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LONDON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1869.

MASONIC INSUBORDINATION IN CANADA.

From an official circular issued by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we regret to hear that an *emeute* has broken out among some of the members of the fraternity working under that jurisdiction, and that the malcontents are making efforts to establish a second Grand Lodge in that colony.

We are glad to perceive that the authorities are taking decided and resolute steps to stamp out the rebellion, which can scarcely flourish if "left out in the cold," and we sincerely hope that the neighbouring Grand Lodges in the United States will not accord them any support by acknowledging them as legitimate. Of our own adjoining colonies we entertain no doubt that their action will be united, and that they will, with one accord, refuse to hold any communication with these rebellious spirits. We append a copy of the circular referred to:—

" GRAND LODGE OF A. F. AND A. M. OF }
CANADA, G. SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
HAMILTON, OCTOBER 25, 1869. }

"To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of—:—

"M. W. Sir and Brethren,—I have the honour, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to bring to the notice of your Grand Lodge the existence of a rebellious and seditious movement by certain malcontent brethren in the province of Quebec, with the object and aim of establishing a second Grand

Lodge within our territorial jurisdiction, the supreme control over which has been recognised and accorded to this Grand Lodge by every Grand Lodge in the world.

"These rebellious brethren, many of whom are under suspension, called a convention, which met in the city of Montreal on the 25th instant (at which the public prints report there were about twenty lodges represented, less than one-half of the lodges in that portion of our jurisdiction—and two of the lodges mentioned had been suspended for the contumacious conduct of its members), and formed a so-called Grand Lodge, electing officers, &c., &c. In the same report it is reported that Bro. J. H. Graham, of Richmond, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Edson Kemp, of Nelsonville, Grand Secretary, &c. Doubtless the pretended organisation will shortly make application to your M. W. Grand Lodge for recognition, counsel, and support. The Grand Lodge of Canada is preparing a circular which it is intended shall be sent to all the Grand Lodges with which it is in friendly and fraternal correspondence, containing full and complete information in regard to this most unmasonic and unconstitutional movement, and pending its reception, I am to express the hope that your Grand Lodge will in no manner accord a recognition to this irregular and clandestine organisation.

"I have the honour to remain, your obedient servant and brother,

"THOMAS B. HARRIS,
"G. Sec. Grand Lodge of Canada."

"United we stand, divided we fall," is an old adage and a true one; and to nothing does it apply more emphatically than to Masonry, as it is only by fraternal union that its mighty works have been accomplished, and it is by union only that its influence can be extended.

Prompt measures should decidedly be taken to suppress the least sign of insubordination, and we have full confidence that the officers at the head of the Grand Lodge of Canada, although comparatively new to their important and responsible duties, will, tempering justice with mercy, mete out condign punishment to those who have ruthlessly attempted to destroy that harmony which should always exist amongst Freemasons.

THE LODGE OF GLASGOW ST. JOHN.

By Bro. W. P. BUCHAN, P.S.W. No. 3 bis, and
Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

(Continued from page 484).

"At Glasgow and within the Trades' Hall the 30th August 1833. Convened, Deacon Taylor, and a great number of members of the Incorporation of Masons, and also of the Freemen Operative St. John Lodge, being an adjourned meeting from last night. It was stated that the resolution of the last meeting had been communicated to Dr. Cleland, and a letter from the Dr. was produced and read to the meeting, from which it appears that the lodge will not be allowed to occupy the place formerly assigned to them on occasions of a similar description.

"The meeting having taken into consideration what ought to be done in the circumstances, agree that the lodge shall proceed to the High Church from their place of meeting, and endeavour to assert their rights, which if not attended to, they should leave the High Church, and proceed down the town in a separate body. The meeting appoint Messrs. Smith, Torrance, and Salmond, to wait on Dr. Cleland, and the Lord Provost to remonstrate with them on the impropriety of not allowing the lodge to occupy the place formerly assigned to them, on similar occasions."

"At Glasgow and within the Trades' Hall the 2nd Sep. 1833. Convened the Depute Master, and a number of the members of the lodge, the whole having been warned to attend as was verified by the Officer. Messrs. Smith, Torrance, and Salmond, the Committee appointed at last meeting to wait on Dr. Cleland, and the Lord Provost, to remonstrate with them, on the impropriety of not allowing the lodge to occupy the place formerly assigned to them on occasions of a similar description, reported that they had done so, and that in consequence it had been arranged that the lodge was now to fill the place in the procession which they had formerly occupied on similar occasions. Bros. Andrew Philip and Archibald Salmond were initiated members of the lodge, and Bro. George Dick entered as an Apprentice, they respectively having paid their entry monies." There is added in pencil "The meeting adjd. till to-morrow morning at a quarter to ten o'clock forenoon."

The next minute on same page is dated 29th April, 1842, leaving another blank for several years. It says, "At a meeting of Builders and others

called for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of increasing the members of St. John Freemen Lodge, preparatory to laying the foundation stone of the new Lunatic Asylum. The Deacon, Collector, a number of the Masters,* and members of the Incorporation of Masons were present.

"Deacon York in the chair.

"The following parties expressed a wish to become initiated into Saint John Freemen Lodge viz., Messrs. John Christie, James Neilson, David M'Connochie, Charles Wilson, Robert Cruickshanks, Alexander Hardie, John Buchanan, Robert Craig, Andrew Izett, Deacon York.†

"The following parties expressed a desire to become members of said lodge, viz., Messrs. James Hamilton, James Cruickshanks, and Alexander Young, The meeting appoint the Deacon and Messrs. Laurie, Philip M'Guffie, Dalziel, and Wm. Broom as a committee to wait on Dr. Rattray, in order to make arrangements for the procession at laying the foundation stone of the new lunatic asylum.

"The following parties, viz., Messrs. Wilson, Hamilton, Buchanan, and Minto were thereafter appointed as a committee to examine the clothing belonging to the lodge, and to report to a meeting to be held on Tuesday, the third instant, at seven o'clock."

"At Glasgow, and within the Trades Hall there, the third day of May, 1842. Convened the Deacon, Collector, and a number of Masters and members of the Incorporation of Masons as to increasing the number of members of the Glasgow Freemen St. John's Lodge. The following parties expressed their willingness to initiate into the Glasgow Freemen St. John's Lodge, viz., Messrs. James Minto, Thomas Brownlie, William Neilson, James M'Guffie, and James Fyfe. The following parties expressed a wish to be made

* Masters here means master builders or members of the master court, not possessors of the Master degree. It will also be observed that now and since 1829 none of the minutes are signed.

† From Deacon York being "in the chair" we would be apt to suppose that he was already a member of the lodge, yet such could not be the case when we see him included amongst the list of new initiates, which "initiation" here, however, seems to simply mean affiliation, and, as per roll book, it is said that William York was affiliated on May 9th, 1842, his mother lodge being, it is there stated, "St. Bride's, Douglas," while Robert Cruickshank is said to hail from Lodge Keith, Peterhead, and Robert Craig from Lodge Thistle and Crown, Neilston.

members of the lodge, viz., Robert Philip. It was stated by Mr. Broom that the Grand Lodge had requested that twelve of the members of the St. John's should act as the operative part of the Grand Lodge. It was stated on behalf of the committee appointed to examine the clothing, &c., that such of them as had been discovered and necessary had been put into the hands of tradesmen to be renewed. It was then agreed that the lodge should be opened on Monday evening at seven o'clock for initiating the parties, members of other lodges,* and at half-past eight for admitting new members; and the Collector and Messrs. M'Guffie, James Scott, and Buchanan are appointed as a committee to fix upon the place of meeting. Dr. Rattray to be warned at seven, so soon as the place of meeting is fixed."†

"At Glasgow, ninth of May, 1842. At a meeting of the Freemen St. John's Lodge. Present: The Grand Master, other Office Bearers‡, and a number of members. The following parties were initiated (or) affiliated,§ viz., William York, James Fyfe, — Buchanan, Thomas Brownlie, John Cochrane, Robert Craig, John Watt, Walter Baird, Robert Cruickshanks, and Robert Fyfe, Treasurer. The sum of £3 7s. 6d. paid to him, received for initiating members. Brothers Neilson and Jaffrey were also initiated, and paid to the Treasurer 7s. 6d. each. James Hamilton, Robert Philip, Jas. Cruickshank admitted. Their entry 15s. each paid to the Treasurer."||

(To be continued.)

