saint John's Day.—Annual Election.”

“Att our Lodge of St. J. of St. Ms. K. Gw. K-wing. The twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two years.” The officers then were Master, S.W., J.W., S. and J. Stewarts, Sec., Treas., and Tyler. “Key Masters.—J. Stewart. R. Hd. Key; W. Mr. Centre Key; Treasurer left hand Key of the lodge box.”

“All of whom accepted of their respective stations as above by taking upon them the oaths Defideli, and were ordained and appointed to continue steadfastly under the same In terms of the regulations of this Lodge until regularly removed at next annual election.”

“Confirmed by” “David Marshall, G. Mr.”

In 1764 the “Key Masters” were—Master, centre Key; Treas., right Key; J.W., left Key. The minutes are only of the election till Nov. 26th, 1766. But in August 5th, 1767, we find them making new rules or “acts.” (For former acts see page 289 ante.)

Act made 19.

“Att our Lodge of St. Js. St. Mungos Kirk Glasgow. In reference to Act 14, John Hind, Rt. W., John Brown, Senr. Warden, and the rest of the brethren being present, It was fully agreed upon that no office-bearer from the Master to the Junior Stewart is not to pay aney sellarry into the Lodge at their first election to an office-bearer.”

Act 20.

“That every member entered into this Lodge is to pay seven shillings and sixpence at Entrey and two shillings and sixpence at Passing and Raising—for Saint Mary's at Edinburgh.”

Act 21.

“Likewise it is fully agreed upon that the Lodge is to meet regurly every first Wednesday of the Quarter, viz.,—the first Wednesday of Febury, the first Wednsday of May, the first Wednesday of August, and the first Wednsday of November.”

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“Any persons who have been admitted masons and not joynd with a Body before admission as a member of this lodge is to pay four shillings and sixpence, and

\* If St. John's could connect itself properly with the Building Fraternity chartered by William the Lion, it might be said—date of origin 1190.”

those that have been members of aney other Lodge and have paid their Deus is to pay three shillings ster.”

“These and the foregoing rules We the members of this Lodge do hear subscribe.” Then follow 120 signatures.

“Glasgow, 3 May, 1769.

“Att a meeting of the St. Mungo's Lodge, held at their Hall here, it was unanimously agreed that the R. W. John Gourlie should nominate a committee and invested them with full power to settle and regulate every affair relative to the Lodge—the Lodge likewise bound themselves to agree to and stand by their resolutions and to fulfill and perform the same they further allowed the committee to amend any laws now subsisting or make any new ones that shall to them appear necessary, and that the same shall be binding upon the whole members of the lodge agreeable to the voice of the Lodge the Right Worshipful nominated the following brethren.” Jn. Gourlie Ex. Oft.; F. Bain, S.W. &c. “three of whom to be a quorum to meet at Mr. Gourlay's house, 10th May, 1769.”

30th November, 1769. Election and committee appointed anent acts.

“At the Lodge Room eight December 1769 years The members warned to attend and the Lodge opened It was agreed that every person who was a Mason and admitted a member of this lodge should pay of Entry monie (instead of three shillings formerly in use to have been paid) five shillings sterling, Besides Tylers dues.”

“Same day it was enacted that the Entry monie of every apprentice should be raised to one pound one shilling stg. And the passing and raising of a fellow Craft seven shillings and sixpence—every app<sup>e</sup> beside the one pound to pay 2s. 6d. to St. Mary's Lodge.”

Same day the following Masons, after petitioning to be made members of the Lodge, were unanimously admitted, paid their dues and gave their oath of alledgeance, &c.” Then follow 28 names. “Same day, it being represented that the Lodge wanted proper clothing, jewels, &c., some of them at present being borrowed, The Lodge appointed the following members as a Committee to get decent clothing and Jewells for the Lodge before St. John's day next with power to them to dae therein as they thought proper, viz.,—then follow seven names.

At the Lodge Room, 24th April, 1770, Alexr. Elliot and Alexr. Campbell were passed fellow crafts and made masters and paid their dues.”\*

Second Nov., 1770.

“The annual committee for regulating the affairs of the Lodge agreed that the quarter acts be for this year 2s. 6d., and ordained the Tyler to get the same from the members. They also ordained the Tyler to be paid £1 5s. stg. yearly.”

“At a meeting of St. Mungo's Lodge held in their hall this 1st of December, 1773, Present the R. W. Archibald Mair,” and 14 brethren, the election then

\* Although e.g. in 1767, act 20, we find a regulation anent the “raising.” This is the first minute I have observed actually or definitely recording it, or giving the names of the brethren so “made,” and who received that degree.

took place, and the new office-bearers took "the oaths as use is."

"After the election was over many visiting Brethren were present and the evening was spent in great harmony." "John Gibson, Secy." "Wm. Ingram, R.W."

At page 49 it says,—“At a meeting of St. Mungo's Lodge Room, the 28th November A.M. 5771.”

Page 55. “At Glasgow, the 21st of December, 1773, Captains Wm. Giles, George McKenzie, Robert Longfield, Lewis Nanny, and Doctor John Denholm, all of his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Foot, were admitted members of this Lodge and took their oaths de fideli as use is.” Then follow 20 signatures, leading off with those of the new members.

Page 56. “At Glasgow, 27th December, 1753, St. John's Day. The Office Bearers with a very respectable number of brethren dined at the exchange coffee house and after dinner walked in Procession from thence to their Hall preceded by a Band of Music. Deputations were received from and returned to all the Lodges except two, vizt., the Kilwinning,\* forgetting our title as the most ancient omitted sending one to us for which reason we sent them none and the Thistle and Rose † having sent a very impertinent card demanding the date of our charter no answer was sent them. The evening was spent in the greatest harmony.

“John Gibson, Sec. “Wm. Ingram, R.W.”

Page 57. “At Glasgow the 13th January (1774) being St. Mungo's day our Tutelary saint the Office-Bearers and many of the members attended with several other visiting Brethren when a petition was presented from Brother John Kinnibroch who has been a member of this Lodge for Fifty years and upwards ‡ petitioning for charity when the brethren present voted him on account of his ancient and helpless situation the sum of one pound sterling and he is hereby desired to call to-morrow on David Elliot Esqre. for the same.”

On Nov. 13th, 1783, two Brethren entered as apprentices, and on Nov. 23rd, 1783, the two late apprentices with one other member are “passed and raised master masons.”—W. P. BUCHAN.

\* See page 203 of Universal Masonic Calendar where the date of constitution of the G.K.L., No. 4, is given as 1735. In Laurie's 1804 History, page 330, she is No. 7 on the roll.

† See page 205 of Calendar, where No. 73 has the date of its constitution given at 1753, this, however, requires a little explanation. In 1753 the lodge was constituted under the name of “Glasgow St. Paul's,” which somehow soon after got into disrepute, whereupon a number of the brethren petitioned the Grand Lodge for a new charter changing their name to the “Thistle and Rose,” but still granting them their old precedence; the Grand Lodge agreed to this, and on May 25th, 1762, gave them a new charter.

On looking back to page 388 of the Magazine, it will be seen that the St. Mungo's Charter of confirmation is dated 2nd August, 1762; so the point of the above “rise” is that the confirmatory charter of the Thistle and Rose was 69 days older than that of St. Mungo's! The Thistle and Rose was formerly No. 87 on the roll. I understand its old minutes previous to 1819 are lost, or cannot be got.

‡ “Fifty years and upwards,” previous to 1774, gives before 1724, which tends to prove the truth of the assertion stated by St. Mungo's Lodge that it was in existence previous to its accepting a charter from Mother Kilwinning in 1720, when it thereby became a “Pendicle” of the old “Mother.”

#### CAVEAC LODGE.

A valuable document from p. 490 of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, called “Ancient Lodges,” explains an unanswered query as to the origin of the name of the Caveac Lodge, which does not happen to be known to its members, and as to which a note was put in Notes and Queries. In the list in question, No. 86, it appears that the lodge met at the CAVEAC Tavern, Finch-lane. This was most likely a tavern kept by a Frenchman from the south of France.—ANNOTATOR.

#### THE MASONIC AND CHRISTIAN ERAS.

A writer of the last century says:—“The Masonic and Christian eras do not coincide. The Year of Light dates with them from the first days of the Creation.” Can any learned brother say why the Masonic computation was used, and when it was first adopted? Perhaps Bro. Buchan will kindly oblige. Can any brother say when the stars and other symbols borrowed from the firmament were first incorporated with the Masonic system? Is it natural to suppose this would be done by operative Masons.—NEKUM.

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#### WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE RE- DISCOVERED MYSTERIES?

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—The re-discovered mysteries have been objected to because they were not within the “ordinary” scope of Freemasonry; and Bro. Godfrey, in his letter (vide Magazine, p. 290), so clearly states what the term “ordinary” means, Masonically, that there can be no longer any misconception in the matter; while the Grand Master, at the recent banquet given on the occasion of his 26th installation, as clearly states, “that his earnest desire has been to make Freemasonry what it is and what it professes to be—a charitable society.”

The question here arises, how far would the re-assumption by Freemasonry of its ancient mysteries, so long lost and so recently re-discovered, interfere with its present “ordinary and charitable character?”

In the first place, the knowledge of the mysteries would inevitably tend to render brethren, not only more forbearing and more charitable one towards another, but more forgiving, more kindly disposed towards their neighbours without the pale of Freemasonry, for it was in that sense that Jesus asked the lawyer, “Which of these three—the Priest, the Levite, the Samaritan—thinkest thou was neighbour unto him that fell among thieves!” And he answered, “The Samaritan that showed mercy.” Then said Jesus, “Go thou and do likewise.”

