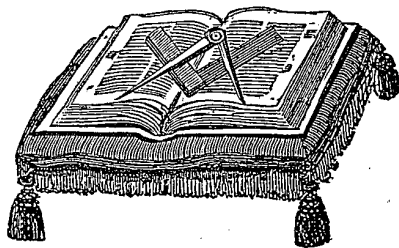


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ADDRESS TO OUR READERS.

It becomes once more our duty, at the close of the twenty-fourth volume of the present series of the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE, to give a brief review of the Masonic events of the past six months.

In our last Address we had occasion to deplore the disastrous war then raging between two of the greatest powers in Europe. Thanks, perhaps, to the modern improvements in implements of warfare, the war was of comparatively short duration; although, also in consequence of the same improvements, the results in killed and wounded have been no less than if, as in former times, the war had lasted years instead of months.

Scarcely had Europe time to rejoice at the probable conclusion of these cruel devastations, when internecine troubles broke out amongst our French neighbours, which fratricidal struggle was carried on with a brutal ferocity that quite eclipsed all the efforts of the foreign foe, whose acts seemed humane in comparison.

In both struggles, French Masonry, as a body, maintained its character with dignity, in its endeavours at peace-making, and in indiscriminate assistance to the sick and wounded of both sides. Although, we had to record on the part of a section of the French Brethren, acts which threatened seriously to compromise the character and dignity of the Grand Orient of France, it was a source of the greatest gratification to us to be able to authoritatively announce, on more than one occasion, on the part of the Grand Orient of France, a renunciation of any connection, as a body, with the ridiculous and unmasonic proceedings of a comparatively few brethren.

The visit of our M.W. Grand Master to the United States of America, on an important mission, which though of a political nature, was, as stated by him, of a truly Masonic character its chief object—that of establishing and cementing friendly relations between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race. This is the first time that the the American Masons have had the opportunity of welcoming in their midst a Grand Master of English Masons, and right royally did they perform their part. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the smallest, we believe, of the forty-two Grand Lodges into which the United States Masons are divided feel their honour. Leading Masons from all parts of the country were invited, and a large number were present at the reception and subsequent banquet. It would not be too much to say that the enthusiastic reception of our Grand Master, as a Mason, lent additional weight to his well-known character as an able statesman and diplomatist, and that Masonry thus may claim a share in the happy work of settling differences, which in other and less judicious hands, might have led to a serious rupture between the nations concerned.

It is gratifying to record that in recognition of his services on this occasion, Her Majesty has graciously raised our M.W. Grand Master to the rank of Marquis, under the title of Marquis of Ripon.

In the higher degrees of Masonry we regretfully record that dissensions have occurred, which have led to suspensions and expulsions.

The introduction and revival of so-called Masonic orders, some of which were long since suppressed by order of the Grand Lodge of England, have necessitated the holding of a convention between the Supreme Council, 33°, the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. This convention has resulted in the adoption and ratification of a Tripartite Treaty, by which the bodies named acknowledge each other, and at the same time denounce as irregular all the new-fangled pseudo-Masonic Orders, and Rites.

The attention of Grand Lodge has been called to the propagation of so-called Masonic Orders, by those whose relations to the Grand Lodge should preclude any idea of their promulgating tenets, which are certainly at variance with the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, but as the matter is *sub judice*, we refrain from making further observation upon it. We would, however, simply remark that, in our opinion, it would be better that the Grand Lodge of England should, under certain regulations, acknowledge the standing of those higher degrees which are of undoubted antique origin, and forbid the propagation and manufacturing of new degrees, which are mainly got up, either for the personal aggrandisement of the promoters, or for the benefit of dealers in man-millinery and tinsel gewgaws.

The three Institutions for systematic Masonic Benificence, viz., the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, have each, during the past half-year, held their annual Festivals. That of the Benevolent Institution was presided over by Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, in lieu of Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M., for Middlesex, who was prevented by a domestic affliction from attending; that of the Boys' School by Bro. Sir Watkyn Williams Wynn Bart., Prov. G.M. for North Wales and Salop; and that of the Girls' School by Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master. The aggregate amount collected at the three Festivals being upwards of thirteen thousand pounds, gives a result which (after taking into consideration the long-continued drain upon the charitable resources of the country, consequent upon the disturbances on the Continent) must be considered gratifying.

A great accession of members has taken place during the year, and a large number of new Lodges and Chapters have been established. With no desire to make Masonry exclusive we would impress upon the brethren the necessity in their zeal for the extension of the Order, not to forget that great caution is required in the introduction of candidates for initiation.

A year ago we had to congratulate the brethren upon the accession to our ranks of a Prince of the Blood Royal. We are pleased to see the realisation of our hopes, that our Brother, the Prince of Wales, would prove himself a Mason in reality, and not in name only. It was not without some regret that we saw him invested with the rank of Past Grand Master, without having served previously as Grand Master. But our Royal Brother has thoroughly proved himself a good working Mason. He has graduated in a Subordinate Lodge, and, we are authoritatively informed that he is now the W.M. Elect of his Lodge. This is a substantial proof that he is not content with the mere honorary rank of Past Grand Master, but that having Masonry at heart, he is determined to win his spurs.

Speaking generally, we have to congratulate the Brethren upon the position of the Craft, both at home and abroad.

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LONDON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1871.

“THE TASSELS OF THE LODGE.”

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE LODGE OF FORTITUDE, LANCASTER, 27TH DECEMBER, 1870, BY BRO. J. DANIEL MOORE, M.D., F.L.S., W.M. 281., P.M., P.Z., P. PROV. G. SUPT. OF WKS., WEST LANCASHIRE, &C.

Bro. Wardens and Brethren :

If the youngest Entered Apprentice amongst us were asked “What Freemasonry was?” he would probably inform us that it was a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. This is perfectly true, but for some time past it has appeared to me that in other Lodges as well as our own the illustrative and symbolical teaching has been too much neglected.

We certainly have symbols of various kinds in the Lodge for the brethren to moralise upon, but they are for the most part considered as mere ornaments, and do not convey to the mind of the brethren those exalted lessons of morality which we should ever strive to attain.