HOW I SPENT MY FIVE WEEKS' LEAVE.

Being a Journal kept during an Excursion to Syria and Palestine in the month of May, 1868.

(Continued from page 468).

LEAVE MALTA—UPPER BETHORON TO JERUSALEM.

Next day we mount at 7 a.m., and ride through the most peculiar, wild country; deep ravines, and an apparently endless succession of mountains

*If the "parties" were already "members of other lodges," they needed not to be "initiated," although they might be *affiliated*.

† Dr. Rattray would therefore be to do the work.

‡ The "Grand Master" here simply means the R. W. M.

§ "Initiated" has been written originally, but it has been scored over, and "affiliated" put in.

|| Those who paid "entry 15s." would be the initiates as we generally understand the term; while those paying 7s. 6d. for "initiation" would be those who were *affiliated* as we would understand it.

presenting themselves; no sooner have we descended one, than we come to another. It is oppressively hot riding down these "wadges" or deep water-courses. This is part of the wilderness of Engedi. At last we arrive at the plain of the Jordan, bounded by the blue mountains of Moab, which extend up the far side of the Jordan valley, till the eye loses sight of them in the hazy distance. On our right, the Dead Sea soon bursts upon our sight, with a thick mist rising from it, owing to the great heat, which is due in great measure to the extraordinary depression, for it is 1,300ft. below the level of the Mediterranean; the sea is about as deep again, so the bottom of the Dead Sea is 2,600ft. below the level of the Sea; then again, as the mountains all around are so high, no refreshing, cool breeze can get in. The Dead Sea has been much belied; it appears a beautiful blue lake, of clear crystal water, and as for the fiction of birds being unable to cross it, I myself saw an old crow sailing over as gaily as possible; but it has an unspeakably desolate look; no boat on its surface, no sign of life or cultivation on its shores; all sterility and death-like solitude. We ride down to the north coast, and taste the water, which is acrid to a degree. I should like to bathe, but as it is mid-day, the sun is fearfully hot, also no place where one can get the least shade to dress in, it would be dangerous. A good gallop over the plain brings us in about an hour to the banks of the Jordan. It is a fine river, but disappointed me, as I expected to see a *clear* stream. It is about the colour of cream, or rather of "milk and honey." No marvel that Naaman thinking of the beautiful streams of the Lebanon, should say, "Are not Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?" The heat, in crossing the plain, has been such, that I feel ready to drop, and there is no real shade to be got, only a tangled brake, and a few thin silver poplars on the banks; however, we make an awning with railway wrappers, under which we lie and pant, drinking gallons of water or lemonade, the supply of both of which we exhaust, and have to come down to the muddy water of the sacred stream. After lunch we bathe in the river, at the spot where the Pilgrims bathe on Easter Tuesday. A strange sight it must be! these thousands of enthusiastic Pilgrims, who have come from all parts of Europe and Asia, rushing into the stream; most of them bathing in white dresses which are afterwards kept for

their shrouds. I take my "seven dips" in the shape of as many "headers" from the bank, and fill my bottle with water to take away as a curiosity. It must have been somewhere near here that the Israelites passed over, as we are told that it was "right against Jericho." (See Joshua III. and IV.) Here were these rapid waters thrice divided; 1st when the Israelites passed over; 2nd when Elijah passed over, and was taken up to Heaven; 3rd when Elisha returning, smote the waters with the mantle of Elijah, saying, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah." Somewhere near this place was our Lord baptised. Here was Naaman cured. This is the harvest season, and as we are told that "in time of harvest, Jordan overfloweth all his banks," so it has been doing very recently, as some foot's depth of alluvial mud over all the ground near the banks can testify; this mud gets dried and cracked all over at the top, and thus forms a treacherous crust, which will bear your weight for some time, and on a sudden let you in when you least expect it. I got thus caught in a deep place, and floundered out in an awful mess, having been up to my knees in soft ooze, and one spur lost! I am wonderfully refreshed by my bath, which was delightful after the intense heat. The stream is so rapid that we cannot swim across, and there is a strong back-water near the shore, as the river takes a sharp bend here. We mount and ride at a sharp canter over the plain to Jericho. It is so hot that the perspiration drops off my face. We see a good many partridges, doves, and other birds, and soon find the plain studded with bushes and trees of the thorny kind, of which, it is said, our Lord's crown of thorns was made. I taste the little apples that grow on them, and which are by no means bad in appearance and flavour, resembling baked apples of an infinitesimally small kind. We pass the site of ancient Jericho, of which nothing remains but a few mounds. Here some sickly looking Fellahim Arabs are reaping their corn, while at the same time the women are busy threshing it, which they do by squatting on a stone pavement, and beating the ears with a stone which they carry in one hand, holding the corn with the other. We see women grinding corn by hand in couples in the most primitive manner, reminding one of the "two women grinding at the mill."

Crossing a babbling stream we reach our camp, which is close to the ruins of Herod's palace, and and is on the site of new Jericho, of which how-

ever no more remains than of the ancient one. I get my sponge and towel, and go and sit in the stream to cool. After dinner, our Arab Guards entertain us with a heathenish sort of dance and a chant, monotonous and wearying. Rising at 5 next morning (May 9), I have a charming bath, finding a waterfall in the stream, under which I sit in the basin it has formed in the rock, and let the water pour over me. At 7.30 punctually we are in the saddle and immediately commence mounting the hills, and very glad we are to breathe the fresh mountain air again and leave the stifling plain. One of the camp followers has been bitten by a venomous snake which he found under his pillow, and foolishly handled. His arm swelled so badly that he had to be sent off to Jerusalem, and we heard afterwards that the poor fellow died. An uninteresting clamber brings us to Deir-Duwan, a flourishing village, about two miles from Bethel. Here we lunch under the shade of a large olive. The villagers cluster round us as we lie smoking under the tree. They are good-looking men enough, but do not seem overburdened with brain. The women are all at work out in the fields. These fellows are all busy twisting queer balls of wool, suspended by a string; a mode of spinning, I believe, and this appears to be their only amusement or work. These athletic fellows doing such effeminate work reminded me of Hercules when enslaved by Omphale. We noticed one who did nothing, and were told he was the priest, so we told him to read the Koran. Off he goes, returning with an old tattered book, and squatting down and swaying his body to and fro, he commences to intone it in a clear voice, giving us a whole chapter, after which he receives a Bakshish.

When the baggage comes up, we give it half an hour's start, and then follow. We soon get to Bethel, now only a group of mud huts among old ruins. We encamp close to the well, out of which Abraham and Jacob must have so often drunk, and Sarah and her maidens drawn. Our camp is on a charming piece of green turf, and within the walls of what must once have been a large reservoir. I go to visit the remains of a Christian church, which had two small towers, and was built within the foundations of a larger building. This was probably some sacred site, possibly that of the sanctuary. Here was it that Jacob slept, when fleeing from Esau, with a stone for his pillow, when he dreamed his well-known

dream of the ladder, and received that gracious promise, "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Well might he cry out on waking, "How dreadful is this place; this is none other than the house of God." Hence the name Beth-el, afterwards changed by the gross idolatry of Jeroboam into Beth-aven (House of Idols) Hosea x. 5, 8. Truly the prophecy of Amos has been fulfilled, "Bethel shall come to nought." (Amos v. 5).

Rising at four, and breakfasting at five, we are in the saddle before six; and after a lovely ride through the best cultivated valley we have yet seen, but which bears an ill name for murders and robberies, we turn off to the right to visit Shiloh, where we find a ruined building of which little is standing except the doorway, the upper part of which has some apparently Roman ornamentation of two chaplets with an urn between them. An Arab woman, who is watering some spinach, is very abusive, and takes up stones to throw at us. After an hour or two more riding, in which we gather quantities of honeysuckle and other flowers, we reach a magnificent spreading evergreen oak, under which there is abundant shade for ourselves and twelve horses. Here we have morning prayer, as it is Sunday, and then lunch. Natives gather round us, and among them we notice one little girl with a heavy string of coins tied on her head, the usual female ornament here. To our surprise we are told that she is married! We inquire her age, and are told seven! I ask how many children she has, but am told that she is a bride! It appears that here a man may marry as many wives as he can afford to buy, and as female children are sold, a man with a "long family" makes it pay. Our guide told us a story of a man who married ten wives! At last he got one child with one leg and one eye!! We now ride through a long valley of waving corn, the hills on each side being dotted with occasional villages, which here have to be fortresses too, as they are perpetually at feud with one another.