In the next place, the profession of the mysteries would be taught in the Temple in lieu of the “ordinary” practices now in vogue among the Order; the Empiric would yield to the learned Physician—the initiated Professor whose teaching would not, as at present, be confined to simply rehearsing Texts of

Scripture, but to the demonstration of their truth according to laws prescribed and immutable.

However distasteful and worldly it may be to speak of money in connexion with things sacred, yet the two seem inseparably blended. In the early ages of Christianity it was not so, but civilization has changed all that, for in these latter days churches and money have intermarried; some are poor, others rich. Even the Masonic Temples are not entered without money, and so convinced was Bro. Oliver that a mercenary spirit profaned the Temple, that he did not hesitate, in a letter to Bro. Melville, to accuse Bro. Whyte of such profanation.

Indeed, it is not uncommon to hear brethren say that they have paid fee after fee into the Masonic treasury for degrees which only conferred empty badges and titles without knowledge of any kind; while some have even vainly regretted the money thus spent because they were all the poorer and none the wiser.

There are, however, many gratifying proofs that brethren do here and there glean sheaves of knowledge by devoting attention to studies appertaining to the Craft—the contributions to Magazine of Bro. Haye being more than ordinarily interesting and instructive. It is brethren of his acquirements who must be attracted by Bro. Melville's re-discoveries, seeing that they lead to important consequences, namely, the revival of the ancient religion of Freemasonry.

As churches are everywhere made sources of emolument, the rehabilitation of the Masonic church would fill her exchequer to overflowing.

The readers of the Magazine are indebted to it for publishing the papers on "Masonic Celestial Mysteries," which, so far as they have gone, appear intended to show the extent, the variety, the nature of the knowledge embraced by the science of the ancient mysteries.

A correspondent of the Magazine complains that the papers are beyond his comprehension, when he might so easily satisfy himself that the mysteries are inexplicable caligraphically, and are alone made comprehensible by the use of the symbols. Another correspondent sneeringly pre-supposes that the re-discoveries are the high road to knowledge. He, however, is nearer the truth than he unwittingly imagines, for the science of the mysteries is not only fractionally minute, but most comprehensive, reaching from earth to heaven, and, therefore, requires, both patience and earnest meditation to learn and properly digest.

It is thinking, rather than reading men who, in most instances, bear off the palm. It is they who mould the opinions of the unthinking masses. Tell me, says the sage, "what your profoundest thinkers, in this generation, are doing or writing, and I will tell you what will be the character of the next generation."

Lord Macaulay would not have ventured to sketch the picture of the New Zealander contemplating the ruins of London, at some period in the womb of futurity, without more scientific meditation than meets the eye.

It is the varied nature of the mystic science that enabled Bro. Melville to discover that the Assyrian marble in the British Museum did not represent "the

interior of a castle," as the author of Nineveh erroneously supposed, but an "astrolabe" of great value; thus has he rendered essential service to astronomy and Freemasonry; and that has also enabled him to discover that the Mosaic chronology of the world is not earthly, but heavenly; thus has he again not only rendered good service to the science of geology but to the civilized world.

Yet, in the face of these facts, testifying to Bro. Melville's extensive and valuable researches, there are writers in the Magazine who pooh—pooh his Masonic papers, because they do not reveal the meaning of the "points," which, by-the-bye, the Craft are forbidden to do, and because the sash comparison between the Royal Arch Companions and Knights of the Bath is not faultless.

The opponents of these papers seem altogether to ignore that their author has re-discovered the ancient science of the Craft—a science that is demonstrable like any inferior science—and that he moreover, in an open, straightforward manner has offered, through the Magazine, to demonstrate its truth to any who may earnestly desire to witness the *modus operandi*. Let those, therefore, among his opponents either accept his offer, or else proceed to prove the falsity of the Grand Registrar's certificate, published in the Magazine, and then let them *disprove*, if they can, the facts before mentioned; when these feats are performed they will be entitled to the congratulations of all who prefer the "interior of a castle" to an "astrolabe," who prefer that the "ceremonies" should be earthly rather than heavenly, and who will not believe that the savant Moses was an astronomer and viewed creation by the light of that science.

When one writer abuses another, it is either from poverty of intellect or of incapability of valid argument. Thus it is with a correspondent in the Magazine, who, writing from Dublin, abuses Bro. Melville's papers and those of another brother, instead of endeavouring to refute their contents by conclusive reasoning. The letter revives the recollection of the circulars issued, some three or four years ago, by the Grand Lodge, Dublin, to branch lodges in Australia, forbidding their members to fraternize with Bro. Melville on the subject of his re-discoveries. Thus did the Grand Lodge, magnanimously essay, not only to stifle inquiry into the truth of the re-discoveries, but absolutely repudiated them without first testing their merits! Oh, most righteous circular! Oh, most just and equitable Grand Lodge!

To revert to the Assyrian marble:—its history is not unlike that of many *chef d'œuvres* of painters and sculptors which chance to fall into the hands of mere collectors, who, ignorant of their value, part with them for some comparative trifle to the connoisseur, whose superior knowledge has its reward in the scientific or art treasure of which he has thus become the fortunate possessor.

Bro. Melville stands in the position of the connoisseur, for he has not only taught the nation the value of the Assyrian relique, but has taught it that the Mosaic chronology of creation is of celestial derivation. These discoveries are alone the passport to immortal honour, and it is to be hoped they will have their reward. For the nation, to her glory be it said, annually confers rewards on the learned for literary or scientific services rendered to society, and

surely she will not in her next allocation of rewards, forget the claims of Bro. Melville to her substantial gratitude.

Yours fraternally,  
W. N. CRAWFORD.

### THE PUBLICATION OF LODGE REPORTS.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—As you are aware, I have for some years been in the habit of sending you reports of the proceedings of Masonic lodges in which I have taken part, or at which I have been present. The propriety of such a course has been called in question by the W.M. of the lodge to which I am now attached, and he puts his veto on a continuance of it, under an impression that in so doing he has the approval of the Prov. G.M. I was asked by what authority I infringed Clause 3, under the head "Of members and their duty," in the Book of Constitutions? My reply was that you had the sanction of the M.W. the G.M. of England for printing such reports, and I for forwarding them, and I expressed an opinion that such authority superseded any interdict from brethren in subordinate positions. This gave rise to another inquiry, viz., in what form the privilege was granted to you, whether verbally, or in writing, or whether it was merely implied by non-interference with your exercise of the right. Perhaps, for the information of these scrupulous brethren, you will kindly state the exact position in which you are placed in this respect. If your authority be such as I conceive it to be, I imagine that I have a perfect right still to furnish you with the information, though I admit that it would be in bad taste to act contrary to the wishes of the W.M. and to run a risk of causing bad feeling and dissension in the lodge. I have an impression that several years ago similar circumstances arose in a lodge in Wales, that your reporter disregarded the veto put upon him, and that it was ultimately put aside.

I believe that the publication of reports does much good, that a wholesome stimulus is given to lethargic lodges, when they see what is done elsewhere, and that an opportunity is thus afforded of knowing, discussing, and correcting proceedings, the propriety of which may appear questionable. I should by withholding a report have escaped reprehension for a course I pursued a few months ago in perfect accordance with the practice in my own and most other lodges, and of which I still maintain the propriety, as I did in the correspondence on the subject in your columns which ensued.

Yours fraternally,  
P. M.

### BRO. MELVILLE.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—A notable writer of the present day has stated that every measure of public utility is fated to pass through three stages—ridicule, opposition, and adoption. Let Bro. Melville apply this principle to his own case. He at present best knows the *pros.* and *cons.* of his secrets, and I earnestly hope the above will be of service to him.

From the commencement of the articles on "Bro. Melville" in this Magazine, I have taken a deep interest in them. As a young Mason, I sincerely trust he will receive every assistance and willing attention from competent brothers in the exposition of his secrets. I find everything worth having is difficult of attainment. Surely no sane person would devote 40 years to a single subject unless some elements of truth presented themselves to him. It is easier to communicate obtained knowledge than to extract knowledge from the womb of time, but even to communicate knowledge if the same be very abstruse, if it relate to mysteries long lost, if it be connected with the wonderful and at present unknown surrounding of man and his destinies, surely a difficulty may be experienced in instilling into others this acquired knowledge, and all lovers of truth, if only for the sake of the 40 long years, if they are in the position to inquire into Bro. Melville's statements, should take heed that they let not what may turn out to be of great moment to Masons particularly, and mankind generally, pass without a sound and careful investigation. Trusting Bro. Melville may persevere in what he believes to be a serious and solemn duty, I am,

Yours fraternally,  
FRANK B. TREATT.

### THE BRETT TESTIMONIAL.

It is with much pleasure we call the brethren's attention to this testimonial. We know of no brother more deserving the recognition of his services than this worthy Mason, who, gifted with an excellent memory, imparts to his pupils in an unobtrusive and kind manner the correct ritual of Royal Arch and Craft Masonry, refusing all remuneration. At the same time, he will not allow the slightest deviation in word or manner to please the most learned, and who, to their credit be it said, they acknowledge the reproof with that courtesy so characteristic of members of this noble and purely philanthropic Order; while, at the same time, they admit that to hear Comp. Brett elucidate the historical, symbolical, and fiducial mysteries is a truly Masonic intellectual treat. Such being the fact, his pupils and the fraternity at large, admiring his truly disinterested Masonic zeal, have determined to present him with a testimonial worthy his acceptance.