The fact of an old member of our lodge, some months since, being asked by a young mason “What was the meaning of those initial letters T.F.P.J., which are depicted upon the tassels of our Lodge, and being himself unable to reply, suggested to me that, as the Sectional Lectures are not now worked by us, it would not be inadvisable from time to time, as leisure in the Lodge might afford, to expound in a short lecture the true

meaning and allusion of some of our symbols, forms, and ceremonies.

I therefore propose this evening to offer to you a few remarks upon the Tassels of the Lodge. I am induced to commence with this subject partly from the incident I have just mentioned, and partly because, as the tassels have reference to the Lodge generally, it would afford an opportunity for newly initiated Freemasons to be present, as I could avoid trespassing upon anything restricted to the higher degrees.

In the lecture on the tracing board of the first degree, delivered in this Lodge a few meetings since, we were told that pendant to the four corners of the Lodge are four tassels which represent the four Cardinal Virtues, namely *Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice*. To take each of these subjects seriatim we find that our sectional lectures describe :

TEMPERANCE—As that due restraint of our passions and affections which renders the body tame and governable, and relieves the mind from the allurements of vice. Perhaps, since the formation of the noble Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, be that when it might, nothing has tended so much to throw it into disrepute, as the neglect of the teaching indicated by this tassel. How often do good and worthy Masons shrink from association with the craft, from the fact that some of their number, unmindful of the charge given to the Junior Warden, that in presiding over the refreshments of the Lodge he should be temperate and discreet in the indulgence of his own inclinations, and carefully note that none others be suffered to convert the purposes of refreshments into those of intemperance or excess. Indeed of so great importance was this deemed by those who framed the ancient charges of our fraternity, that in Section 2 we are especially recommended to avoid all excess, and in Section 6 to avoid gluttony and drunkenness. It was a good and favourite maxim of a former Chaplain of this Lodge, when at a banquet, that in every case, the evening's enjoyment should bear the morning's reflection. This tassel then teaches us that at all times, both in and out of the Lodge, we should modify and curb our inclinations when they are at all likely to reflect discredit, either upon ourselves, or upon the order to which we belong.

This Cardinal Virtue should more especially be the constant practice of every member of our fraternity, as the old proverb teaches us "In vino veritas," which we may freely translate in the words "when the wine is in the truth will out," for then in an unguarded moment he might be tempted in some degree to disclose those valuable secrets which it is his bounden duty to preserve from the outer world.

FORTITUDE.—This virtue should come home to us with great force and effect from the fact that *Fortitude* is the title which has been adopted by the Lodge in which I now have the honour of addressing you. *Fortitude* has been well designated as that noble and steady purpose of soul, equally distant from thoughtless temerity and absolute cowardice, teaching us to avoid fear on the one hand and rashness on the other, and to press steadily forward in the course which we, in our judgment, have determined to follow. It is that virtue which enables us to undergo pain, danger and difficulty when they occur in the path of duty, without flinching.

The virtue inculcated by this tassel may also be required as a defence against the assaults of the cowan, who by persecution, artifice, or threats, might endeavour to wrest from us that which we ought most carefully to conceal.

Fortitude is often eminently required in order that the other Cardinal Virtues may be thoroughly observed, for we may require a degree of *Fortitude* in order to resist the allurements of *Intemperance*, to keep us from acts of *Imprudence* which we should afterwards regret, and to assist in putting aside any favouritism or dislike, and enable us to administer *Justice* with strict impartiality.

PRUDENCE.—Is described as that habit of mind by which men wisely judge on all things relative to their temporal and eternal happiness, and teaches us to regulate our lives and actions by the dictates of right reason.

This is well chosen as one of the virtues emblematically depicted in our Lodges, as one which we should ever strive to attain. On this virtue the others depend for much of their power. For we require *Prudence* in order to be *Temperate*; *Fortitude* being equally distant from temerity and cowardice requires the judging hand of *Prudence* in order to point out the exact medium to be followed. *Justice* also could not exist without it.

Prudence should be our constant companion, both in our capacity as men and as Masons; as men to be successful, we must obey its dictates in all our lives and actions; and as Masons, we are especially to take care, lest any imprudence on our part, should do aught calculated to bring discredit upon our order, or that we should at any time thoughtlessly reveal that which we ought to preserve in that safe repository of our hearts, with the strictest fidelity. Thus we are reminded in our ancient charges, when in the presence of a stranger, to be cautious in our words and carriage that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out, what is not proper to be intimated, and sometimes to divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honour of our worshipful fraternity. Again this tassel should always appear before our mental vision in our behaviour towards a strange brother, for we are told cautiously to examine him in such a method, as *prudence* shall direct, lest we should be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom we are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any fruits of knowledge. King Solomon has it in one of his proverbs that "The prudent man concealeth his knowledge;" if our traditions are of a truth in their entirety, may not this proverb have especial reference to the knowledge, which, we as Masons alone possess?

Lastly, we should exercise this virtue in its highest sense in the admission of members into the secret penetralia of Freemasonry. Each of us before taking upon ourselves the important step of proposing a candidate for initiation into our mysteries, should consider it to be his especial duty to enquire into the character and associates of the individual to be proposed, lest he should hereafter regret that the absence of that virtue *Prudence* had allowed him to introduce one into the order who might in any way compromise us as a body, or cause a slur to be cast upon our good name.

JUSTICE.—Is described as that station or boundary of right, which teaches us to render to every man his just due, and that without distinction. To be even-handed in our intercourse with the world and each other, is of paramount importance to all. Without *Justice*, social order, and the spirit of fraternal union could not be maintained, and in carrying it into the Lodge, we must remember that the jewel of the Senior Warden

teaches us that as we are all upon an equality as Masons, no injustice should ever be allowed to step into the disadvantage of a brother. When, as sometimes happens, for we are all men as well as Masons, neglect of any of the foregoing or other virtues, brings disgrace upon any of our Order, then stern justice is required, and must be meted out; but, always when sitting in judgment upon the failings of a brother, we should have due regard to another of the virtues, which is of great importance to the true Freemason, and take care that our *Justice* is in every instance tempered with *Mercy*.