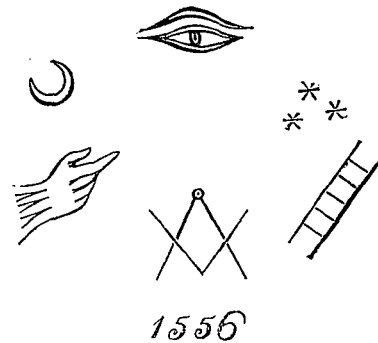
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MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

NETHERLANDS F.M.

The Annual Calendar for Netherlands Freemasons for 1869 (Jaarboekje) is just out at the Hague. The price is 2s.—NOTA.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL.



The above emblems are slightly cut upon the stone sill inside of second window on south side of the choir in Glasgow cathedral. Although the date 1556 is given, I am not inclined to believe they were cut then for three reasons:—

1. That was *before* Archbishop Beaton had left the city, consequently few masons would have cared about cutting and carving inside a Roman Catholic cathedral while its head was still at hand.

2. It is more likely to be no older than the first half of the 18th century, whatever less.

3. There are a great many initials and names, also other irrelevant matter cut upon the sills of the adjacent windows, all done, I believe, comparatively recently, many, no doubt, a few years ago, when the cathedral was being "restored." The modern Masons in this case having very little sympathy with the work of their predecessors, as can easily be seen.

Towards south side of Lady Chapel stands a monument to Archbishop Law, who died in 1632. There is carved upon it the skull and crossbones, and resting upon the skull is a winged hourglass, and above it again is a weighing beam, with a weight suspended from each end, while on each side of the skull are three stalks of full-eared wheat. The mention of the skull reminds me of those fine lines by Lord Byron, viz.,—

"Is that a temple where a God may dwell?
Why even the worm at last disdains her shatter'd cell!
Look on its broken arch, its ruin'd wall,
Its chambers desolate, and portals foul:
Yes, this was once Ambition's airy hall,
The dome of Thought, the palace of the Soul:
Behold through each lack-lustre, eyeless hole,
The gay recess of Wisdom and of Wit,
And Passion's host, that never brook'd control:
Can all saint, sage, or sophist ever writ,
People this lonely tower, this tenement reft?"

The above is found in Canto II. of "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage." Poor Byron! highly gifted, but unfortunate, he was. He, of all men, needed the firm anchor of a sure faith, but it seems to have been continually slipping from his grasp. Yet who shall judge what was going on in the inmost recesses of his heart? Peace to his ashes, and shame to the prattling woman who disgraces her sex by soiling her hands with infamy! Long may the Masonic fraternity keep up the idea, "Nor a woman under any pretence whatever." Amongst the gravestones lying around the cathedral, at about twenty yards west by south of south-west corner of Blackadar's crypt, there is a stone with the effigy of a bishop carved *in relief* upon it. It is 6ft. 5in. long by 2ft. 3½in. broad, and 8in. thick. Around

the edge, that is on the thickness, there is some curious antique carving. I do not know if there be anything in the idea or not, but it has struck my fancy that this stone may have, at one time, lain inside the cathedral, within what is known as "St. Mungo's shrine," in the crypt; but after the Reformation it had been displaced. This shrine was enclosed by four beautiful stone pillars, with a fine groined arch above, the boss in centre of which represents a wreath of some sort of leaves which I could not distinguish. A gentleman mentioned he considered them to be oak leaves, but I cannot say. In centre of wreath are fishes, with the tail of the one in the mouth of the other. I could not distinguish them quite as clearly as I should have liked for want of a ladder. The shrine seems to have been beautifully painted, as there are still some remnants of the paint left. The capitals of the pillars, however, are sadly mutilated. It was, perhaps, rather childish conduct of the Reformers to wreak their vengeance on the defenceless stones. If the furniture did not please them, they might have been content with making a bonfire of it, without also smashing the house. They might have cleaned it without breaking it; just as a Protestant church now worships in the choir none the less earnestly that it is still in a good state of preservation. However, the character of the worship is of more importance than the character of the building and the teaching of the simple Gospel by honest, truehearted, and clear-headed men, far more honouring to God and useful to man than all the worthless pomp and pageantry exhibited by the vanity of those who, forgetting the example set by their Lord and Master, and seemingly unconscious of the fact that the age of *show* is past, and the era of *work* began. Let the people once begin to think in a common sense manner, and clear eyes of the dust so long thrown into them, and no amount of tinsel can thereafter pass for gold.—W. P. BUCHAN.

THE TEMPLARS AND FREEMASONRY.

I wish I could agree with the "Student," at page 450; but I regret to say that, with much inquiry, I am unable to concur in his half-expressed opinion, and am obliged to "go into the same lobby" with "Historicus." I gather from "Student's" communication that he has not met with the form of reception of the early Templars. If this be so, he will find it in a little book called, "The Secret Societies of the Middle Ages, published by C. Cox, 12, King William-street, Strand, 1848. It is to be found in other books, but this is the one which first occurs to me. I shall be obliged if "Student" will kindly say what is the evidence to prove that the secret ritual of the operative Order was known to, and more or less directed by, the monastic Orders? I assume that he here means the orders of knighthood which had a monastic constitution. At the conclusion of his letter, "Student" makes a slight allusion to the Order of St. John, and refers to a communication in "Notes and Queries" some years since, from the American consul, said to be to the effect that "no one but a Freemason could understand the archives" preserved at Malta. I have been a reader of "Notes and Queries," but I do not remember this statement. I recollect, perhaps, two letters from the American consul (the late Mr. Winthrop, who died about six months since); but if I am right, I think they only went so far as saying that

the Masonic emblems are plentifully found in the architectural ornaments of Malta. That the most valuable archives preserved in the library at Malta can be perfectly well understood by others than Freemasons is attested by the very interesting return of Hospitaller Lands made to the Grand Master at Malta by Prior Philip de Thame (Grand Prior of England 1335), published by the Camden Society, as well as by the labours of Colonel Whitworth Porter, and the researches of the late Sir Luigi Vella, G.C.M.G., LL.D., the accomplished librarian at Malta, who died recently. Possibly some Templars may have been admitted to the operative Masonic Order, as many gentlemen have been admitted to various operative guilds at different periods, and probably many Knights of St. John may have been initiated in the same manner. One writer says, "The Grand Master of the Order at Malta caused the Bull of Clement XII. to be published in that island, and forbade the meetings of the Freemasons. On this occasion several knights and many citizens left the island, and in 1741 the Inquisition pursued the Freemasons at Malta. The Grand Master proscribed their assemblies under severe penalties, and six knights were banished from the island in perpetuity, for having assisted at a meeting." There was no secret reception of the Knights of St. John; There was and is a ceremonial, but not of the character of a secret reception. Most of it may be seen in the newspapers once a year, when receptions take place in the cathedral at Berlin. It is also in use in all the existing branches of the venerable Order of St. John.—LURUS.

SOLOMON—ZERUBBABEL.

A brother at Manchester asks two questions—1st, Was true Freemasonry possible amongst the Jews in the days of Solomon? Next, Was it possible amongst them in the days of Zerubbabel? My answer to the first question is, No. My answer to the second question is, Yes.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents

SOCIETIES OF FREETHINKERS IN ITALY.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—The societies of Freethinkers in Italy are not societies of Freemasons, as it has lately more than once been asserted. The following account of societies of Freethinkers in Italy is taken from a note to a paper by Professor Delpino, of Florence, on the Darwinian Theory of Pangenesis which will be found in *Scientific Opinion*, Oct. 13th, 1869:—"We live in times when, by an incredible deficiency of judgment, we see acted the strangest things that it is possible to imagine. There have sprung up here and there in Italy so-called *Societies of Freethinkers*. Now, to be admitted into one of these congregations, one of the most highly applauded titles is the profession of the crudest materialism, or of that system which leads directly to the absolute negation of liberty and thought—that is to say, farewell to the two elements which constitute the very idea of a true Freethinker.

Yours fraternally,
CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

TYLERS of Lodges, Janitors of Chapters, Equerries of Encampments, &c., in England, Scotland, and Ireland, are requested to forward their names and addresses to the Publisher of THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, so that a complete Register and Directory may be compiled.