We shall be happy to receive the names of any brother wishing to become a subscriber to so deserving an object. The names of the subscribers will appear from time to time in this MAGAZINE:—

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## THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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### REDUCTION IN PRICE OF THE "MAGAZINE,"

On and after the present issue, the price of the MAGAZINE is reduced to **THREEPENNY**.

It is now nine years since the quarto series of the MAGAZINE was commenced, and it has ever since continued to be published at sixpence weekly.

For a considerable time past it has been in contemplation to reduce the price of this MAGAZINE; and it is now many months since the intentions of the then proprietor were made known by announcements in the advertising columns that a permanent reduction in price would be made as soon as the necessary arrangements for that purpose could be completed, and a fitting opportunity occurred.

It is now our pleasing duty to announce to our subscribers and friends the *promised reduction*; and also that various improvements will be introduced into the MAGAZINE itself. In so doing we must of course look to a greatly extended support from the members of the Craft for that reward, which we are assured by a very large circle of friends and supporters, such a step as that about to be taken will be sure to meet with; still it is only by the active and energetic support of our friends that such a venture can be made to succeed—more particularly in the case of a class journal—and by a greatly increased sale to cover the weekly cost of production.

The proposed reduction of the postage rates on newspapers, has been for some time past looked forward to as affording an opportunity for expecting the reduction in price of the MAGAZINE; and it is believed that long before our next half-yearly volume is completed, the anticipated reduction on the newspaper postage rates will be successfully introduced by the Post Office Authorities. And therefore the approaching commencement of a new volume has, under these circumstances, been considered an appropriate occasion for carrying out the long contemplated and previously announced intention, to reduce the sum of the MAGAZINE to **THREEPENNY**.

Whilst thanking the numerous subscribers and the zealous friends and supporters of the MAGAZINE for their past aid and labour on our behalf, we trust still to secure their hearty co-operation, so that, by their recommendations and otherwise, amongst the members of the Masonic Order, they may assist us in so expanding the area of its usefulness and by greatly-increasing the number of its readers, thus give it still greater power and influence as the well-tried organ of the Craft at large.

### MASONIC MEMS.

**UNIVERSAL MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1869.**—A few remaining copies of the second edition are for sale at a reduction of 25 per cent.

THE British Association will meet at Exeter, on the 8th August, on which occasion we trust that those members belonging to the ancient Craft will meet with a Masonic reception.

It has been proposed by some of the Dutch lodges to hold an International meeting of Freemasons during the period of the Netherlands Exhibition. The meeting to take place either at Amsterdam, Rotterdam, or Utrecht, in the month of September next. Further particulars are promised, which we shall publish.

**PROVINCE OF KENT.**—The Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Head Quarters of the Volunteer Artillery, at Brompton, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at twelve o'clock precisely. We understand that the following propositions will be brought forward:—That a grant from the Prov. G. Lodge fund of 20 guineas be made to the Zetland Commemoration, 50 guineas to the Old Men's Asylum, 40 guineas to the Girls' School, and 60 guineas to the Boys' School; the two latter amounts to be taken from the Provincial Charity Fund.

**THE HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**, by Bro. A. O. Haye, was brought to a conclusion in our last number. As a faithful and impartial record of the rise and fall of this Order it is worthy a place on the bookshelf of every reader of history.

At the last meeting of the Board of Grand Stewards, handsome 18-carat gold Past Grand Steward's jewels were presented to the President, Bro. J. E. Ebenezer Saunders; Treasurer, Bro. William J. Vian; and to the Secretary, Bro. John B. Monckton. These were manufactured by Bro. Joseph J. Cauey, Cheapside, and reflect great credit on him as being both tasteful and elegant.—At the Crescent Lodge (No. 788), last week, a gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. H. Thompson. In this case the old style was departed from, and a new pattern used—one giving more scope for artistic work.

As Bro. William Smith, *C.E.*, was returning home from the meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, last Wednesday week, he was violently assaulted, and a very valuable gold, dead-beat, centre-seconds, stop-watch, together with a massive gold albert chain, seal, and appendages, were forcibly wrested from his person whilst he was passing along the west side of Drury Lane, and opposite to Turner's Court, where a gang of thieves was posted. The property, which was worth fifty guineas, has not been recovered.

### METROPOLITAN.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 25th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. R. Tanner, W.M., presided, and he was supported by his officers and several P.M.'s. The first business of the evening was to raise Bro. Legg to the sublime degree of M.M., which was well done by the W.M., and in a most impressive manner. This was followed by passing Bro. Harsell to the second degree, which was done in a faultless style. The lodge having been resumed to the first degree, a discussion took place as to the summer festival, which, having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and they were all duly honoured. Bro. Smith, P.M. & Treas., in very complimentary terms proposed "The health of Bro. Tanner, W.M.," and alluded to the excellent way in which he discharged the duties in the chair, the great hospitality they enjoyed under his rule, and, at the same time, the great care he took of the expen-

diture of the funds, so that the lodge should always be in a satisfactory condition. The toast was very cordially responded to. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and assured them that he would do all in his power to secure the prosperity of the lodge. The health of the P.M.'s was then given, and Bro. Thompson took occasion to congratulate the lodge in having such a W.M. to preside over them, and it was a special pleasure to him as he had the privilege of initiating Bro. Tanner into Freemasonry. He had done good suit and service in the lodge, and, at the end of his year of office, he hoped the brethren would show it by some substantial mark of their appreciation of what he had done for them. "The Officers" was the next toast, for which Bro. Foulger, S.W., returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and a very happy evening was spent by the brethren in the true spirit of Freemasonry.

### PROVINCIAL.

#### DEVONSHIRE.

DEVONPORT.—*St. Aubyn Lodge* (No. 954).

The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Rooms, Moon-street, Morice-town, on the 21st ult., to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. James Hawton. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Chapple, P.M. The W.M. then invested the following brethren in office for the ensuing year:—Bros. Gudridge, I.P.M.; H. Smith, S.W.; M. Paul, J.W.; Vincent Bird, Treas.; Baxter, Sec.; Watson, S.D.; Flanagan, J.D.; Rickard, I.G.; Masters, Dir. of Cers.; Pote, Creber, Thacker, and Roberts, Stewards; Rashbrook, Tyler. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Odd Fellows' Hall, Ker-street. The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by Bros. Metham, D. Prov. G.M.; Elliot, Prov. G.S.W.; Radford, P. Prov. G.D.; Briggs, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and on the left by Bros. Gudridge, I.P.M.; Clemens, P.M.; Bird, P.M.; Chapple, P.M., P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. and Mureh, P. Prov. G. Org. There were also present Bros. Harris, W.M. No. 1,091; Foxwell, P.M., 1,071; Littleton, P.M., 1,091; Price, P.M., 202; and Welch, P.M., 202.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the musical portion of the programme was ably sustained by brethren of the lodge. Bro. Holt presided at the pianoforte.

The W.M. proposed the toast of the "Prince of Wales and the Craft," which was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Chapple, P.M., P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., then proposed the toast of "the Grand Master of England," observing that though they had not a personal acquaintance with the Grand Master, yet that his actions were of a character that all lodges might well be proud of him.

The W.M. then gave the next toast "the Prov. G.M., Rev. J. Huyshe, and D. Prov. G.M., Bro. L. P. Metham, and officers of Prov. G.L." Bros. Metham and Colonel Elliott, P.G.S.W., responded to the toast.

The D. Prov. G.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M., and observed that it was the toast of the evening, "the health of the W.M. then presiding," who would, doubtless, preside on more important occasions during the coming year, when they were assembled together for the purpose of transacting the business connected with the lodge. For the good of the lodge he hoped the W.M. would have a happy and prosperous year; but to ensure that, the lodge must have a good Master, and in the choice made he believed the brethren had found one.

The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, said he thanked the brethren for the high honour which had been conferred in electing him the W.M. of such a large and prosperous lodge. In the next place he would thank the D. Prov. G.M. for the way in which he had proposed the toast, and observed that it would be his study, aided by his P.M.'s and other officers, to conduct the lodge in a way as that it should be second to none in good order.