Each of these four Cardinal Virtues have representatives, amongst the numerals, metals, colours, &c., as will be shown by the following diagram, from one of Dr. Oliver's works:—

of these virtues in the Lodge, let us also practice them in our daily walk of life, and so exemplify them in our conduct, that we may as readily be distinguished by them amongst the outer world, as we are in a manner familiar to you all, known to each other as members of our ancient and honourable Craft; so that one may be able to say "There is a man eminent for his *Temperance* in all matters of life,—his *Fortitude* under danger, trial, and affliction,—his *Prudence* in his dealings with his fellow-men, and his even-handed *Justice* towards all with whom he is associated. Surely that man is a Freemason!"

We are taught in the lecture on the tracing-board of the first degree, to which I have already referred "That these virtues were the constant practice of our ancient brethren and should be of

CARDINAL VIRTUES.	TEMPERANCE.	FORTITUDE.	PRUDENCE.	JUSTICE.
Numerals.	2	3		4
Metals.	Quicksilver.	Copper.	Lead	Tin.
Colours.	Purple.	Green.	Black.	Blue.
Gems.	Amethyst.	Emerald.	Diamond.	Sapphire.
Planets.	Mercury.	Venus.	Saturn.	Jupiter.
Gothic deities.	Woden.	Friga.	Seatur.	Thor.
Days of the week.	Wednesday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Thursday.
Elements, &c.	Thunderbolt.	Life.	Earth.	Air.
Jewish Sephiroth.	Mercury.	Beauty.	Strength,	Victory.
Indian Worlds.	World of existence	Heaven.	First World.	Middle World.

The Worshipful Lecturer then explained the Masonic forms, which are referred to in the teaching of these tassels, which for obvious reasons we are unable to publish, and proceeded as follows:—

In considering these tassels collectively, the truly genuine and expert Mason will learn several lessons of great importance, both to himself and to those with whom he is associated in his ordinary avocations of life, as well as in his more exclusive relations with the Masonic fraternity; and while we as Masons cultivate the teachings

those of the present day" let us therefore when in the Lodge never forget to moralize upon these Tassels, and after each visit to our temple, let us bear away with us as brethren of Fortitude, a renewed desire and earnest determination to carry out their teaching in its amplest sense; and, as these four tassels are symbolical ornaments of our Lodge-room, so let the virtues which they represent, be the ornaments of our character, and so shall we follow the recommendation given to the Entered Apprentice, immediately after his initia-

tion into our mysteries, to practice every moral and social virtue, and let *Prudence* direct us—*Temperance* chasten us—*Fortitude* support us—and *Justice* be the guide of all our actions; and, as was given in the "Freemasons' Magazine," a few years since:—

For ever may Level and Plumb-rule,
Their moral truths convey;
May Temperance, our passions cool,
And Prudence guard our way;
May Fortitude in danger's hour,
Our sinking spirits nerve,
May Masons, though possessed of power,
From Justice never swerve.

OF GOOD REPORT.

From the New York Cosmopolitan.

We frequently hear the remark made, both by the initiate and uninitiate to the mysteries of Freemasonry, that "persons not of good character are admitted to Masonic Lodges." Would such be the case if proper enquiry were made? We contend that no man should be admitted to brotherhood among Masons about whom there is a doubt as to character or habits, and there should be a doubt when good character is not proved by strict inquiry into past life and present moral standing. No brother should propose a candidate for Masonic degrees unless, from his own personal knowledge of the person proposed, he can vouch for his worthiness. The committee appointed by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge should be selected with care, and any brother accepting an appointment on such committee should accept it with the full purpose of faithfully performing the requirements of his office. It may be at personal inconvenience that sufficient time is devoted to strict inquiry, but we should hope no Mason would accept such a position that was unwilling to work for the good of the Craft even at a little personal inconvenience. Every member of a Lodge should use the means in his power to be assured of the character of those proposed to be admitted to brotherhood, for no good man wishes to associate with the vicious; especially he does not desire to admit a bad man to the close bonds of brotherhood.

We fear that occasionally the watchmen become sleepy, or what is more, indifferent, allow the enemy

to penetrate our portals and share in our mysteries. This may arise from various causes—the W.M. may desire to increase the number of members of the Lodge more rapidly than a healthy growth could accomplish; the Lodge may be pressed for funds, or there may be a desire to create a large fund, that when calls are made for charity the means may be at hand to be applied to succour the unfortunate brother or his family. Too often we fear the initiation fee is an argument that halts inquiry.

There is a necessity for the wakening of Masons to their duty, to the sublime order of which each one forms a part. Our noble-hearted P.G.M., the late Bro. Robert G. Holmes, during his occupancy of the position of Grand Master, and in fact through all his connection with Masonry, earnestly endeavoured to inculcate in the minds of Masons their duty to guard well the portals of the Lodge. If this duty is not well performed Masonry will sink from its high estate as rapidly as it has risen. There is more danger in rapid growth than in slow progress, and Masonry is rapidly growing throughout the entire civilized world. Hence, instead of relaxing in vigilance we should, by all judicious means, guard the purity of our Lodges. Wealth should not entitle to admission unless allied to worth. It certainly is desirable that men of wealth should be admitted to Masonic intercourse, but not desirable unless the possessor of wealth is a man of unblemished character.

The "brightest" Masons are not always the best. Though in the examination room or in the Lodge they are perfect in the ritual, they may not have imbibed the true spirit. Knowing the work, is not the comprehending of it in its full significance. Our Grand Master, District Deputies, and Grand Lecturers, while advocating good work and uniformity of work, should endeavour on all occasions to inculcate the principle that no man not of "good report" should be admitted within the portals of our Lodges. While adhering to form let us not forget the substance of Masonry. In contemplating the allegory let us not forget morality. We quote an eminent Mason's definition of Freemasonry:—

"Freemasonry is an institution based on that never-failing charity which upholds universal love, calms the troubled sea of our evil passions, and leaves a smooth surface in which all men who are sincere and conscientious worshippers of God and

unexceptionable in moral deportment, may unite, bless each other, and rejoice in practically realizing the sublime sentiment that,

"God hath made mankind one
Mighty brotherhood,
Himself the Master, and the
World his Lodge."—DR. J. BURNS:

MASONIC AMBITION.