THE M.W.G.M. has granted a warrant for a new lodge to be called the Great Northern Lodge (No. 1,287), to be held at the Great Northern Hotel, King's Cross. The consecration will take place early in January. Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M. 193, is the W.M. designate.

HAMILTON.—Bro. Robert Nisbet, of Lodge Hamilton (No. 233), has been appointed Senior Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire.

THE Lodge of Science (No. 437), hitherto meeting at the Red Lion Inn, Bourton, in the province of Dorset, is now removed, by the sanction of the proper authorities, to the town of Wincanton, in the province of Somerset. The meetings are to be held on the second Thursday in each month, at the National Schoolroom.

Craft Masonry.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

METROPOLITAN.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—This lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, met on Friday, the 17th inst. There were present Bro. Shepherd, P.M., as W.M., in the absence of Bro. Martin, W.M.; Smith, S.W.; P. Robinson, J.W.; Lawrence, J.D.; F. B. Davage, I.G.; E. Spooner, P.M. and Sec.; J. Sheen, P.M.; M. Arliss, P.M.; R. Watts, P.M.; J. Robinson, P.M.; J. Dyer, P.M.; B. J. Jeffery, P.M. The business of the evening included the passing of Bro. Wm. Jas. Wetenhall, who answered in a most perfect manner the usual questions previously put to him by the W.M., the ceremony of passing being worked by Bro. Shepherd, P.M. The election of W.M. then took place, when Bro. F. Smith, S.W., was duly elected W.M. Bro. Revatts was re-elected for the 13th time Treasurer, and the audit was fixed for the meeting in January. Bro. Riley was re-elected Tyler. The business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which Bro. Shepherd, P.M., presided; after which the usual toasts, loyal and masonic, were introduced by the acting W.M. in the most appropriate style. The health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., was given with marked feeling by all, after the eloquent observations from the chair. Bro. Miles, a visitor from the Lodge of Confidence, added very much to the pleasure of the evening by his excellent songs. Bro. Wetenhall, a Fellow Craft, also displayed great vocal power, and gave much promise of becoming an acquisition to the lodge and to the Craft. Bro. F. Smith, the W.M. elect, who is a P.M. of a provincial lodge, spoke of his being honoured by the appointment to the office of W.M. in this his mother lodge, and promised to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of all. He resided in the country, but, notwithstanding it would cost him a day's journey, he would be at his post, as heretofore. Bro. Spooner, the Secretary, was deservedly complimented by the W.M. for his efficiency. Bro. Robinson, P.M., in returning thanks for the toast to the Treasurer, Wine Steward, and Master of the Ceremonies, also observed in eulogistic terms on the satisfactory manner in which the duties of the secretary were carried out, as well as to the services of the Treasurer, Bro. Watts, P.M., who for 13 years had husbanded the lodge funds, and faithfully applied them to charity whenever he found the

lodge could permit him to do so—a course he always advocated. Bro. Peter Robinson, S.W., returned thanks for the other officers, who he said were determined to uphold the reputation of the lodge by endeavouring to follow the footsteps of those brethren who had preceded them in office.

PROVINCIAL.

DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES.—*Pleides Lodge* (No. 710).—The monthly meeting was called for 5 p.m., at the Masonic Rooms, on Thursday, December 16th, soon after which hour the lodge was opened by Bro. John Heath, P.M., assisted by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, acting as P.P.M.; Cuming, S.W.; Watson, P.M., as J.W.; Seccombe, Sec.; Fawle, as S.D.; Dr. F. Hains, J.D.; J. Hains, as I.G.; Taylor, Org. There were also present, Bros. Bodley and Foot as visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The acting I.P.M. read a letter he had received from the W.M. apologising for his absence under very pressing circumstances, and requesting Bro. J. Heath, and himself to supply his place between them. Bro. Niner now entered and took his chair as J.W. A ballot was taken for Mr. T. E. Dyer as a candidate for initiation, which proved in his favour, after testimony as to eligibility had been given by several members. The lodge having been opened in the second degree by Bro. J. Heath; Bros. Elliott, Colden, and Woolridge, were examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and the above-named Fellowcraftsmen were re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the charge and lecture being necessarily postponed. The traditional history was given by Bro. Heath, and the working tools explained by the J.W. The lodge was closed in the 3rd degree, and then resumed in the 1st. The W.M.'s chair having been taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., Bro. H. Presswell, was admitted, examined as to his proficiency, and entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the 2nd degree. While the candidate was being prepared, Bro. Dr. Hopkins explained to the brethren the circumstances under which he again occupied the W.M.'s chair during the time that he was giving assistance in the ceremonies. On the re-admission of the candidate, he was duly passed to the degree of Fellowcraftsman, the J.W. explaining the working tools. The lodge having been resumed in the 1st degree, Mr. T. E. Dyer was admitted properly prepared, and duly initiated as an E.A. by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, the working tools being as before explained by Bro. Niner, and the charge given by Bro. J. Heath, who resumed the chair, conducted the remainder of the business, and finally closed the lodge at a quarter past nine.

DURHAM.

DURHAM.—*Marquis of Granby Lodge* (No. 124).—On Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., a regular meeting of this lodge was held in the New Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock by the W.M. Bro. A. Rowlandson, assisted by the usual officers. Amongst the brethren present were: Bros. W. Stoker, P.M.; W. Brignall, P.M.; W. R. Fitzgerald, P.M.; W. A. Malcolm, P.M.; T. Jones, P.M.; G. Cauney, M.D. P.M., No. 1,121; W. Brignall, jun., W.M. No. 1,274; W. A. Blackett, J. Young, E. Hefferman, J. Gray, W. Coxon, J. G. Strong, E. Stone, &c., &c. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. G. P. Reid and W. C. Allan were passed to the second degree, and subsequently Bro. J. H. Turner was raised. After these ceremonies were concluded, the election for W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the following being the result, viz.: For W.M. Bro. W. C. Blackett, 38 votes; A. Rowlandson, W.M. 8 votes and J. Young, 2 votes. The W.M. decried Bro. Blackett to be duly elected, and the result was hailed with every manifestation of satisfaction. For Treasurer and Tyler Bros. J. Raine and J. Carter were respectively elected. Two propositions for initiation and one for joining having been made, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall where the remainder of the evening was spent.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—*Earl of Durham Lodge* (No. 1,274).—On Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., a regular meeting of this lodge was held under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. Brignall, jun., assisted by Bros. R. Linton, P.M.; S. W. T. Robson, J.W.; A. Harkness, Sec.; J. Gray, S.D.; J. Archbold, J.D.; W. Coxon, I.G. Amongst those present were: Bros. W'

C. Blackett, W.M. elect, No. 124; J. Burnip, &c., &c., &c. Visitors: W. R. Fitzgerald, P.M. and P. Prov. G.S.D.; T. W. Hearon. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for several persons for initiation, Bros. T. H. Murray, J. A. Jackson, J. Stevenson and R. F. Gibson were raised. Bro. Oliver Angus was passed, and Mr. George Ridley initiated. Several propositions for joining and initiation having been made and recorded, the lodge was closed in the accustomed form, until the second Wednesday in January.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

PRESTON. — *Concord Lodge* (No. 343). — The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th, at the King's Arms Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Pritt, assisted by Bro. Porter, S.W.; Steib, W.M. 814, as J.W. in the lamented absence through sickness of Bro. Darning, J.W.; Heaps, Sec.; Stevenson, S.D.; Poole, J.D.; Bee, I.G.; and about thirty brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed. Mr. Elton was balloted for, accepted, and initiated in a most masterly and impressive manner by the W.M. V.W. Bro. C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England, was announced and received with due honours, and having assumed the chair the lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Porter, S.W. and I.W.M. elect was presented for installation. The Secretary having read the ancient charge, all the brethren below the rank of W.M. retired and a board of installed past masters was formed. The brethren being again admitted, Bro. Porter was proclaimed by the installing master, W.M. of Concord Lodge, No. 343, and saluted respectively in the three degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers, Bro. Pratt, P.M.; Quail as S.W. for Bro. Banning; Heaps, J. W.; Rev. Bro. Taylor as Sec. and Chaplain, R. Robinson, Treas.; Cockshott, S.D.; Farmer, J.D.; Wilson, I.G.; J. Robinson, Tyler. The W.M. then in the name of the brethren presented the P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which was duly acknowledged. On the motion of Bro. Pritt, seconded by Bro. Smith, the sum of ten pounds was unanimously granted for the widow of a deceased member of the lodge. The lodge was then finally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Annual Banquet, which was prepared in Bro. Robinson's best style, the usual loyal and masonic toasts having been given, the brethren finally left at eleven o'clock. Too great praise cannot be accorded to Bro. Banister, for the very beautiful and impressive manner in which he conducted the ceremony of installation. And we are convinced that great good would result to private lodges generally if they were visited more frequently by members of the grand lodge.