The next toast was "the Treasurer and other officers of the lodge." This was responded to by Bro. Vincent Bird, P.M. and Treas., who after acknowledging the many kind things the W.M. had said of him and the officers, proceeded to say that on some former occasions it had fallen to his lot to indicate the progress of Lodge St. Aubyn, he, therefore, accepted the present position rather as a pleasure than a duty. He then said: Permit me,

Worshipful sir, to remark that as the glorious sun rising in the east and opening the day adds another line of shadow to those already on the dial plate of time, so does your rising in our Orient to-day mark another period in the history and existence of Lodge St. Aubyn. And this thought carries me back to the time when a few Masons met (and with perhaps more zeal than prudence or discretion) determined to establish this lodge. It would effect no good purpose even were I able to penetrate their motives, nor will I follow their mutations, suffice it to say one of their resolves has culminated to-day, namely, the entrance of the founders into the chair of King Solomon. In you Worshipful sir that point has been reached. The will of the founders has been accomplished. Henceforth seniority may give place to merit, and the line of the constitutions followed without a breach of faith. You, Worshipful Master, may be regarded as the last of the Barons. They were the last of a fading dynasty; although you are the last of the founders you will have the high honour of conveying your authority to some one of the sons of Lodge St. Aubyn, who I trust will commence a long line of illustrious masters, whose termination will commence with eternity. Among our ancient Hebrew brethren the number seven was regarded as a sacred number. That same veneration has been transmitted to us. Three rule a lodge, five form a lodge, seven make it perfect or complete. You, Worshipful Sir, being the seventh Master of the lodge, I accept it as an augury for good, that, having passed round the six periods of our existence, we are about to enter a year, the labours of which I hope will make the lodge perfect in all its parts and honourable to its founders. Don't let me be mistaken in what I say about perfection; I don't expect angelic perfection in a human institution; but I do hope and expect the lodge will attain that perfection included in the triad—just, perfect, and regular. Look at our premises; can anything be desired to make it more complete for Masonic service? Look at our fittings and furniture; what more is wanted? Look at our workings; they have on many occasions been the subject of eulogistic praise; still, I think there is room for improvement. Lastly, look at our finances, they are rapidly approaching that diminishing point when the balance will be carried to the other side of the account, and Saint Aubyn shine, not with borrowed lustre, but with that charity which is the perfection of Masonry and without which all our professions are as sounding brass and as tinkling cymbals. Worshipful Master, on behalf of myself and brother officers, I promise you willing and perfect obedience in the coming year. Numerous other toasts followed and were appropriately responded to. The utmost harmony prevailed and a very pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren departed in peace, the lodge being closed at 11 p.m.

STOKE.—*Huyshe Lodge* (No. 1,099).—A meeting was held at the Huyshe Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke, on Monday, the 21st ult., to instal the W.M. elect Bro. John Brown. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. S. Willoughby, P.M., assisted by Bros. Chapple, Lose, and Austin, P.M.'s. After the installation the W.M. appointed as his officers Bro. S. Willoughby, I.P.M.; E. A. Davies, S.W.; E. Roseveare, J.W.; S. Chapple, P.M., P. Prov. Assist. Dir. of Cers., Treas.; W. H. W. Sargent, Sec.; W. H. Gilham, S.D.; A. Blackell, J.D.; J. Allen, I.G.; J. Lang, Dir. of Cers.; W. H. Shepherd, Stewd.; Jas. Rashbrook, Tyler. After the appointments a candidate was admitted into Freemasonry, and the lodge was closed.

TOINES.—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 710).—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms on Thursday, the 24th ult., but the usual report is not supplied, the W.M. having placed his veto on the publication of the proceedings.

#### ESSEX.

COLCHESTER.—*The Angel Lodge* (No. 51).

The members of this old-established lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist at their lodge-room, Cups Hotel, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult.

The lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock, Bro. Alfred Cobb, W.M., presiding. There were also present:—Bros. George Allen, W. Sprent, I. K. Pettitt, T. Bolton, Henry Sandford, W. Hickford, jun., J. E. Addis, J. Bosworth, P.M.; C. O. G. Becker, P.M.; Horace Darken, P.M.; R. Ellisdon, T. Hall, T. R. Quilter, W.M. elect; Greene, H. P. Lewis, H. Samuel, P. Hast, F. A. Cole, W. Griffin, J. Whitton, W. Slaney, members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. W. Shury, P.M. 167; S. B. King, P.M. 376; James Franks, P.M. 376; J. H. Staddon, W.M. Perfect Friend.

ship; Edward C. Tidd, P. Assist. G. Sec. Suffolk, 959; Newman, W.M. United Lodge, 697; G. H. Ray, S.W. 697, &c.

The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The next business was to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. T. R. Quilter, into the chair of K.S. The ceremony of installation was most ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Alfred Cobb. Indeed, it is long since we have seen this imposing ceremony so well performed. Every sentence was perfectly uttered, and every word unflinchingly given, and the working tools and addresses pertaining to the three degrees given without a hitch of any kind. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. elect having been inducted into the chair, the following appointment and investiture of officers took place:—Bros. H. P. Lewis, S.W.; Henry Samuel, J.W.; P. Hast, S.D.; F. A. Cole, J.D.; W. Slaney, Treas.; G. K. R. Bowler, Sec.; W. Griffin, Dir of Cers.; Allen and Boulton, Stewards; C. H. Sandford, I.G.; J. Whitton, Tyler.

After the various officers had taken their respective places in the lodge, Bro. Darken proposed that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented to Bro. Alfred Cobb, as a mark of the high appreciation in which his services on behalf of Masonry were held, and for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Shmy and unanimously agreed to by the brethren.

Bro. J. L. Watts, having answered the necessary questions, was passed by the newly-installed Master to the degree of a F.C.

The lodge was then closed in due and solemn form. We cannot, however, refrain from saying that the admirable working of this lodge called forth from the visiting brethren the most unqualified expressions of admiration, not only of the ability shown by the Master, but of the manner in which the newly-appointed officers acquitted themselves.

At five o'clock the brethren, under the presidency of the W.M., sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by the worthy host, Mr. Salter. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts usual among Masons were given, including "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales," "The Earl of Zetland, G.M. of England," "The D.G.M., the Earl de Grey and Ripon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," "The Prov. G.M. of Essex, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, and the Past and Present Prov. G. Officers," to which the Prov. G.S.W., Bro. A. Cobb, suitably responded, acknowledging the compliment on their behalf.

Bro. Ellisden proposed "The Visitors," to which Bros. Franks, King, Newman, and Staddon responded.

Bro. Hall, P.M., gave "The health of the W.M., Bro. Quilter," which was most cordially received by the company. He said they could not but admire and appreciate the able manner in which Bro. Cobb had performed the duties of his office during the past year. He did not desire to make invidious distinctions, but he must say that, if there was one man more than another more worthy of succeeding to that office, it was their present much respected W.M. It afforded him very great pleasure to see they had accorded to their estimable I.P.M. the P.M.'s jewel. It was an honour he richly deserved, and he hoped he would live long to wear it.

The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment expressed his appreciation of the high honour they had that day conferred upon him by electing him to fill the W.M.'s chair. He should use his best endeavours to fulfil the Masonic duties which would be required of him to the best of his ability, and would study all he could to advance the interest and welfare of the Angel Lodge. He hoped all the support that could be given would be accorded to the Masonic Charities, which were in every way deserving of their consideration, as being amongst the especial objects of Masonry. His heart was good, in so far as Masonry was concerned and as far as regarded the working of the lodge, but he did not possess the ability that some brethren did; still his will was good, and he would endeavour conscientiously to perform his duty. He highly appreciated the kind and flattering manner in which they had received the toast of his health.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters of the Angel Lodge," uniting with it the name of Bro. Cobb, who replied on behalf of the P.M.'s.

Next followed "The health of the Officers of the Angel Lodge," to which the various brethren who held office responded.

Bro. Becker gave "The health of the Secretary, Bro. Bowler," and expressed his great regret at his absence through the serious indisposition of his brother, but, though absent, he well knew

that his heart was with them that day. Let them, therefore, drink his health, and wish his family prosperity, health, and happiness.

Bro. Griffin proposed "The health of the Treasurer, Bro. Slaney."

Bro. Stephen B. King, P.M., gave "The Masonic Charities," which were, he said, worthy of the support of every Mason.

The healths of Bro. Henry Greene and Watts were also given and acknowledged.

Bro. Griffin proposed the Tyler, Bro. Whitton, who had been 40 years a Mason.

Bro. Whitton briefly replied, and the interesting proceedings were brought to a close about ten o'clock.

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

COLEFORD.—*Royal Forest of Dean* (No. 1,067).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., for the transaction of business and to instal their W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. F. Nash, Prov. G. Reg. Herefordshire, was presented by the lodge with a very chaste gold P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the great respect in which he was held by the lodge, and as a testimony of their appreciation of the way in which he had filled the chair during the preceding twelve months. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. J. J. Caney, of 44, Cheapside, and is a very tasteful and artistic work.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—*Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge* (No. 779).—The annual festival of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 29th ult., the lodge being opened at the Town Hall, at three o'clock, by Bro. the Rev. S. Pyemont, D.D., Prov. S.G.W., the W.M., the following brethren also being present, viz., Bros. W. Kelly D. Prov. G.M.; H. E. Smith, J.P., P.M., and P. Prov. J.G.W.; G. F. Brown, P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.W.; S. Love, P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.D.; E. F. Mammatt, W.M. elect, and Prov. G. Reg.; Garnar, Faulkner, Blood, Johnson, Conner, and other members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. E. Bindley and T. A. Jackson, Abbey Lodge (No. 624); R. Warner, P.M. Repose Lodge (No. 802); and Bros. Major Brewin, P. Prov. S.G.W., and Prov. G. Treas.; Pettifor, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Stretton, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Duff, P. Prov. J.G.D.; Buzzard, Prov. G. Steward; and Atwood, of the Leicester lodges. The lodge having been opened, the D. Prov. G.M. was saluted with the usual honours, and some preliminary business transacted, Bro. E. F. Mammatt was presented for the benefit of installation, and the W.M. proceeded to address him according to usage, after which assent was given to the ancient charges, and the O.B. as regards the government of the lodge. After the lodge had been opened in the third degree, the D. Prov. G.M. assumed the gavel, and having declared a Board of Installed Masters duly constituted, he proceeded regularly to instal Bro. Mammatt in the chair of the lodge, after which he was duly saluted by the P.M.'s present. The brethren having been called in, it was announced to them that the W.M. had been duly installed, and they were called upon to salute him. The address to the W.M. was given, and subsequently the ceremony was completed down to the first degree. The W.M. appointed the following as the officers, and invested them (with the exception of Earl Ferrers, who was prevented being present through illness):—Bros. Dr. Pyemont, I.P.M.; Earl Ferrers, S.W.; Garnar, J.W.; Faulkner, S.D.; Blood, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Conner, Tyler. In delivering the final charge the D. Prov. G.M. expressed the great pleasure he had (having ten years ago installed the late worthy and respected Bro. Mammatt, as the first W.M. of the lodge), in attending on this occasion to assist in the installation of the present W.M., who, he doubted not, would prove a worthy successor of his excellent father. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where the banquet was served in Bro. Love's usual style of excellence.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 523).—The brethren of this lodge assembled to celebrate their annual festival on St. John's day, at the Freemasons' Hall, when, from the great esteem in which the W.M. elect, Bro. George Toller, jun., is held by the members of both the local lodges, the attendance was very numerous. All the officers, except the Chaplain, who is in France, and the Treasurer, whose absence was caused by illness, were in their places, and the following P.M.'s were present:—W. Kelly, D. Prov. G.M.; Goodyer, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Major Brewin, P. Prov. S.G.W. and Treas.; Sheppard, P. Prov.