There is nothing so pleasing to the venerable Masters in Masonry, as that ambition in the young which tends to assist the advancement of the Order and expand the genius of the Craft. The flowers of evening are gathering about the hoary locks of those beloved sires, and they look upon aspiring youth with more than a fraternal interest and gratification. As the valley they are descending grows deeper, and the paths they tread are becoming greener, they look back on the light of the past and behold with rapture their young friends pressing after them in the Temple. Their mantles are about falling, and a score would lift them reverently and with honor, ere they touch the ground. Their jewels are still blazing, but the hand trembles as it reaches them, and many a vigorous hearty grasp is put forth to steady, and if need be, to becomingly assume them. The various paraphernalia of office must descend to other shoulders, and youth preserves its spotless integrity with the same care that age has guarded its sacred instilments, then the Craft will do itself infinite credit in the future and reflect a blazing splendour on the past.

Ambition in any station of life, in any condition of circumstances or education, when untrammelled by insatiate greed, is always a noble element of the mind. Without it the world would not have moved one degree beyond the barbaric ages, and all the conveniences of civilization would be still the secrets of another sphere. Without it, advancement would never lift its eye to heaven, but rank obscurity would fetter the incoming multitude. Helpless, mild, unchristian, and deformed, humanity would have abruptly terminated in savage dens by violence and bloodshed, where now peaceful strains of saint-like music accompany the departing soul into a future life. How may we often thank the "All seeing One" for his great beneficence in implanting in our bosoms a desire for prominence!

If other men in the ordinary channels of life are impregnated with this aspiring element, and if it is necessary to the success of the world that man in general should be inoculated with ambition, how much more necessary is it for the Craft to possess the elevating motives of a soaring mind? In works of benevolence we should be

known by all, while words of comfort would drop from our lips, which should reconcile the fevered patient to his lot, even as the flowers cast at the feet of the wearied, sun-bronzed soldier, remind him of home, and love, and peace. If we were as ambitious to do good to others as we are to benefit ourselves, how many more weak hearts would flutter up to bright Hope, and ask a boon of Fortune; how many eyes would shine forth with the assurance of Faith in the future, which now only dimly reflect the sad despair of the present.

How important, then, it is to keep ourselves awake and fully alive to passing events in the existing state of the world. We may be humble, but if we are ambitious, and watch closely for an opportunity, our turn will come, when we may cast off the shackles of ignoble origin, and leap into the company of the distinguished, when we can exchange ideas with noted statesmen, sip a genial bowl of wine with the celebrated artist, or have thought wrestles with a famous Grand Master.

If we be not ambitious, then a thousand opportunities may come and pass, and no reckoning be made of them. Our plummet then seeks only to measure the depths of the brooklet, when we should be sounding the restless sea; our axe aims only at the sapling of learning, when we should be hewing at the great poplar in search of secret truth. Without ambition we are mere instruments without the ability to expand or soar—the tool of others, fit only to serve at the footstool on which greatness steps, in its mighty effort to reach the highest round of the ladder. We may be strong, but we only lift our neighbour up; our voices may be sweet, but we only sing another into fame; our brain is active only at a friend's bidding. Living thus, we fill up a line in the world's records, when our history should occupy a page; we are one of the leaves of the forest, when we should be the stately trunk itself.

Let us all, therefore, take on some aspiration in the brotherhood. Let us have an aim, and that a high one. In seeking to reach the opposite shore of light, we may arrive at the island midway in the stream; in aiming at the eagle, we may hit the hawk; and in striving for the office of "Worshipful," we may at last reach the Warden's chair.—*Masonic Review*.

THE POOR LAW SYSTEM.—When it is remembered that the Poor-Law operations extend to the remotest corners of the country, to the meanest hovel on the lonely moor, to the darkest alley in the densest town, to the very haunts of hunger and vice, where fevers begotten of dirt and ignorance thrive and spread in ever-widening circles; where children, alas! are but to die from unsanitary conditions, if not from actual starvation and neglect; when we consider, moreover, the opportunities for accumulating statistics of disease, for preventive measures, for instruction in the simplest laws of health which have been enjoyed through so many years, it will indeed seem strange and beyond belief that nothing has been done for the Public Health; that the zeal for sanitary work which we have noticed in to the departments of the Government should in the Poor-Law Board have been hitherto conspicuous only by its absence.—*Food Journal*.

MASONIC JOTTINGS.—No. 51.

By A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

CHRISTIANITY—MASONRY.

Brother, Christianity is the Wellingtonia Gigantea. Masonry is the Banana Tree.

AN ERROR.

Brother, it is an error, the words which have made English Freemasonry, which was a Particular Freemasonry only, a Universal Freemasonry also, are in the charges of 1738.

MYTHICAL BEGINNINGS.

Brother, slight not mythical beginnings, slight not the mythical beginnings of Ancient Britain's Christianity; slight not the mythical beginnings of the world's Masonry.

THREE RELIGIONS AT THE REVIVAL

A correspondent sends some remarks upon the jotting "Church of Englandism," "Freemasons' Magazine, vol. 23 page 427. He thinks we may assume the existence in the Revival Lodge, 1717, of three Religions, Church of Englandism, Scotch Episcopalianism, and Scotch Presbyterianism.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ENGLISH LODGE.

The Principles of the English Lodge are now what they were at the beginning of the last century, but their range is vastly greater.

WHAT A JEWISH BROTHER WRITES.

A Jewish Brother, native of Paris, who has recently visited many English Provincial Lodges, writes that his own presence in them was the only observable evidence of the Universality of their Freemasonry.

ENGLISH LODGE 1717-1870.

The Lodge in 1717 was our English Lodge in its childhood, the Lodge in 1870 is our English Lodge in its manhood.

FRENCH AND GERMAN LODGES

Some lines in our Charges of 1723 furnished excellent foundation materials for French and German Lodges.

MASONRY IN THE WESTERN PROVINCES.