LODGE UNITY (No. 613). — INSTALLATION OF W.M.

The members of the Southport Lodge assembled on Monday, Dec. 13, at their lodge-room, Wright-street, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. Arthur Mayhew into the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Captain Mott (of Liverpool), Prov. G.J.D., conducted the ceremony, and a large number of brethren were present, including the majority of the officers, and several of those who had previously passed the chair. It was a matter of much regret that Bro. Platt, the retiring W.M., was unavoidably absent from domestic affliction. After the transaction of some business, Bro. Mott, in a very impressive manner, conducted the installation ceremony, and Bro. Mayhew was greeted in true Masonic style as the elected head of the fraternity for the coming year. The subordinate officers were then invested with their badges, and appropriately addressed by Captain Mott. They are as follow: — Bro. W. Dodd, S.W.; Bro. T. Parker, J.W.; Bro. John Wainwright, S.D.; Bro. H. E. Cullingworth, J.D.; Bro. C. H. Brown, Treasurer; Bro. T. P. Griffiths, Secretary; Bro. Ellison, Organist; Bros. Hatch and Witham, Stewards; Bro. Cory, I.G.; Bro. Herrmann, Tyler. After the investiture was completed, Bro. Dodd, S.W., referred to the admirable manner in which Bro. Platt, the retiring W.M., had performed his duties, and stated that his fellow officers and the new members who had entered the lodge during the last year had agreed to present to Bro. Platt a P.M.'s gold jewel as a token of their appreciation of his zealous services on behalf of Freemasonry. In his unavoidable absence the formal presentation would be made on the next lodge night. The lodge having been closed in due order, and with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to the Palace Hotel, where the installation banquet was provided.

Bro. Arthur Mayhew, the newly-elected W.M., occupied the chair, being immediately supported on his right by Bros. Capt.

Mott, Horace, Mayhew, Moss, and other visiting brethren, and on his left by Bros. P.M. Scholes, Coddington, Jeffries, and Robt. Sharrack. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Dodd, S.W.

At the conclusion of the repast,

The Chairman gave, in appropriate terms, the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were received with acclamation and musical honours. The next toasts were, "The Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., England; Earl de Grey and Ripon, G.M. elect; and the Officers of the Grand Lodge;" and "Sir T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., W.L., and the P.G. Officers." In proposing the latter toast, the Chairman said the Lodge of Unity was under deep obligation to the officers of the Prov. G.L. for having selected Southport as the place where their next annual gathering was to be held.

The toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Capt. Mott, in responding, said that Sir Thomas Hesketh was greatly interested in the growth of Freemasonry in this province. During the last thirteen years he had held high office in it, within that time many new lodges had been formed, and the number of brethren had greatly increased. He (the speaker) also referred in the highest terms to Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., who was a Mason of the true type, and all the other officers were very zealous for the advancement of the noble principles on which the Order was founded. Great honour had undoubtedly been conferred upon them in the selection of Southport for holding the Grand Lodge in October next, and he hoped that the result would not only be gratifying to all, but that it would be of special benefit to Lodge No. 613.

The chairman next gave the "Health of Bro. Capt. Mott," the installing officer, and expressed his personal obligation for having in a most beautiful and impressive manner installed him into the honourable position of W.M. He hoped that esteemed brother would favour the lodge with his presence on future occasions, and whenever he did so he would be welcomed most gladly. The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

Bro. Capt. Mott, G.J.D.W.I., thanked the chairman and the company for their hearty reception of his name. It had been very gratifying to him to be present both at the installation and at their festive board; he hoped that the next year would be one of great prosperity, and when the chairman's term of office, with its toil and turmoil was over, he would be able to look back upon its event with satisfaction to himself and with the knowledge that the lodge was in a better condition than it was even at the present time. Bro. Capt. Mott then directed the attention of those present to the claims of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and pressed it very earnestly upon their liberal support.

Bro. Robt. Sharrack, P.M., here stated that the benefits of this institution had been received by two of the children of a brother who some years since was a P.M. of Lodge 613, and that another child who had been educated there was now in the town, being trained to business.

Bro. C. H. Coddington, P.M. then gave the "Health of their newly installed W.M., Bro. Capt. Arthur Mayhew," who had on many occasions displayed great energy and much devotion on behalf of the interest of Freemasonry. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.

The chairman, in responding, expressed his obligations to his brethren for their cordial reception of his name and his hearty thanks for the honour they had done him by placing him in the chair for the coming year. It would be his constant endeavour to act with great impartiality, and to preserve harmony and goodwill. He should be glad at all times to receive advice, and so far as possible to act upon it. His object would be to cement the lodge and make it stronger than ever it had been. He should take a pride in making the year illustrious in the annals of 613, and especially in prospect of the approaching visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He hoped these would be a considerable addition of new members, and that all would unite heart and hand to extend and consolidate the glorious principles which it was their object to diffuse.

The chairman in giving the next toast—"The health of Bro. James Platt, the retiring P.M."—expressed the deep regret that all must feel at his absence through domestic affliction, and referred to the very admirable and successful manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year, a proof of which was exhibited by the handsome presentation about to be made to him.

The toast was at the chairman's suggestion, drunk in silence.

The next toast was "The Past Masters of Lodge 613," and was responded to by Bro. Scholes, P.M.

The chairman then gave "The Officers of the Lodge," coupling with it the name of Bro. W. Dodd, S.W., of whom the chairman spoke in very high terms.

Bro. Dodd, S.W., in responding, said it would not be regarded as egotism for him to say that he had done all in his power to aid the progress of Freemasonry; the more he studied its principles and read about it, the more he admired it, and he hoped that the officers and all the brethren would so exert themselves that their lodge would be second to none in West Lancashire.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Officers of the Lodge," "The Auditors," "The Visiting Brethren," and "All Poor and Distressed Freemasons." All of which were cordially received and duly honoured.

The proceedings, which were varied with songs by several brethren were very interesting throughout, and terminated about ten o'clock.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

BRUTON.—*Royal Clarence Lodge* (No. 976).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Blue Ball Hotel, on Thursday, the 9th inst., for the installation of W.M. elect, Bro. J. S. Andrews. The lodge was opened at 1 p.m. by Bro. J. W. Parfitt, W.M., the ordinary business of the lodge having been gone through, a board of Installed Masters was formed. The V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Bridges, assisted by Bro. R. De M. Lawson, P.P.J.G.W. Wilts, and Bro. W. A. Humphries, P.P.G.O., Somerset, P.M., 976, and other P.M.'s performed the ceremony of installation. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet served up in capital style. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were drunk, and a very pleasant evening spent.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