G. Reg.; C. Johnson, P.M. No. 491, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Jarsey, Org.; and A. M. Duff, W.M., and Prov. G.J.D.; also, the Rev. N. Haycroft, D.D., and many other members. Among the visitors were the Rev. Charles J. E. Smith, S.W. No. 502, and Prov. G. Chap. of Warwickshire; S. P. Ekin, 279, and P.G. Dir. of Cers. of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire; H. Douglas, S.W. 1,130, and P.G. Dir. of Cers. for Leicestershire, Weare, P.M., and Prov. G.S.D.; Pettifor, P.M., and P. Prov. S.G.W.; L. A. Clarke, P.M., and Prov. G.S.D.; C. Stratton, J.W., and P. Prov. G. Reg.; Ride, McAllister, Atwood, Palmer, J. W. Smith, and other members of 279. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Duff, and the minutes of the last meeting, including the unanimous election of Bro. Toller as W.M., read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. the Rev. Nathaniel Haycroft, D.D., as a joining member, and for the Rev. Heaton E. Von Stürmer, and Mr. G. Fletcher, as candidates for initiation, which was unanimous in their favour. Bro. J. J. Miller having passed a very satisfactory examination in the first degree retired, and the lodge having been opened in the second degree, he was duly passed as F.C. The lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the W.M. proceeded to initiate the Rev. H. E. Von Stürmer and Mr. George Fletcher into our mysteries, after which the D. Prov. G.M. gave the lecture on the tracing-board. The lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and the W.M. commenced the ceremony of installing his successor in the chair of K.S., and who, having been addressed on the requisite qualifications for the office, gave his assent to the ancient charges, and took the O.B. as regards the government of the lodge. A lodge of M.M.'s and a Board of Installed Masters were successively opened, and Bro. Toller was duly installed in the presence of eight P.M.'s. On the return of the brethren, the W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees. The ceremony being concluded, the newly-installed W.M. moved a vote of thanks to his predecessor, Bro. Duff, for his efficient services in the chair, which was seconded by the D. Prov. G.M., and carried unanimously. Thanks were also voted to Bro. W. B. Smith, P.M., & P. Prov. J.G.W., for his services as Treasurer, and to Bro. G. B. Atkins for his discharge of the various duties of Steward. The W.M. then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. A. M. Duff, I.P.M.; T. H. Buzzard, S.W.; W. Sculthorpe, J.W.; Rev. John Spittal, M.A., Chap.; W. B. Smith (P.M.), Treas.; F. J. Baines, Sec.; Rev. N. Haycroft, D.D., S.D.; S. S. Partidge, J.D.; C. Johnson, P.M., Org.; G. B. Atkins and A. Sargeant, Stewards; M. H. Lewin, I.G.; and C. Bembridge, Tyler. A candidate having been proposed for initiation at the next lodge, the brethren were called off for refreshment, and about 40 of the brethren sat down to the banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; those of the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Earl Howe; the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Kelly, and the newly-installed W.M. being most warmly received. The D. Prov. G.M., in proposing the toast of "The Bishop of the Diocese and the Ministers of Religion of all denominations in the Province"—and which was responded to by the Revs. C. J. E. Smith and Dr. Haycroft—took occasion to announce the fact that the new Bishop (of Peterborough) is a member of the Craft. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. C. Johnson, Palmer, Atwood, and others. Business having been resumed, the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren separated after a very pleasant *réunion*.

#### SUFFOLK.

IPSWICH.—*British Union Lodge* No. 114.—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Brook-street, on Wednesday the 23rd ult. The respected W.M., Bro. W. Bobby, presided, supported by Bro. A. J. Barber as S.W., and Bro. P. Cornell as J.W. There were also present:—the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. E. I. Lockwood; Bros. H. G. Moore, I.P.M.; Schülen, P.M.; W. Spalding, Sec.; F. Gull, P.M.; C. Davy, P.M. 225; W. H. Stephens, S.W. 376, &c. Bro. Edward Hayward, having proved himself proficient by replying to the necessary questions, was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The imposing ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Moore, P.M., assisted by Bros. Schülen and Gull, who acted as Deacons. On no previous occasion do we ever remember having seen this sublime ceremony so well and so faultlessly performed. It is at all times a solemn one, but in this instance it was rendered by Bro. Moore peculiarly so. The working tools were explained

by Bro. Cornell, J.W., after which Bro. Barber, S.W., gave, in a very lucid manner, the historical portion of the lecture pertaining to this degree. The lodge having been closed in solemn form, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, and partook of a well-served banquet provided by Bro. Spalding, the Prov. G. Tyler. The proceedings closed in harmony.

#### IRELAND.

##### LONDONDERRY AND DONEGAL.

LONDONDERRY.—*Provincial Grand Master's Lodge* (No. 52).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Strand-road, on the 23rd ult., when the following members were present:—Bros. James Skipton, W.M.; W. E. Scott, D. Prov. G.M.; H. J. M. Corkell, S.W.; C. A. Smyth, J.W.; Conolly Skipton, P.M. and Sec.; Acheson W. Smyth, and Paul Jacobson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Gamble, R.A. Lodge, No. 891, was balloted for and elected an honorary member. After some discussion the hour of meeting was altered to four o'clock. The lodge was then closed in due form.

#### ISLE OF MAN.

##### DOUGLAS.

ATHOLE LODGE (No. 1,004).—A regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at the Douglas Hotel. Bro. H. P. Mayle, W.M., presiding, assisted by Bro. W. Harris, Sec., who acted as S.W., in the unavoidable absence of that officer; Bros. H. Webb, J.W.; Lofthouse, P.M. and Treas.; and several other brethren. Lodge being declared duly opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge, and subsequent emergencies, were read and confirmed, after which a ballot was taken for the admission into the order of Mr. John Livingstone, proposed by Bro. Lofthouse, and seconded by Bro. W. Harris, the result of the ballot being declared in favour of the candidate. The W.M. courteously resigned the chair to Bro. Lofthouse, who proceeded to initiate his friend into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the candidate receiving the degree with becoming diffidence due to the importance of the occasion. Bro. Lofthouse's reputation as a perfect ritualist is too well known to need eulogy, suffice it to say that the E.A. degree was given most impressively. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Mayle, W.M., resumed the chair, when Bros. G. Double and Gibbon were placed before him and questioned upon proficiency in the former degree. The answers were given so well as to elicit praise from all present. They received the well merited reward of their industry by being entrusted with the second step in Freemasonry. This was followed by the introduction of Bro. Peteh, of Manchester, who proving himself worthy, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the arduous and beautiful ceremony being rendered by the W.M., in a style worthy of the highest Mason in the Order, in fact the general working of the lodge was excellent—highly creditable to the Craft in general and this lodge in particular. Lodge business being ended, the brethren were invited to a substantial supper, upon the conclusion of which the W.M. apologised to the brethren for the abruptness with which he would be compelled to close the meeting, as by the blessed law of the island, every house of entertainment must be closed by eleven o'clock, therefore he was precluded from giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts upon this occasion, but one toast he could not pass by—"To the poor brethren of the Order." This toast was received with the usual demonstration—the charity-box being handed round, which received donations from every brother present. The W.M. made some pertinent observations upon the charitable feeling displayed by the brethren. He was happy to say, that for some time past the charity-box had supplied the necessary means to relieve distressed brethren, without the funds of the lodge being called upon. After a few further remarks the brethren separated. Among the visitors we observed Bros. T. Fairhurst, 1,242; Taylor, 25; T. Block, 815; J. Hadfield, 792; and J. Brunett, P.M. 98, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Staffordshire.