In the Annual Address of the Western Daily Mercury (Plymouth), the following remarks are made upon the Masonic doings of the year, in the Western Provinces:—

"With respect to Freemasonry in the two Western Provinces, we may state that in the Province of Devon two new Lodges have been opened, namely, one at Topsham, and another at Credition. The

"Semper Fidelis" Lodge at Exeter, has been consecrated, and St. Peter's Masonic hall, at Tiverton, dedicated. A Chapter has been opened at Honiton, and the progress of the Craft has been very satisfactory. The last returns of members are up to the 31st December, 1869. They show somewhere about 1,800, but these figures are deceptive, because many of the brethren are returned as members of several Lodges. At the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held at Tiverton, on the 21st July, the R.W. the Prov. G. Master, the Rev. John Huyshe, brought forward a motion of very great importance to the local charities connected with the Craft. By a slight increase to the annual contribution of each member, so slight that it could not be felt, an addition was made of about £80 per annum permanently to the charitable funds. This proposal of the R.W. brother was unanimously adopted, although at first it met with some opposition, and by its adoption the Prov. G. Lodge will be able to increase their donations to the General Masonic Charities of England, and to elect two or three additional Annuitants on the Fortescue Fund, in this Province.

"In the Province of Cornwall no new lodges have been warranted during the past year. There are 24 lodges now working in the Province, the oldest being dated A.D. 1751, and the latest 1868. The Province has doubled itself with respect to the number of lodges every 35 years since the middle of the last century, but probably the culmination of that increase is attained. There are upwards of 1,000 members, and the majority of the lodges meet in lodge rooms of their own, apart from hotel influences. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Truro, on the 19th of July, 1870, when the Masonic Hall, built by the munificence of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Augustus Smith, was dedicated in ancient form, by the Prov. G.M. in the presence of the Prov. G.M. of Devon, and a large number of brethren. The following new bye-law was then passed:—"No person, resident in any town or place where a lodge is established, shall be ballotted for into any lodge held elsewhere within this Province, unless the Master of the lodge, wherein he so seeks admission, shall previously make inquiry in writing of the Master of every lodge in the town or nearest the place where the candidate resides, touching the fitness of such candidate. The brother of whom such inquiry is made, shall make prompt reply thereto in writing, and it shall be incumbent on the Master to read the reply to the members of the lodge before the ballot is taken."

There is also a directory for the Province, edited by Bro. W. J. Hughan, the P.G. Secretary of Truro, who is one of the most voluminous writers on Freemasonry in this kingdom. We ought also to state that Devon has also its Masonic directory. These manuals, compiled with much care, are very useful to the Craft.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE REVIVAL OF 1717.

The subjoined account of the Revival is taken from Brother William Preston's illustrations, edited by Brother Doctor Oliver, who has nowhere expressed the slightest doubt of its accuracy. The account has therefore for its author and its editor—two Masons than whom the Craft throughout the world, never held any in higher esteem.

The Revival, nevertheless, as there related, has been assailed by a contributor to the "Freemasons' Magazine," in some lines* which I purposely refrain from characterising in this place, except by saying that their nature is such that they must give pain even to the individual who could come to the conclusion that all that is narrated has its source in some strange inexplicable error of a bygone age.

This communication is made to the "Freemason's Magazine" in compliance with the pressing request of several distinguished brethren, one of them a member of the Grand Lodge of England.

The account above referred to is as follows:—"On the accession of George I. the Masons in London and its environs, finding themselves deprived of Sir Christopher Wren, and their annual meetings discontinued, resolved to cement themselves under a new Grand Master, and to revive the communications and annual festivals of the Society. With this view the Lodges at the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's Churchyard; The Crown, in Parker's Lane; The Apple-Tree Tavern, in Charles Street, Covent Garden; and the Rummer and Grapes Tavern, in Channel Row, Westminster (the only four Lodges in being in the South of England at that time), with some other old brethren, met at the Apple-Tree Tavern, above-mentioned, in February, 1717; and having voted the oldest Master Mason then present into the chair, constituted themselves a Grand Lodge, *pro tempore*, in due form. At this meeting it was resolved to revive the Quarterly Communications of the Fraternity, and to hold the next annual assembly and feast on the 24th of June; at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, in compliment to the oldest Lodge, which then met there, for the purpose of electing a Grand Master among themselves till they should have the honour of a noble brother at their head. Accordingly on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1717, in the third year of the reign of King George I., the assembly and feast were held at the said house, when the oldest Master Mason, being the Master of a Lodge, having taken the chair, a list of proper candidates for the office of Grand Master was produced; and the names being separately proposed, the brethren, by a great majority of hands, elected Mr. Anthony Sayer, Grand Master of Masons for the ensuing year, who was forthwith invested by the said oldest Master, installed by the Master of the oldest Lodge, and duly congratulated by the assembly, who paid him homage. The Grand Master then entered on the duties of his office, appointed his Wardens, and commanded the brethren of the four Lodges to meet him and his Wardens quarterly in communica-

tion, enjoining them, at the same time, to recommend to all the Fraternity a punctual attendance on the next annual assembly and feast.—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

AN OLD MANUSCRIPT.

In Upsala, in Sweden, there is a curious and renowned old manuscript, commonly known as Silver Handwriting. It is a translation of the Bible into the original Gothic, and the best authorities claim that it was written towards the end of the fifth or commencement of the sixth century. It was discovered in the sixteenth century at Verden, on the Rühr, and its authenticity was at once established. It was taken to Prague, but the Swedes took it away in 1648, and carried it to Stockholm; thence it was taken into Holland, and was bought back for Sweden by the Chancellor de la Gardie for four hundred dollars. He had it magnificently bound in a solid silver cover, and in 1669 presented it to the University of Upsala. It is written in silver on crimson parchment. The heading and a few principal passages are in gold. It is rich in Byzantine tracery of symbolic devices. It numbers three hundred and thirty leaves, with twenty lines to each page. Only two punctuation marks are used throughout—the period and colon.

HUMAN LIFE AS A JOURNEY.

Every Freemason, when he is initiated into the Craft, is taught to consider human life as a journey. He would faint with fatigue, lose himself in unknown roads, or fall over high precipices, if he was not supported, faithfully conducted, and fraternally warned. By these means he arrives in safety at the end of his journey, and is permitted to receive light himself, that he may be able to support, lead and warn others when travelling in the same road.—*Gadick*.

HALLAM'S OPINION OF FREEMASONRY.