HULL.—*Kingson Lodge* (No. 1010).—This lodge met on the 1st inst, at 4 p.m. Present: Bros. Llewellyn W. Longstaff, P.M., Prov. G.J.W., W.M.; P.M.'s. Bros. C. Copland, S. Mosely, R. A. Marillier, and Thomas Sinson. There were present as visitors, Bro. Major Smyth, D. Prov. G.M., Lincolnshire; Bro. G. Hardy, P.M., Prov. S.P.G.D.; W.M., of Minerva Lodge, No. 250; Bro. W. E. Dixon, P. Prov. G.J.P.D., W.M., Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley; P.M.'s Bros. W. Reynolds, P. Prov. G.D.C., No. 240; Tom Turner, No. 294; the Wardens of the Humber and Minerva Lodges, &c. Bro. Theophilus Smith P.M. 242, of the Minerva Lodge (No. 250), Hull, was balloted for, and accepted as a joining member. By an unanimous vote of the lodge, the sum of five guineas was presented to "The Zetland Commemoration Fund." Bro. C. Jas. Todd, who had been elected at the last lodge meeting was then duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. S. Moseley, P.M., P.J.P. G.W. The W.P. then appointed the following officers, and installed those who were present:—Bros. James Humphrys, S.W.; J. Pyburn, M.D., J.W.; Thos. Sissons, P.M., Chap.; R. A. Marillier, P.M., Lecture Master; Thomas A. Norman, Treas.; Paul Blackmore, Sec.; Charles F. Earle, S.D.; E. W. Garforth, J.D.; C. Copland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Dir. of Cer.; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Almoner; Henri Hartog, Organist; E. Hall Sissons, Assistant do.; S. Walliker, Isaac Newton, J. E. J. Christiansen, Stewards; Paul C. E. Stroemer, Prov. G. Steward, I.G.; John Norton, Tyler. The Annual Banquet took place at six o'clock the same evening, at the Royal Station Hotel, and was numerously attended. Bro. C. J. Todd, the newly elected W.M., presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. J. Humphrys, the S.W. The W.M. was supported by Major Smyth, D.P.G.M., Lincolnshire; Bro. L. W. Longstaff, J.P.G.W., the immediate P.M.; Bro. W. E. Dixon, P.J.P.G.D., W.M. of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley; Bro. G. Hardy, P.S.P.G.D., W.M. of the Minerva Lodge, Hull; and P.M.'s Bros. S. Mosely, P.J.P.G.W.; W. Reynolds, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. L. Seaton, J. F. Holden; R. A. Marillier, C. Copland, and W. Cars. After the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual patriotic and masonic toasts were given. The health of the newly elected W.M. was proposed by P.M. Bro. J. L. Seaton, and met with an appropriate acknowledgment. In reply to the toast of the Immediate Past Master, P.M. Bro. Longstaff stated his

intention of representing the province as a steward at the approaching festival of the Royal Masenic Institution for Boys. The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the musical performances of Bros. Hartog, Humphrys, J. Newton, C. Newton, and C. G. Rust. We are glad to remark that this lodge has greatly increased in numbers and importance under the government of the late W.M., Bro. Longstaff, and trust that it may progress in as satisfactory a manner under the rule of his successor.

SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION.

GLASGOW.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union.*—(No. 332).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, No. 170, Buchanan-street, on the evening of Monday, 6th inst., for the purpose of electing and installing the office bearers for the ensuing year. The lodge having been opened in the E.A. degree, Bro. James Balfour, R.W.M., in the chair, and ably assisted by his office bearers. The minutes of last regular meeting having been read and duly confirmed. The Secretary then read the auditors' report, which was most heartily received. He proceeded to say that it afforded him the greatest pleasure in being able to state, that although this lodge has got into troubles and difficulties, notwithstanding, since the present master had taken office, he had been able to pay off all back-standing accounts, and at the end of this (the financial) year was now able to hand over a surplus to the good. The Secretary further remarked, that though the lodge was not wealthy, still it was flourishing, and on the road to prosperity, and this may be attributed to the indefatigable zeal, and warm-hearted devotion of their present R.W.M., who has at all times laboured hard for the interests of this lodge, and that the brethren would see it to be their duty, to re-elect Bro. James Balfour to that honourable post, which he had so ably filled for the last three years, to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. W. Balfour, W.M., being nominated for re-election, and Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M., was also proposed. The candidates for the chair having been asked to retire, the vote was taken, when it was ascertained that Bro. Mitchell was elected by a large majority. On the R.W.M. again entering the chair, the election of the rest of the office bearers was proceeded with, and as there was no opposition, the following was the result:—Bros. Rahert Mitchell, R.W.M.; W. Gibson, D.M.; David Sommerville, S.M.; John Smith, S.W.; David B. Birrell, J.W.; David C. Miller, Sec.; John Pettigrew, Treas.; Edward McGee, S.D.; Thomas Hall, J.D.; James Jamieson, S.S.; Robert Craig, J.S.; Robert Johnston, P.G.S.; James Gilfillan, B.B.; W. Dempster, Architect; Joseph Stuart, Chap., John Stack, Standard-bearer; James McArthur, M.C.; Alex. Campbell, Sword-bearer; H. Brown, I.G.; Thos. P. Mullen, Tyler. The office-bearers were then installed by Bro. James Balfour, P.M., also I.G., P.G.L.; after which the brethren were called from labour to refreshment by the R.W.M., and after spending an harmonious evening, with song, toast, and sentiment, and the brethren warmly responding to a vote of thanks awarded to the Past Master, the lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mark's Lodge* (No. 102).—The meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in their own hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Monday, 13th inst., Bro. Thomas Halket, R.W.M., in the chair. The minutes were read and approved of, after which one candidate was duly proposed and balloted for, and the ballot being found clean his initiation was proceeded with, Bro. Veitch, D.M., performing the ceremony. The candidate being a master-mariner he also received the Fellowcraft degree, and thereafter along with another brother the degree of M.M., both ceremonies being performed by the R.W.M. Allusion was made to a P.M. jewel to be given to the retiring R.W.M., Major Barbor, in commemoration of his services in the chair during the past three years. The Secretary, in the name of Bro. Barbor, presented to the lodge a beautiful photograph in oval gilt frame, of Bro. Barbor, in token of the high respect he had for St. Mark's Lodge. It was decided that the coming festival should take the form of a supper and ball to be held in February. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form. The following is the list of new office-bearers:—Thos. Halket, R.W.M.; Major R. D. Barbor, P.M.; Alexander Veitch, Depute

Master; W. M. Robertson, S.M.; W. Haddow, S.W.; W. B. Spence, J.W.; B. H. Schiff, Treas.; J. F. Mitchell, Sec.; R. Jamieson, S.D.; D. Stewart, J.D.; James White, Jeweller; W. A. Baillie, Dir. Cer.; R. Mc Call, S.S.; Alex. Denholm, J.G.; James Pollock, Tyler; James Oswald Smith, V.S.P.G.L.

STIRLINGSHIRE.

ALLOA.—*St John's Lodge* (No. 69).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., in the Crown Hotel, when the following officers were elected:—Bros. A. B. Thorburn; R.W.M.; T. Stirling, senr., D.M.; T. Stirling, junr., P.M.; T. Hunter, S.W.; A. Omundson, J.W.; W. Brown, Sec.; D. Sneddon, senr., Treas.; J. Whitehead, B.B.; C. Baxter, S.D.; A. Kirk, J.D.; J. M'Queen, S.S.; J. Johnstone, J.S.; G. B. Graham, M.B.; P. Brotherton, Surgeon; A. Black, Custodian of Jewels; S. Ferguson, T.S.; D. Wotherspoon, Tyler; James Fairlie, Proxy Master. The brethren agreed to sup together in their lodge-room on Monday, the 27th inst., being St. John's Day.

ROYAL ARCH.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION,

METROPOLITAN.

INSTRUCTION.

MOUNT ZION CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—This chapter of instruction met as usual on Saturday evening, the 18th inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Golden-square, under the able preceptorship of Comp. J. Brett. The ceremony of exaltation was gone through, and three sections of the second lecture were worked by the companions present. In our edition of last week we published a letter of condolence that was sent by the members of this chapter of instruction to the family of the late Mrs. Adams, we now furnish the answer to that letter:—"Union Tavern, 17th Dec., 1869: Dear Sir and Brother,—I have to acknowledge your esteemed letter of the 10th inst., conveying on behalf of the Mount Zion Chapter, your kind condolence to myself and family at the bereavement we have recently met in the death of our dear mother. I need scarcely assure you how touched and gratified we feel by the sincere respect evinced towards our departed parent, and how much I thank you in our joint names for the kind expressions of esteem conveyed by you. Trusting you will convey our thanks to each member of the chapter,—Believe me, Dear Sir and Brother, yours very truly. (Signed), GEORGE DUNN. To Bro. John Boyd." This chapter will not meet this evening (Saturday) being Christmas Day, but on Saturday next, January 1st, Comp. J. Brett will deliver two lectures on Royal Arch Masonry. These lectures being so very seldom given (indeed we scarcely know one companion of the Order who can give the whole of the lectures equal to Comp. J. Brett, a large attendance of companions is expected on that night, and those present will be amply repaid by the Masonic treat in store for them.

DURHAM.