## TURKEY.

## CONSTANTINOPLE

MASONRY IN THE TURKISH CAPITAL.—The Craft under the Star and Crescent is in the ascendant. The fashionable, or West-end of the city has a "Bulwer" and "Oriental," both temples in the full enjoyment of power, zeal, and energy. While the promising village of Bayukdere, on the shores of the Bosphorus, has, in full blaze of light, the "Leinster"—a lodge, notwithstanding its being far removed from the "city's din" and bustle, many worthy brethren, who do not begrudge the distance, visit their "mother" very regular. With all this, it was deemed expedient to open another lodge in the village of Haskien, on the shore of the Golden Horn. Many workmen in the employ of the Government and private firms in this truly British quarter, anxious to have a temple within hail, met in October last, and, after several meetings of an agreeable nature, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a Charter of Erection under the banner of St. Andrew. Their prayer was acceded to, and, on the evening of Monday, June 7th, the Caledonian (No. 489), was consecrated in due form in the New Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, by Bro. Charles W. Lilly, assisted by Bros. Laurie, Arnold, Warren, Reppen, Carleton, and Mountain (all Masters and P.M.'s), and many brethren truly devoted to the Craft. After the consecration, which was indeed very imposing, the brethren adjourned to the lodge proper in the same building, W. Bro. Lilly, presiding. The installation of the elect officers of the Caledonian was proceeded with: Bros. W. Stock, W.M.; W.S. Henderson, D.M.; George Mears, S.M.; W. Walker, S.W.; James Warren, J.W.; H. Benwell, Treas.; W. Dyke, S.D.; James Spence, J.D.; Hiram Hague, I.G.; J. Bevan, Tyler; and Daniel Frazer, Sec. The jewels, clothing, and general furnishings of the lodge are neat, appropriate, and very complete. The jewels and clothing were commissioned from Glasgow and Edinburgh, and were the theme of general admiration. On the closing of the lodge the brethren met in the banquet-room, where an excellent supper was prepared by Bro. Ferguson. Bro. Stock, W.M., presided. The proceedings were prolonged until far in the other day, Masonic toasts, songs, and sentiments of a fraternal kind being the order of the evening and the morning. This lodge, under the seal of the lion rampart, has opened under very favourable auspices, and, if continued in the spirit begun, cannot fail of success.

## NEW ZEALAND.

## WELLINGTON.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. CAPT. BENSON, W.S.M.

The Waterloo Lodge, No. 463 (S.C.), Wellington, New Zealand, was the scene of a highly interesting ceremony on the evening of Monday the 22nd of March, when a very large number of Masons hailing from different lodges, and belonging to different Constitutions, assembled to witness the presentation of a farewell address and jewel to the Worshipful Substitute Master of the Lodge, Bro. Capt. Henry Baskerville Benson, late Colonial Manager of the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company.

During his residence in Wellington, Bro. Benson proved himself an active, zealous Mason, and in addition to the office of Substitute Master of the Waterloo Lodge, he filled the high office of a Prov. G. Steward in the Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge. Much as his departure is regretted by the general public of Wellington, his loss will be especially felt by the Masonic fraternity, who have been indebted to him for many acts of liberality and kindness. A short time ago he presented to the Waterloo and Pacific Lodges a magnificent harmonium, imported from England by himself, and, in beauty of appearance and richness of tone, equal to any instrument which we have seen come from the celebrated workshops of its makers, Alexandre Pere et Fils, Paris. This valuable gift bears a silver plate suitably inscribed.

The lodge was opened in due form by the R.W. Bro. E. T. Gillon, who said that a very pleasant duty devolved upon him. He had always esteemed it a high privilege to preside over a Masonic Lodge, to assist in extending the influence and benefits of Masonry, and to administer the ceremonies of the Order in the beautiful and appropriate language with which they were

associated. Pleasant as those duties were, however, a Master of a Lodge was sometimes called on to perform others of even a more pleasant character, and he knew of none more pleasant than that of acting as the mouth-piece of his brethren in expressing their admiration of distinguished merit in a brother of the Order; of presenting to a brother such a token of their respect and esteem as would not only remind him of the past, but would prove to brethren in other parts of the world the estimation in which he was held by those with whom he had been for years associated. Such was the duty which devolved upon him but the pleasure with which he should under ordinary circumstances perform it was not on the present occasion an unalloyed one. He could not without deep regret remember that Bro. Benson was about to leave them, perhaps for ever; that he occupied his accustomed seat probably for the last time, and that they would no more meet him within the sacred precincts of a lodge until they met him, as he hoped they all might do, in that Grand Lodge above, towards the attainments of which every good Mason's aspirations and efforts should be directed. They had met that night for a twofold purpose: in the first place to ask Bro. Benson to accept an address expressive of their feelings towards him; and in the second place, as Craftsman, to bid their brother farewell, and to wish him God speed on his voyage, and future life. Honour, Truth, and Mercy have been defined as the distinguishing characteristics of a good Mason, and during his residence among them Bro. Benson had amply proved to them, and to the world, his possession of those admirable virtues. To be a good Mason was to be a good man, and he (the R. W. M.) could say that if more Masons did as he believed Bro. Benson had done—carried their masonry and its principles into the transactions of daily life—the influence and usefulness of the order would be immediately increased.

It was needless for him to dilate further on the qualities which had gained for Bro. Benson the respect and esteem of those with whom he had been associated. The large attendance that evening was a practical proof of the estimation in which their brother was held, and no words of his could do adequate justice to the subject, or better express the feelings of the brethren, than were expressed in the address.

The R.W.M. then handed the address and jewel to Bro. Benson, who in a brief but feeling and most appropriate speech acknowledged the gift, and the kind terms in which it had been made.

The address was very handsomely engrossed and illuminated by Mr. H. E. Brandon, and the jewel was manufactured by Burton Brothers, of Dunedin, Provincial Grand Jewellers, S.C. It is a gold square attached to a red ribbon, with two gold clasps. The face is neatly chased, and back bears the inscription—"Presented to Bro. Benson, S.M., by the members of the Waterloo Lodge, No. 463, S.C., Wellington, New Zealand, March 1869."

Bro. Benson left Wellington for England in the steamship *Realine* on the 31st of March; but before he embarked, his Honour the Superintendent of the Province Dr. Featherston, (himself a Mason), on behalf of a numerous body of subscribers presented to him a purse of one hundred guineas for the purchase of a piece of plate in England. This presentation was accompanied by a suitable address and an inscription to be placed on the plate. This ceremony took place on the wharf in the presence of upwards of a thousand persons, and as Captain Benson left the shore, accompanied by a large number of friends in the Government steamer *St. Kilda*, he was loudly cheered.

## ROYAL ARCH.

## DEVONSHIRE.

EXMOUTH.—Sun Chapter (No. 1,061).—The regular convocation of this old and noted chapter was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Beacon Hotel. The chapter was opened by Comps. Hodge, M.E.Z.; Hume, H.; Glanfield, J. The companions being admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two brethren who had been duly proposed, and been unanimously declared in their favour, they were introduced and exalted to this supreme degree, in a very effective and impressive manner. The ceremony was well performed by every officer who took part in it. A proposition for exaltation at the next meeting was received. Principals

were proposed for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. Hame, M.E.Z.; Glanfield, H.; Maynard, J. The chapter being closed the Companions, to the number of about twenty, adjourned to the banquet served by Comp. Bastin in his usual sumptuous and *riche* style.

#### LANCASHIRE (WEST).

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Chapter* (No. 1,086).—The lodge with which this chapter is now connected has become very numerous, commanding as it does a large population in the suburbs north of Liverpool, and a considerable number of its members having been exalted in various chapters, it was considered expedient to enrol them together and form a chapter in immediate connection with the lodge. Accordingly the necessary preliminary steps having been taken, a warrant was in due time granted appointing Comps. J. Morton, P.Z. of 477, as Z.; W. Archer, H. of 241, as H.; J. Lunt, N. of 241, as J., for the first year, and the consecrations and opening ceremonies were arranged to take place on Wednesday the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kirkdale. In the necessary absence, owing to Parliamentary duties of Sir T. G. Hesketh, the M.E. Superintendent of the division of West Lancashire, his authority was deputed to Comp. A. C. Mott, P.G.S.N., as acting Z., who appointed Comp. Wade, P.Z. of 477, as H., and Comp. W. V. Cearne, P.Z. 241, as J., for the occasion. The attendance of visiting companions was distinguished and numerous, including Comps. Banister, P.G.D.C.; Hamer, P.Z. and P.G.; T. W. Jones Z. of 605; W. Wade, P.Z., 477; Cearne, P.Z., 241; Baker, P.S., 241; Horbury, H., 605; Meacock, P.Z., 477; T. Taylor, Scribe E., 1,086. The ceremony of consecration was conducted in a most impressive style, and the chants and anthems beautifully rendered, especially that from the 133rd psalm by Baker, "Behold how good," and the final chorale, "God of Light whose love unceasing." After the chapter was opened, Comp. Mott addressed the meeting as to the cause of their assembling and called the S.E. to state the steps which had taken place with respect to the formation of the chapter, afterwards ascertaining by vote in the usual Masonic form that the companions ratified the proceedings. He then called upon Comp. Cearne to deliver orations, which was done in that impressive manner for which he is especially distinguished, receiving an enthusiastic reception from all present. The anthem, prayer, and chant followed in due order, and the procession with corn, wine, and oil, according to ancient custom, and the consecration prayer being offered, the chapter was declared constituted, the ceremony concluding with Baker's chorale before alluded to. The following officers were then installed Comps. Morton, Z.; W. Archer, H.; J. Lunt, J.; T. Taylor, E.; J. C. Lunt, N.; T. Chesworth, P.S.; J. Horbury, Z. 447, Treas.; J. C. Lunt, Org.; T. Lewin, P.Z., 477, Janitor. After the chapter was closed, the companions sat down to an excellent banquet served up in Comp. Kerr's best style, the proceedings being enlivened with some excellent songs by Comps. Horbury, Morton, Hamer, Mott, Wade, Banister, &c., and the music was ably conducted by Comp. Lunt.