The curious subject of Freemasonry has unfortunately been treated only by panegyrists or calumniators both equally mendacious. I do not wish to pry into the mysteries of the Craft, but it would be interesting to know more of their history during the period when they were literally architects. They are charged by an Act of Parliament (3 Henry VI. 1), with fixing the price of their labour in their annual chapters, contrary to the statutes of labour, and such chapters are consequently prohibited. This is their first prosecution; they have since undergone others, and are perhaps reserved for still more. It is remarkable that Masons were never legally incorporated; their bond of union being stronger than any charter."

THE LOCATION OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

There is a beautiful tradition in regard to the location of Solomon's Temple. The spot was owned by two brothers, of whom one had a family, and the other none. The ground was sown with wheat. One evening in harvest time, when the wheat was bound in bundles and laid in two heaps, the elder brother said to his wife: "My younger brother is not able to bear the burden and heat of the day; I will arise and take my sheaves, and, without his knowing it, lay them beside his."

The younger brother, moved by the same benevolent impulse, said within himself: "My elder brother has a family, but I have not. I will contribute to

* See "The Pseudo-Revival of A.D., 1717."—"Freemasons' Magazine," vol. 23, p. 368.

his support. I will arise, and, without his knowledge, lay my sheaves beside his."

Who can conceive their mutual astonishment, when, on the following morning, each of them found their sheaves again, as if they had not been removed. This was repeated several nights in succession, till they both resolved to watch, that the secret might be unravelled. So said, so done. The next night they met half way, each with his arms full of sheaves.

On the spot sanctified by such affection, Solomon's Temple was erected,—a building so splendid and magnificent that it became one of the wonders of the world.—*Translated from the German.*

PAST GRAND CHAPLAINS.

It will now be quite possible to have Past Grand Chaplains, who are not Reverends, as in the last session an act was passed enabling clergymen to resign their order. Thus a clergyman who was appointed Grand Chaplain or Provincial Grand Chaplain may, at his will, abandon the clerical profession, and enter some other—the law for instance. Will he still be a Past Grand Chaplain?—*Inquisitive.*

ERRATA.

In "Freemason's Magazine," vol. 23, page 470, the following corrections amongst the Notes and Queries are necessary:—

Line 6, for "Certain Contributors" read "A Certain Contributor"; Line 7, for "brains" read "brain"; Line 8, for "treason," read "reason;"; Line 23, for "ratiocination" read "ratiocination:"

MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in the new Masonic Hall, at Carleton, on the evening of September 23th last, for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating the same to the service of Masonry. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, R.W. Bro. John V. Ellis, a Past Master of the Lodge, delivered a very instructive and interesting address, regarding the history and progress of Carleton Union Lodge, including the particulars relating to the building of the new hall. Grand Lodge was then called to refreshment, which had been provided by the lady friends of the Carleton brethren, in the hall below.

"The hall is one of the neatest and best arranged Masonic buildings in the Lower Province, and the Masons of Carleton may justly be proud of it.

"It is 42 by 68 feet, outside measurement, and two stories, in height, the whole being surmounted by a 'Mansard' roof. The exterior of the building is finished in the modern American style. The windows of the first story are square, with pediment caps supported by brackets.

"Those of the second story are made with heads segmental in form, surmounted by heavy hooded caps, supported by suitable brackets.—Over the

door of the main entrance the finish is in the balcony form, with pilasters and heavy trusses. The principal projecting cornice is supported by heavy ornamental brackets, and in the 'Mansard' roof there are two dormer windows, with semicircular heads, on each of the sides. These are ornamented by two scrolls and gilt terminals.

"On the first floor is the main hallway, 11 by 28 feet, a waiting-room 11 by 12 feet, and a large room 41 by 54 feet, which may be used when finished as a school or lecture-room. The height of this storey is 13 feet. The next floor, on which the lodge and other rooms for the use of the brethren are located, is gained by a semi-circular staircase of easy ascent, which starts from the main hallway below. This flat is well planned and laid out, and is divided as follows: First, the lodge-room, 28 by 52 feet, is entered from the stair gallery. The ceiling of this fine room is 17 feet high; is flat immediately above the centre, and finished with a large and finely-moulded 'cove' extending flush with the sides. A hot-air furnace in the cellar supplies warmth, while ample provision is made for ventilation.

"The Tyler's room opens from the stair gallery, as does also the refreshment-room, extending nearly the whole length of the building, and fitted with folding doors in order to make it available for committee and examination rooms at the same time. The upper floor, like the lower, is yet unfinished, but will be very suitable for the purposes of the lodge, and may be used as a school of instruction when needed, or devoted to storing purposes."

At the ordinary meeting of the San Francisco (Masonic) Board of Relief recently held, there being present W. Bros. John F. Snow, No. 1, acting President; P. Bonis, 17; A. D. Carpenter, 22; Robert Gowenlock, 30; Peter Short, 44; John G. Andresen, 127; John Bell, 144; Jerome Spaulding, and J. S. Scott, 169; and the Secretary, Bro. A. C. Waitt.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Orders drawn to reimburse expenditure for the past week. The widow and orphans of a brother, and two brethren, made personal applications, and in each case such action was taken as would meet pressing requirements, after which the board adjourned for a week.

We may here suggest that brethren who have not already done so should certainly attend a few meetings of this body, in order to fully realize its usefulness. It is a perfect "labour of love," and the duties are discharged willingly and in the proper spirit. Although the members of the board have the testimony of their good consciences

as a reward for their labours, it is but a graceful tribute, to give them a call and cheering word as expressive of our appreciation. How glad we should be if we had our own home to which we could send the worthy and necessitous. Perhaps we shall soon have one.—*Masonic Mirror*.

It is frequently the case that brethren serve as Secretaries for a year or two with a view to promotion. A Secretary may make a first-rate Warden or Master, but no Secretary should ever be selected with any such intent. They should be selected for a long service. It is no small matter to become an expert Secretary. Its duties cannot be learned in the schools of patience, drill and experience. Much of the troubles in regard to dues, incorrect records and returns, come from a frequent change of Secretaries. Let them have suitable compensation select brethren qualified; ignore the honors or the plea of service, and let them serve a long time, and the lodge will avoid many difficulties, and prosper accordingly. The very ablest Masters will find themselves sadly crippled with inefficient, inexperienced, or incompetent Secretaries, and not unfrequently mortified and chagrined.—*Cosmopolitan*.