DURHAM.—*Chapter of Concord* (No. 124).—On Tuesday evening, a regular convocation of this chapter was held in the New Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet. This being the first Masonic gathering in the new building, and a great many brethren assembled. The chapter was opened at seven o'clock by Comps. W. R. Fitzgerald, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. M.E.Z.; W. Brignall, P.Z. P. Prov. G. Reg. as H., and W. A. Malcolm, J. The other officers who were afterwards admitted were: Comps. T. W. Hearon, S.E.; T. A. Ebdy, S.N.; W. Brignall, jun., P. Soj.; G. Bailes, as 1st Assist. Soj.; G. Greenwell, as 2nd Assist. Soj.; W. Stoker, P.Z. Prov. G.H.; W. C. Blackett, R. Cooke, &c., &c. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. Walker, P. Prov. G. Org., John Henderson, M.P., J. Gray, S.D. No. 1,274, and J. Tiplady, all of the *Marquis of Granby Lodge* No. 124, who were duly elected. With the exception of Bro. J. Henderson, M.P. all the candidates were in attendance, and they were separately introduced and regularly exalted to the supreme degree of R.A. Masons. Comp. Malcolm gave the historical, Comp. Fitzgerald the symbolical, and Comp. Brignall, P.Z. the mystical explanations. Comp. W. Brignall, jun. P. Soj., announced that he would appoint Comp. G. Greenwell as 2nd

Assist. Soj., in the place of the late Comp. H. A. Peele, jun. whose fearful sudden death took place, only three weeks since. Two new members were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter duly closed. The companions then adjourned to the banqueting hall where a splendid repast awaited them, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were properly honoured, and healths of the various officers of the chapter being drunk, the P. Soj.'s. being taken first, as he had to leave early in order to take the mail train to London, for the purpose of being present at the Grand Lodge on the following evening.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

ROCHDALE.—*Hope Chapter* (No. 54).—This chapter, held at the Spread Eagle Inn, Chatnam-street, met on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present: Bros. William Davies, Z.; Herod Turner, P.Z. and H.; James Hadfield, J.; C. M. Jones, Scribe E.; Charles Davis, Scribe N.; J. Fothergill, P.S.; H. Standing, S.A.S.; W. Ashworth, J.A.S.; J. Standing, Treas.; E. Clegg, Sec.; and J. Midgley, P.Z. Janitor. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. James Tomlinson, Z.; James Hadfield, H.; C. M. Jones, J.; Charles Davis, Scribe E.; J. B. Chadwick, Scribe N.; J. Fothergill, P.S.; J. Standing, Treas.; and J. Midgley was elected Janitor. Proposed by Comp. C. M. Jones, seconded by Comp. C. Davis, that Bro. Henry M'Crath, of Hope Chapter, No. 54, be exalted a companion of this chapter at the March meeting, when the officers will be installed.

CANADA.

From the "Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada," recently held at Kingston, Ontario, we copy the following report from New Brunswick:—

"To the Most Excellent Council, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

"Greeting:—In this, my second annual report to Grand Chapter, it affords me much gratification to be enabled to state that the introduction of Canadian Royal Arch Masonry into the Province of New Brunswick has been cordially approved by our companions.

"Immediately after the close of Grand Convocation last year, the more formal warrant for New Brunswick Chapter came to hand; the companions were much pleased to find that a number so well up on your roll had been allotted to our chapter, and on its behalf, I beg to assure Grand Chapter that it will be the aim of No. 10 to prove worthy of the kind consideration it has received at your hands.

"With the fraternal assistance of Right Excellent Companion Past Principal Z., Benjamin L. Peters, S.R., and Past Grand Superintendent of Nova Scotia, under S.R. Right Excellent Companion John Willis, I had the honour, after my return from Montreal, of opening a "Council of Installed Principals," at the Masonic Hall, Judge Ritchie's Building, in this city, on the 8th February, when the chair degrees of J.H. and Z. were severally, and in due and ancient form, conferred on Present and Past Principals of Chapter No. 10, agreeable to the requirements of Constitution, as follows:—

"Comps. David R. Munro, James McNichol, sen., Edward Willis, John D. Short, John Mullin, Geo. H. Whiting, James McNichol, jun., Geo. J. Chubb, Robt. Shives, and W. Walker Euslie; chair degree J.

"Comps. David R. Munro, James McNichol, sen., Edward Willis, John D. Shore, John Mullin, and Geo. H. Whiting; chair degree H.

"Comps. David R. Munro, James McNichol, sen., Edward Willis, John D. Short; chair degree Z.

"I may here mention that the Grand Chapter from which this chapter formerly held its warrant, did not confer the above-mentioned degrees; hence I have adopted this course, to the end that the 'Principals' of No. 10 might enjoy all the privileges to which they are entitled under the Constitution of Grand Chapter of Canada.

"Now that 'Blue Masonry' within the Dominion is governed and controlled by Grand Lodges within the territory, it is only reasonable to suppose that the advantages of self-government, which are so patent to the most casual observer, will ere long be secured by all chapters of Capitular Masonry within the territory of Canada.

"It would, in my opinion, be for the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry were Grand Chapter at the present session to

invite the several chapters working in the dominion, under the banners of foreign chapters, to respectively appoint delegates to meet a committee from Grand Chapter, at some central point, within a few months date, to seriously consider this matter with a view to the adoption of a remedy for our present 'double jurisdiction,' either by the erection of Grand Chapters for each, 'Nova Scotia' and 'New Brunswick,' or by the erection of a Grand Chapter for the 'Maritime Provinces;' or by the merging of all chapters in Canada working under foreign authority, upon mutually satisfactory terms and conditions, under the banner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

"I may here enumerate the several Royal Arch Chapters in the Province, viz.:-

"New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, No. 10, Register of Canada.

"St. Mark's Chapter, No. 518, St. Andrew's, Register of England.

"Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, St. John, Register of Scotland.

"Fredericton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 77, Fredericfen, Register of Scotland.

"Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 84, Carleton, Register of Scotland.

"Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 85, Hampton, Register of Scotland.

"Mount Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 101, Chatham, Register of Scotland.

"St. Stephen Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, Stephen, Register of Scotland.

"During the past week I granted authority to New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, to join, under the direction of Excellent Principal Z. Companion David R. Munro, the Grand Lodge, and take part in the ceremonies consequent upon laying the cornerstone of the Masonic Hall, Carleton, with Masonic honours. The demonstration took place on Friday, the 30th July, under the most auspicious circumstances. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. L. Peters, was supported by the Grand Lodge, Blue Lodges, New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, and the St. John and the Union de Molay Encampments of the city.

"Most respectfully submitted.

"ROBERT MARSHALL,

"Supt. for the Province of New Brunswick."

From the list of officers published in the report of proceedings, we learn that V.E. Companion D. R. Munro, of this city, has been appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, and R.E. Companion Robert Marshall, Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for the Province of New Brunswick, under the same authority.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

CANADA.

The following are the officers elected and appointed at the annual Grand Conclave of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem, for Canada, under the Supreme Jurisdiction of England and Wales, for the year A.D. 1870:—

V.E. Fratres Lt. Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Grand Prior for the Dominion; Thomas Douglas Harrington, Dep. Grand Prior; Samuel B. Harman, Grand Sub. Prior and Prov. Grand Commander for Ontario and Quebec. E. Fratres Robert Marshall, Past Prov. Grand Master; Howard E. Swales, John Kerr and Alexander Kirkpatrick, to be Past Dep. Grand Commanders. Frater Rev. James A. Preston, Grand Pielate. E. Fratres Edwin Goodman, Grand First Capt. C.C.; Henry Robertson, Grand Second Capt. C.C.; V.E. Frater Thos. B. Harris, Grand Chancellor. Fratres Thomas White, jun., Grand Vice Chancellor; Walter J. Lindsay, Grand Reg.; John H. Graham, Grand Treas.; David R. Munro, Grand Chamberlain; Robert Ramsay, Grand Hospitalier; J. Kirkpatrick Kerr, Grand Expert; Augustus T. Houel, Grand 1st Standard Bearer; H. A. Baxter, Grand 2nd Standard Bearer;—Penton, Grand Almoner; David Gillies, Grand 1st Aide-de-Camp; R. Barrow, Grand 2nd Aide-de-Camp; Charles Storer, Grand Dir. of Cers.; V. H. Spencer, Grand Capt. of Lines; Thomas P. McMullen, Grand 1st Herald; William Bathgate, Grand 2nd Herald; John McDonough, Grand Sword Bearer; William Wilkinson, Grand Equerry.