We must not omit to state that the robes, furniture, banners, and implements are exceedingly chaste, various foreign woods being employed, reflecting the greatest upon Comp. Morton under whose superintendance every thing has been manufactured, without having recourse to London artificers. An emergency has already been called for three new candidates.

#### MARK MASONRY.

##### METROPOLITAN.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—On Saturday the 12th ult., the above mentioned lodge was constituted at the head quarters of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteers under the presidency of the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., there was also present on this occasion: R.W. Bros. John Udall, P.G.S.W. as G.W.; Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.G.J.W. as J.W.; V.W. Bros. Thos. Meggy, P.G.M.O. and W.M. designate; Vincent Bird, P.G.M.O. P.M. No. 64; Rev. D. Shaboc, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; W. Mann, G. Recorder W.M. No. 8; W. Bros. T. J. Sabine, Assist. G. Dir. of Cers. W.M. No. 22; C. Swan, P.G.S.B. P.M. No. 69, Sec. Kent and No. 5; R. Spencer, P.G.S.B.; Robert Watts, P.G. Standard Bearer; Bros. S. Rosenthal, G. Steward; James Stevens, G. Steward; Major A. L. Irvine and Eugene Cronin of the Kent Lodge; W. Louder, No. 8; G. F. Henley, No. 8 and John Thomas. The lodge having been opened, the W.M. *pro tem*. Bro. Binckes, then proceeded with the ceremony of consecration and installed as first Master V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy,

P.G.M.O. who at once advanced the following four brethren to the degree of Mark Master Mason: Bros. J. H. Hastie, C. Hammerton, G. Waterall and A. Wolton, the W. Master then appointed and invested the following brethren, as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Major A. L. Irvine, S.W. J. Stevens, J.W.; E. Cronin, M.O.; S. Rosenthal, S.O.; J. H. Hastie, J.O.; F. Binckes, Treas.; C. Swan, Sec.; C. Hammerton, S.D.; G. Waterall, J.D. and Reg. of Marks; A. Wolton, T.K.; Grant, Tyler. Votes of thanks were unanimously given to the Grand Officers present on this occasion, as also to the W.M. of the Macdonald Craft Lodge for the use of the furniture, &c., and to the W.M. of the Kent and No. 5 Lodges for various fittings, &c., lent by those lodges on this occasion. The business being finished, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in a manner that reflected the highest credit on the management, and the enjoyment of all present was greatly increased by the first rate vocal abilities of Bros. Perrot, Stevens and Henley.

##### HAMPSHIRE.

WINCHESTER.—*Mark Masters Lodge of Economy* (No. 52).—A regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 24th ult., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Sheppard, W.M.; Warner, Dir. of Cers. as S.W.; Oakshott, J.W.; Penton, as M.O.; Whale, S.O.; Wooldridge, as J.O.; Sherry, Sec., as S.D.; Lumsden, J.D.; Priddis, I.G.; Bishop, Doswell, and Pottle, Tyler. Visitors from St. Andrews Lodge, No. 63, Southampton, Bro. J. R. Stebbing, W.M., G. Treas., and Alfred Coles, Sec. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. None of the candidates for advancement being present, the brethren worked the ceremony, with the exception of the lecture, for the purpose of instruction, Bro. Bishop acting as candidate. The brethren then discussed the bye-laws as recommended by the committee, which were adopted after one or two alterations were made, and ordered to be printed. The W.M. read an application he had received from the G. Sec., Bro. Binckes, asking for a Steward from this lodge as a representative at the first Charity Festival to be held in July, in support of the Benevolent Fund appertaining to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters. It was proposed by Bro. Sherry, and seconded by Bro. Whale, "That the W.M., Bro. Sheppard, be requested to act as Steward from this lodge at the first festival in connection with the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Mark Masters Lodge, moderate expenses necessary to be borne by the lodge." This proposition was put to the brethren and carried unanimously. Bro. Sheppard having kindly assented thereto, solicited the brethren to support him individually on the occasion. The lodge was then closed in due form, with solemn prayer, at ten o'clock.

#### MASONIC FESTIVITIES.

##### METROPOLITAN.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. FARNFIELD, P. ASSIST. G. SEC.  
P.M. No. 55, &c.

It has been the established custom for the last forty years for the Constitutional Lodge (No. 55), to have a summer festival to which the wives and daughters of the brethren belonging to the lodge are invited. This year the anniversary was holden on the 23rd ult., and the old city barge, the *Maria Wood* was obtained for that purpose, on board which the brethren and sisters were invited. As early as 10 a.m. they began to arrive at Kew, and before the hour appointed for leaving, viz. 12 o'clock had struck, above eighty had partaken of breakfast on board; no sooner had the boat started than the strains of the Artillery band whose services had been engaged, caused the younger members on board to commence dancing which was continued until the barge arrived at Poets Corner, Twickenham, where they anchored, the dinner bell being sounded, they adjourned to the saloon, the W.M., Bro. S. C. Hadley occupying the chair, the ends of the tables being occupied by Bros. R. P. Atkins, S.W., G. M. Snow, J.W., T. Whaley and John Compton, P.M. Bro. W. Farnfield their much respected secretary occupying a seat immediately to the left of the chair. We may here add that Bro. Farnfield is the only member of the lodge who was not initiated in it. The cloth being cleared, and the usual loyal and other toasts having been given,

Bro. T. Whaley proposed in a very eloquent speech the "Health of their W.M. and chairman," the W.M. having responded, again rose to propose what he considered the toast of the day, he said that they—the Constitutional Lodge—ranked amongst their members, one who had the good wishes of every member of the lodge for his zeal, energy, good advice and kindness at all times displayed by him towards its members, he alluded to Bro. W. Farnfield, and he certainly felt proud to think that during his years of office it had fallen upon him to present in the name of the lodge a silver salver as a token of the great esteem and respect every one of the lodge entertained for him—he might say it had been given unanimously by the lodge as every brother had contributed, and he trusted that he Bro. Farnfield might be long spared, or as one brother remarked live to wear it out.

Bro. Farnfield's health was very enthusiastically received, and in responding he stated that it was at the summer banquet of that lodge in the year 1830, he first met Miss Moss, the daughter of the Master of the lodge, that in due time he was married to her and had a family of ten children, and he trusted that this banquet might have an equal blessing in store for their bachelor W.M. and concluded by thanking the brethren. Other toasts followed, "The Visitors" responded to by Bro. E. H. Patten, concluding with "The Ladies" to which Bro. J. A. Farnfield replied, and stated that had the brethren churlishly come to Twickenham without the ladies society, they doubtless would have had dull weather, as it was, even the sun had shone its bright face in response to the bright eyes and smiles of the ladies. He would not say more, but begged them at once to ascend to the deck in order to fully appreciate the ladies society in the merry dance. This proposition appearing to meet the favour of the brethren, an immediate adjournment was made, and dancing was carried on with unflagging vigour to the delightful strains of the band of the Hon. Artillery Company, until the barge had returned to Kew.

The salver weighs nearly one hundred ounces, and was supplied we believe by Messrs. Lias and Son, of Salisbury-street, it has the following inscription engraven upon it. "Presented to Bro. W. Farnfield by the members of the Constitutional Lodge (55), to mark their great regard and esteem for him, and for his unceasing attention to its interests as secretary for nearly forty years, June 23, 1869." We noticed amongst the brethren of the lodge present: Bros. Thos. Barford, P.M. and Treas.; J. Dosell, W. Styles, John Atherton, Thos. Ennor, H. W. Nevill, E. W. Thompson, J. Dwarber, J.D., H. A. Meredith and others. The visitors were: Bros. J. H. Patten, P.G.S.B., Binckes, J. Farnfield and Geo. Paynter.

We believe this is the first time a Freemasons' lodge has held a festival on board the barge, and if the beauty of the day which may be said to have been the first day of summer, combined with the excellent refreshments and superior music tended in any way to add to the pleasure we can certainly say, this was one of the most enjoyable days we ever remember, and was thought so by all, judging from the smiling and happy countenances of those on board. The refreshments were supplied by Mr. C. Ritter, of Hammersmith.