The Excursion of Allegheny, (Pennsylvania,) Commandery, No. 98, Knights Templar to Europe, is assuming much larger proportions than was expected. Applications from Sir Knights in all sections are being made to Sir Knt. E. M. Jenkins, Recorder, for permission to accompany the Allegheny Sir Knights. It was not intended that the Sir Knights shall positively determine upon going until the first of January, but at that time all who intended doing so were to notify the Recorder.

We learn there is quite a number of the Sir Knights who even now have determined upon the trip. Among them we can mention Sir Knights Thos. Palmer, William Hamilton, Jacob Stuckrath, E. M. Jenkins, Rev. J. J. M'Illyar, James A. Sholes, Charles Davis, W. W. Brown, H. Richard Davis, John K. Brown, G. L. Goehring, and we hear of several from Pittsburgh Commandery.

The day of sailing from New York will be June 5th.—*Masonic Mirror*.

The Grand Council of the Royal Arch Masons of Maine, met at Portland, M.P. Grand Master, Gordon R. Garden, presiding. Eleven subordinates were represented. The annual address is very brief. His official acts had been few. He favours a national gathering of Grand Council representatives, with a view to harmonizing differences of work and nomen-

clature. The income was 9,000 dols. The number of Councils is 12, having a membership of 591. An excellent report on correspondence was submitted by Companion J. H. Drummond, in which Iowa receives a very brief notice. From the statistics at the close of this report, we learn that there are 591 Councils reported at work in the United States. The returns of 469 of these are collated, and give a sum total of 22,024 members, and 2,713 dols. receipts. Bro. Drummond also furnishes a valuable and interesting historical summary of the Rite, the main features drawn from available sources. Grand Master Garden, and Grand Recorder Ira Berry (Portland), were both re-elected. The number of those who passed the circle was 54.

A new Masonic Temple was dedicated in the city of Oberlin, Ohio, Nov. 17. An immense number of persons were present, many coming from neighbouring cities. The building cost 50,000 dollars.

Masonry in Michigan is in a very flourishing condition. Three new halls have recently been dedicated. The "Michigan Freemason," published at Kalamazoo, is one of the best Masonic publications in the United States.

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

Sir.—Will you kindly inform me through the medium of the Magazine whether a Junior Warden can legally initiate or pass a candidate; as there is a difference of opinion in our lodge about this. I take the liberty of asking your opinion on the subject.

I am, Sir and Bro.,

Yours fraternally,
BIRRAM.

Carlisle, Jan. 2, 1871.

[He must not assume the master's place for any purpose. In the absence of the W.M., a P.M. of the Lodge, or of an Installed Master, the Lodge could not be properly constituted. If the W.M., being present, were to request his Junior Warden to perform the ceremony of initiation from the J.W. pedestal, the command must be obeyed. In like manner, if the S.W. is commanded by the W.M. to perform either initiation or passing at the S.W. pedestal, the S.W. must obey; but it has never been held that the W.M. could legally direct the S.W. or J.W. to perform the third degree (except for instruction) and raise a candidate; and we are decidedly of opinion that either of the Wardens performing the duties of the W.M., unless by virtue of being a P.M., is highly improper.—Ed. *F.M. & M.M.*]

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

* * All communications to be addressed to the EDITOR, at No. 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, W.C.

THE NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENT.—On the 1st of October the new postal arrangement came into operation, by which the postage of the MAGAZINE is reduced one-half, of which our subscribers will receive the full benefit. In future, those of our subscribers who pay one year in advance will receive the MAGAZINE post-free. The price of the MAGAZINE will thus be reduced from 17s. 4d. to 13s. per annum. Under this arrangement the following be the terms of subscription:—One year, paid in advance, 13s.; six months, 7s. 7d.; single numbers, by post, 3d. We hope that by thus giving the advantage to our subscribers they will, in return, use their best endeavours to increase our circulation, by inducing their friends to become subscribers. Anticipating a large increase in our circulation, arrangements are in progress for special new features in the MAGAZINE.

SCOTLAND.—NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.—The Agency for the Freemasons' Magazine in Scotland is now conducted by Messrs. Strathern and Stirrat, 32, Renfield Street, Glasgow; and any Subscriber not receiving the Magazine as usual, will please notify the fact to the above Firm, or to the Company's Manager, directed to the Office, 19, Salisbury Street, Strand, London, W.C.

MASONIC MEMS.

The second great Masonic ball, (to which the public will be admitted,) will be held at the Town Hall, Preston, (the use of which has been specially granted for the occasion,) on Wednesday, January 11th, 1871, in aid of the Preston and County of Lancaster Royal Infirmary Fund, under the patronage of Bro. The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, K.T. and P.G.M. of England, and numerous other distinguished Freemasons. Brethren are requested to appear in full dress Craft Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office, up to eleven o'clock; and as Royal Arch, Knights Templars, and other degrees, after that hour. Gentlemen holding her Majesty's Commission, and Volunteer Officers, are desired to wear full dress uniforms.

From the *Brighton Herald* we take the following:—The first month of the new year is full of Masonic engagements, several of them being of a festive character. First Tuesday, January 3rd, Royal York Lodge, 315, for business only. Second Thursday, January 12th, Royal Brunswick Lodge, 721, installation meeting and banquet after. On the occasion Bro. Carpenter, the indefatigable Hon. Sec. of the Brighton Flower Show, will be promoted to the high position of W.M.; this event, it is expected will attract a larger number of brethren to congratulate Bro. Carpenter on attaining the reward of several years' Masonic labour. Third Friday, January 20th, the Royal Clarence Lodge will meet, the present W.M. being Bro. Dr. Beard. Third Saturday, January 21st, Yarnborough Lodge, under the presidency of Bro. Edward Turner. The members of the Lodge will banquet together at the close of the Lodge. Fourth Thursday, January 26th, the Royal Sussex Chapter will hold its meeting. On the 4th Wednesday, January 25th, the installation meeting of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held, and Bro. W. Hudson, P.M., 315, P.P.G.D., Sussex, will be installed as W.M. of the Lodge for the year ensuing; Bro. Cook, P.M.,

72, the outgoing W.M., will perform the ceremony of installation. At the close of the Lodge the brethren will adjourn to the Terminus Hotel, Brother Pearson's, to banquet. All the meetings take place at the Royal Pavilion. On Thursday, January 26th, a ball will be held at the Royal Pavilion, under the auspices of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Royal York Lodge, the profits to be given to the funds of one or other of Maronic charities.