The next assembly will be held at the City of Quebec, on the second Wednesday in August, 1870.

MASONIC FESTIVITIES.

MASONIC CONCERT AND BALL.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., an amateur concert and ball in connection with the Freemasons' Lodge of Perseverance 371, Maryport, and under the patronage of Lord Kenlis, the Provincial Grand Master of the lodges of Cumberland and Westmoreland, was held in the Music Hall of the Athenæum, Maryport. The arrangements for the entertainment, the next proceeds of which, it was announced, would be devoted to charity, were under the direction of a committee consisting of Bros. W. W. Wood, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; P. Hetherington, P.M.; Jos. Lucock, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.; W. G. Wallis, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; H. Carr, P.M., P. Prov. G.P., and Bro. P. de Eggesfele Collin was appointed honorary secretary and treasurer to the committee. The large room was very tastefully decorated for the occasion with a number of paintings, engravings, busts, flags, and banners—several of the latter bearing Masonic devices. There was a very fashionable audience present, the whole of the front seats were well filled, but the most of the back seats were entirely empty. Amongst the ladies and gentlemen present in the room we noticed:—Bro. W. W. Wood, Bro. P. de Eggesfele Collin, Bro. T. Mandle and Mrs. Mandle, Bro. Green and Miss Green, Bro. Lawson and Miss Belmore, Bro. Hugh Carr and Miss Carr, Bro. J. Tickle and Mrs. Tickle, Bro. John Adair, Bro. J. Tyson and Mrs. Tyson, Bro. Graham, Bro. Wallis and Mrs. Wallis, and Bro. Armstrong, Maryport; Bro. Beeby and Mrs. Beeby, Birkby; Bro. J. Lucock and Mrs. Lucock, Broughton Moor; Mr. P. W. Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson, Broughton; Mr. P. Collin, Mrs. Collin, and the Misses Collin, Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot, Mr. W. Robinson, Mr. M. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. and Master Hewetson, Miss Newby, Miss Addison, Miss Edith Harrison, and Miss Hugginson, Mr. Matgham, Dr. Tosh, Mr. Wilson Harrison, Mrs. Christian, Miss Johnston, the Misses Hetherington, M. C. B. Huthwaite, and Miss Fanny Wood, Maryport; Mr. and Miss Robinson, Stockmoor; Mrs. Ostie and Mr. W. Ostie, jun., Birkby; Mrs. and Miss Clarke, Bankend; the Misses Walker, Castlehill; Mr. Louis Walker and Miss Barbara Walker, Allonby; Miss Paisley, Broughton; Mr. Ganan, Workington; Miss Nicholson, Flimby; Mr. J. Ritson, Ellenbank; and Mr. Hall, Crosscaunuby. The vocalists engaged for the occasion were four in number, and consisted of Messrs. Richardson, Bell, and Sinkinson, members of the Penrith Glee and Madrigal Society, and Bro. Dr. Jones, of Aspatria. Bro. Rowlands, of Penrith, the organist at Brougham Chapel, presided at the piano; and the band for the ball was under the direction of Messrs. J. and W. B. Craham, of Maryport, assisted by Messrs. Scott, Casson, Barber, and Thompson. The only professional musician engaged in the concert, with the exception of the members of the band, was Mr. Wales, of Cockermouth. After the concert the room was cleared, and dancing commenced, and was kept up with spirit until the following morning.

REVIEWS.

We have received "The History of Freemasonry, from its Origin down to the Present Day," by J. G. Tindel, editor of the German Masonic journal, "Die Bauhütte," honorary member of Mother Kilwinning, Minerva Lodge, Hull, and of several German, French, and Italian lodges. Second edition, revised, and a preface written by Bro. David Murray Lyon, Ayr, Grand Steward, Scotland; Honourable Co. Member of the Union of German Freemason; author of "The History of Mother Kilwinning." London: Asher and Co. 1869.

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS, &c., FOR WEEK
ENDING 1st JANUARY, 1869.

(Abbreviations.—F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall; M.H., Masonic Hall; M.T., Masonic Temple; Tav., Tavern; Ho., Hotel; Ro Rooms; L., Lodge; St., Street; Sq., Square).

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, Dec. 27th.

LODGES.—Pythagorean, Lecture Hall, Royal Hill, Greenwich; British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Bancroft-pl., Mile-end; Tower Hamlets Engineers, George Ho., Aldermanbury.—CHAPTER.—Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

Tuesday, Dec. 28th.

LODGES.—Moirs, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.; Industry, F.M.H.; Israel, Radley's Ho., Bidge-st., Blackfriars; Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Wandsworth.—CHAPTERS.—Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, F.M.H.; St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th.

LODGE.—Temperance in the East, Pri. Ass. Ro., 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

Thursday, Dec. 30th.

Gen. Com. Fem. Scho., at F.M.H., at 4.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF
INSTRUCTION.

Monday, Dec. 27th.

Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-st.; Temple, Old George St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd., Deptford; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Montcombe-st., Belgrave-sq.; Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street; St. James's Union, Swan Tavern, Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-st.; Crystal Palace, City Arms Tav., West-sq., Southwark; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester-sq.; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Tower Hamlets Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial-rd., East; Eastern Star, Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd.; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill.

Tuesday, Dec. 28th.

Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail, Victoria Station; Domestic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's-wood; British Oak, Silver Lion Tavern, Pennyfield, Poplar; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-street; New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth; Robert Burns, Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's-lane; Rose of Denmark, George Ho., Aldermanbury; Mount Zion, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th.

Confidence, Railway Tav., London-street; Merchant Navy, Jamaica Tav., West India Dock-rd., Poplar; United Strength, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Edinburgh Castle Tavern, Peckham Rye; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange Hotel, Greenwich; Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st., Poplar.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.

Thursday, Dec. 30th.

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth; St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-square; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington, Thatched House Tav., 9, Red Lion-st.; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford.—CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitty Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, Dec. 31st.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.; St. Luke's, Pier Ho., Cheyne-walk, Chelsea; Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford; Stability, Guildhall Tav., 33, Gresham-st.; Unions (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), Freemasons' Hall; United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tavern, Broadway, Deptford; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich; Ranelagh, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; 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; Victoria, George Ho., Aldermanbury.

PROVINCIAL.

DORSET.

Thurs., BRIDPORT.—Lodge: Lodge of St. Mary, Bull Inn.

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

Mon., MANCHESTER.—Lodges: Robert Burns, F.M.H.; Social-Queen's Ho.—Tues., OPENSHEAW.—Chapter: Rectitude, New Inn.—Wed., MANCHESTER.—Lodges: Strangeways Assize Courts Ho., Strangeways; Integrity, F.M.H.—BRADFORD.—Lodge: Townley Parker, Grey Mare Inn, Ashton Old-rd.—Thurs., ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—Lodge: Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-st.—ACCRINGTON.—Lodge: Equality, Red Lion Ho., Abbey-st.—MANCHESTER.—Lodge: Shakespere, F.M.H.

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

Mon., WARRINGTON.—Lodge: Lights, Ma. Ro., Sankey-st.—LIVERPOOL.—Chapter: Friendship, Ma. Te., 22, Hope-st.

OXFORDSHIRE.

Thurs.: CHIPPING NORTON.—Lodge: Bowyer, Ma. Ha.

WARWICKSHIRE.

Mon., BIRMINGHAM.—Lodge: St. Paul's, Union Ho.—Tues. WARWICK.—Lodge: Shakespeare, Ma. Ro.—BIRMINGHAM.—Lodge: Elkington, Ma. Ro., Newhall-st.—Wed., ASTON.—Lodge: Holte, Holte Ho.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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"MASONIC Historians and the Facts of Freemasonry" will shortly appear

ERRATA.—"Freemasonry Past and Present," page 424, instead of "From the sixteenth century the revival was chiefly operative," read from the "Sixteenth century to the revival" Freemasonry was chiefly operative.

IN consequence of the title and index occupying a considerable portion of our present number, we are compelled to omit several lodge reports, including those from lodges 54, 180, 203, 278, 284, 484, 720, 813, 907, 1,064, and chapter 348, and several other communications, which will be given next week.

T. J. R. (Colchester).—The arrangement mentioned by you is quite satisfactory.

I. P. (Aston) is thanked. The calendar will be forwarded as published.