#### SCOTLAND.

##### ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE LODGE OF GLASGOW ST. JOHN.

The brethren of the Lodge No. 3 bis celebrated Summer St. John's Day by an excursion to Kilwinning Abbey and to the Land of Burns. It has become the custom of the members of this lodge thus to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, and this year's trip was the seventh annual one. By the first morning train for the West upwards of 40 brethren left Glasgow, and arrived in Kilwinning before nine o'clock, with appetites whetted by their pleasant ride on the rail. An excellent breakfast there awaited them, to which ample

justice was done. Afterwards the company broke up into small parties, some of whom visited the old Abbey, and other objects of Masonic and antiquarian interest; others went as far as the policies of Eglinton Castle, where the annual game at bowls between the Eglinton Estate clubs was being played. About noon they bade good-bye to the cell of St. Winning, and, accompanied by Bro. Wylie of the Mother Lodge, proceeded to Ayr (known in Masonic annals as the birthplace of Chevalier Ramsay), where they made the King's Arms their rendezvous. The R.W.M. of St. John's, Bro. Capt. John Baird, architect, West Regent-street, Glasgow, is himself one of the "merry lads of Ayr," and, under his direction, the party was divided into sections for the purpose of visiting the chief objects of interest in the town and neighbourhood. Bro. Baird having prepared a plan of the Fort as it existed prior to its being feued and built upon, a large company was formed to visit it. Accompanied by Bro. M'Ilwrath of the *Ayrshire Express*, they proceeded to the Citadel Stores, where they were made welcome by Captain Fullarton, to examine the portion of the wall there remaining entire. Here Bro. Baird showed upon the plan the position occupied by the stores on what was formerly the fosse guarding the works, and pointed out the Mason's marks upon the hevn stones of the wall. Through the kindness of Bro. Fullarton, the party were permitted to examine the locality minutely, and to proceed through his garden to the present entrance to the Fort. They then made a complete tour of it, noting the old entrance, the sally-port towards the sea, powder magazine, old wall, and bastions and curtains where these remain. About an hour was spent with interest and pleasure in the examination of "Old Noll's" work. Afterwards several of the members, accompanied by Bro. Lyon, proceeded to the Old Churchyard, where curious antique headstones and quaint carvings formed the subject of interesting conversation. This section of the excursionists devoted a portion of the afternoon to the inspection of some of the "old houses" in the burgh—one of this class in Isle-lane being remarkable by being the birthplace of the celebrated Count Hamilton, born in 1646, author of the "Memoirs of Grammont." They also visited Wallace Tower, and from its summit had a bird's-eye view of the "auld town." Another part of the brethren proceeded to Burns's Cottage and the Banks of Doon, and there spent a couple of hours very pleasantly, the day being one of the finest we have had this season.

At five o'clock the brethren reassembled at the King's Arms Hotel, where a substantial dinner awaited them. The R.W. Bro. Capt. Baird presided, supported by Bros. Robt. Wylie, P. Prov. G.M. of Ayrshire; D. Murray Lyon, one of the Grand Stewards in the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Lieut. Hunter, Glasgow St. John; and Wm. M'Ilwrath, St. John, Thornhill. Bro. James M'Millan, S.W., officiated as croupier, supported by Bros. Park, P.M., the originator of these excursions; Granger, R.W.M., St. Mary, Partick; Wagget, S.M.; and Samuels, Treas. After dinner the chairman in felicitous terms, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the evening was "Success to the Lodge of Glasgow St. John," which the chairman gave in a brief speech, which was loudly applauded—the more especially as he mentioned several circumstances showing that the lodge is in a very thriving condition. Mother Kilwinning and Bro. Wylie" was appropriately given by the croupier, and happily acknowledged. The "Health of the Chairman," was given by Bro. Lyon, who prefaced the toast by referring to Bro. Baird's early association with Ayr, his archaeological tastes, his professional abilities, his geniality of disposition, and to his honourable position as a Craftsman (as shown in his being elected to fill the chair in one of the most ancient and most influential lodges in Scotland). Other toasts followed, and pleasant social intercourse, till train time formed a fitting termination to what all described as a delightful excursion.

LIST OF LODGE, &c., MEETINGS FOR WEEK  
ENDING 10TH JULY, 1869.

(Abbreviations.—F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall; M.H., Masonic Hall; Tav., Tavern; Ho., Hotel; R., Rooms; L., Lodge; St., Street; Sq., Square.)

METROPOLITAN.

Sunday, July 4th.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Joppa, Rose and Crown, Fort-st., Union-st., Bishopsgate.

Monday, July 5th.

LODGES.—Royal Alpha, St. James's Ho., Piccadilly; Robert Burns, F.M.H.; Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Union Waterloo (for M.M.), King's Arms, Woolwich, Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd., Deptford; St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House Fleet-st.; Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; Westbourne, Running Horse, Duke-st., Grosvenor-sq.; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham.—CHAPTER.—Old Kings Arms, F.M.H.—MARK MASONRY.—Lodge of Instruction, Kent, Lyceum Tav., Strand.

Tuesday, July 6th.

Colonial Board at 3.—Audit Com. Girls' School.—LODGES.—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Strong Man, White Horse, Little Britain; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metropolitan District Railway, Victoria Station; Domestic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; British Oak, Silver Lion Tav., Pennyfield, Poplar; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Union, Hotel de Cologne, Haymarket.—CHAPTER.—Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Metropolitan, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.

Wednesday, July 7th.

LODGES.—Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.; Stability, George Ho., Aldermanbury; Mac Donald, Hd. Qrs. 1st Surrey Vol. Corps, Brunswick-rd., Camberwell.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Eastern Star, Royal Hotel, Burdett-st., Mile-end-rd.; Confidence, Sugar Loaf, Great St. Helens; Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limchouse; United Strength, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's Wood; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Edinboro' Castle Tav., Peckham Rye; Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.—CHAPTER.—Prince Frederick William, The Knights of St. John Ho., Queen's-terrace, St. John's-wood.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.

Thursday, July 8th.

Quarterly Gen. Committee Female School, at 12.—LODGES.—Capper, Marine Ho., Victoria Dock, West Ham; Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.—LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd.; Globe, No. 10, Old Bond-st.; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; St. John's Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-sq.; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Gt. St. Helen's, St. Mary Axe; Whittington, Crown Ho., 41, Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tav., Deptford; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st. CHAPTERS.—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Ho., Southwark; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tavern, 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, July 9th.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-street, Regent-street; St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Chelsea; Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford Union's (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.);

Freemasons' Hall; United Pilgrims, Horns' Tav., Kennington; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tav., Broadway, Deptford; Belgrave, Hand and Racquet, Whitcomb-st., Leicester-sq.; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Lily, Greyhound Ho., Richmond; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes, Surrey; Metropolitan Lo. of Instruction, George Ho., Aldermanbury; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich.—CHAPTER.—High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham.

PROVINCIAL.

DORSET.

WIMBORNE MINSTER.—Mon., Lodge: St. Cuthberga, Crown Inn.—PORTLAND.—Mon., Lodge: Portland, Breakwater Hotel.—POOLE.—Wed., Lodge: Amity, Ma. Ha.; Fri., Chapter: Amity, Ma. Ha.—DORCHESTER.—Wed., Lodge: Faith and Unanimity, Ma. Ha.—BOURTON.—Thurs., Lodge: Science, Red Lion Inn.—WEYMOUTH.—Fri., Lodge: All Souls, Ma. Hall.

EAST LANCASHIRE.

ACCRINGTON.—Thurs., Lodge: Equality, Red Lion Ho.—ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—Mon., Lodge: Milton, Burlington Ho.; Thurs., Union, Queen's Arms Inn.—BOLTON.—Mon., Lodge: Anchor and Hope, F.M.H.—BURNLEY.—Thurs., Lodge: Borough, Bull Hotel.

WEST LANCASHIRE.

KIRKDALE.—Thurs., Lodge: Prince of Wales, St. Mary's Schoolrooms, Everton-valley.—LIVERPOOL.—Wed., Lodges: Royal Victoria, Ma. Te.; St. John, Royal Mersey Yacht Club Ho. Thurs., Harmonic, Adelphi Ho.—PATRICROFT.—Thurs., Lodge: Bridgewater, Bridgewater Ho.—PRESTON.—Mon., Lodge: Unanimity, Bull Hotel Ass. Ro.—ULVERSTONE.—Tues., Lodge: Furness, Ma. Te.—WAVERTREE (near Liverpool).—Wed., Lodge: Duke of Edinburgh, Wright's Coffee House.

WARWICKSHIRE.

BIRMINGHAM.—Mon., Lodges: Forward, Ma. Ro., Newhall-st.; Wed., Athole, Ma. Ha., Severn-st.—COVENTRY.—Mon., Lodge: Trinity, Castle Inn.—SUTTON COLDFIELD.—Tues., Lodge: Warden, Moot Hall.

SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH AND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.—Mon., Lodges: St. Luke, F.M.H.; St. Kentigern, Pennicuik and Roslin, Pennicuik. Tues., Canongate and Leith, Const.-st.; St. David, Café Royal; Rifle, F.M.H. Thurs., Journeyman, 80, High-st.; Caledonian, Albert Hotel.—GLASGOW.—Mon., St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.; Star, 19, Croy-pl.; Union, 170, Buchanan-st. Tues., St. John, 213, Buchanan-st.; Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street; Govandale, 207, Govan-rd. Wed., Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-st.; Thistle, 19, Croy-pl.; St. John, Kirkhouse, Shettleston: Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st. Fri., St. Mary, Ma. Ha., Partick. Chapter Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—Mon., Lodges: No. 2, F.M.H. Tues., No. 171, F.M.H. Wed., Nos. 158, 620, F.M.H. Mon., Chapters: No. 245, F.M.H. Tues., No. 153, F.M.H. Knights Templars, Encampments: Mon., No. 245, F.M.H. Wed., No. 12, F.M.H.—BELFAST.—Mon., Lodges: Belfast, Ma. Ro. Tues., Truth, Ma. Ra.; Alfred, Ma. Ro.; Prince of Wales, Ma. Ro. Wed., Concord, Ma. Ro.; Temple, Ma. Ro.—LONDONDERRY AND DONEGAL.—Mon., Lodge: Ancient Donegal, F.M.H., Donegal; Tues., Light of the North, Ma. Ro., Londonderry; Tues., Lodge: Adverness, Macosquin, Adverness; Curran, Curran; St. Albans, Pri. Ro., Newtownlimavady. Thurs., Lodge: Harmony, Ma. Ha., Lifford; Vernon, Assembly Ro., Coleraine; Cumberlaudy, Stevenson's, Lackagh, Done-mangh; Royal Blue, Ass. Ro., Coleraine. Fri., Lodge: St. John, Ma. Ro., Londonderry.

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