An Amateur Dramatic Performance will be given at the Literary Institute, Altrincham, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Wednesday, January 11, 1871. The following noblemen and gentlemen have kindly given their patronage and support:—The Right. Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W. Prov. G. M. Cheshire. George Cornwall Legh, Esq., M.P., D. Prov. G. M., Cheshire. The Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P. Prov. J. G. M., Cheshire. Captain Cope, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. S. G. W. Cheshire, and other distinguished brethren. An opening address written expressly for this occasion, by a member of the Stamford Lodge, will be delivered at seven o'clock.

Craft Masonry.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

METROPOLITAN.

ROBERT BURNS (No. 25).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, January 2nd., present Bros. C. A. Long, W.M.: W. Watson, P.M., as S.W.; T. Arnold, J.W.; Wingham, S.D.; E. W. Long, J.D.; J. W. Powell, I.G.; Welch, P.M., Treasurer; J. Dyte, P.M., Secretary; Dicketts P.M.; Bley and Hartley, P.M.'s; Bros. Griffith, Doody, White, Potter, Newland, Lord, Morris, Webber, Hawkins, Hedger, Fordham and several others. The auditors' report was presented. Bro. Dicketts was appointed Treasurer of the Burns Fund of Benevolence, and two propositions for initiation were made. There being no further business the Lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.

ALTRINCHAM.—Stamford Lodge (No. 1045).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday last, January 2nd. The Lodge was opened in due form, at five o'clock, by Bro. Captain Hardy, W.M., assisted by Bro. James Sudren, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. Siddeley, acting S.W.; J. H. Kirk, J.W.; Robert Heathcott, T.; Richard Newhouse, Secretary; John Siddeley, S.D.; Henry Kenyon, J.D.; Robert Ferguson, I.G.; John Worrington, Tyler, and about thirty other members. The visitors were Bros. The Rev. E. Dakin Garven, M.A., and W.M. Elsmere Lodge, 758, P.G.C., Samuel Lamb, 152; John Cavannagh, 317; T. Evans, I. Sly, William Laxton, W.M.; William Sykes, W.M., 104, St. John's Lodge; John Steer, 758; J. W. Bentley, &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was then taken for Mr. John Woolf, and was in his favour. Ballots were also taken in favour of Bros. The Rev. R. Hodgson, I.P.M., Clinckerby Lodge, 607; and John Ferri, Affability Lodge, 317, after which Mr. John Woolf was regularly initiated by Bro. James Sudren, I.P.M. The working tools were given by Bro. Kirk, J.W. The charge was ably given by Bro. Kirk, J.D. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bro. Edward Hall to the 2nd degree, delivering the charge and giving the working tools. Bro. Ralf Weston, P.M., then took the chair and raised Bro. Thomas Kent to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ancient charge was given by the W.M., Br. John Steer, 758. Bro. Runcorn was proposed as a joining member for next meeting. Hearty good wishes were expressed from several visiting brethren. The W.M. requested the co-ope-

ration of all the brethren and their friends, to help to make the proposed entertainment on the 11th inst. a success, so as to enable the W.M. of the Stamford Lodge to be a Vice-President of the Girl's School, as he now is of the Boys', through the exertions of Bro. James A. Birch, P.M. and P.G.S.D. of Cheshire. The Lodge was closed in harmony at 8 o'clock, and the brethren partook of a sumptuous supper, provided by Bro. Harvey. The W.M. intimated that he had several propositions for next meeting.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

PENRITH.—*Lodge Unanimity*, (No. 339).—The members of the Lodge of Unanimity assembled in the Lodge Room, Penrith, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. C. J. Smith, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the late D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Greaves, after which the W.M. proceeded to appoint the officers as follows:—Bros. J. Graham, S.W.; I. J. Scott, J.W.; T. Lumb, S.D.; J. Kirkbride, J.D.; H. T. Bell, I.G.; T. B. Arnison, Treas.; and W. Kirkbride, Secretary. On the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel to celebrate the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist, where an excellent repast awaited them, provided by Bro. Wagstaff. The W.M. occupied the chair, and the J.W. the vice-chair. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were effectively disposed of, and the brethren spent the evening in a true Masonic manner.

WIGTON.—*St. John's Lodge*, (No. 327).—Monday the 26th ult. was the day on which the festival of St. John was celebrated by the Wigton St. John's Lodge (No. 327) as the anniversary meeting of the brethren at Wigton. The lodge was opened at high twelve, after which Bro. H. R. Dand, S.W., was installed as W.M., by Bro. Hayward, P.M., of Carlisle, in presence of the P.M.'s and W.M. The following officers were also appointed and invested with the jewels of their office:—Bros. Richardson, Treas.; Sheffield, Sec.; Hewitson, S.W.; Shannon, J.W.; J. Graham, S.D.; Bowman, J.D.; McMechan, I.G.; Martin, O.G. After the transaction of the business, the brethren and visitors to the number of about twenty-two, sat down to dinner, which was prepared by Bro. and Mrs. Martin, of the Lion and Lamb, in a style which called forth the unanimous approval of the guests. The chair was taken by Bro. Lemon, P.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. McNaughtan, P.M. On the right and left of the chairman sat Bros. Dand, W.M.; McMechan, I.G.; Sheffield Secretary. The vice-chairman was supported by Bros. Shannon, Jones, &c. Among the Past Masters present were Bros. Lemon, Dugdale, Richardson, McNaughtan, Halifax, Joseph Pearson, John Gate, Hayward, and Johnston. All the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and worthily received, and a few hours were very agreeably spent, the company breaking up at about ten o'clock. In recording the above event, it may not be out of place to name that the Wigton St. John's Lodge stands in a prominent position amongst the lodges in the north. The late Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of Lancashire, Bro. S. Blair, was initiated here, and the late Bro. Sir James Graham took one of his degrees, as did also his brother, the late Captain Graham. The oldest Mason in the two counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland (Bro. John Pearson) is a member of this lodge—the father of it indeed—and the lodges in the province have had his portrait engraved, and a copy framed and hung up in each lodge.

CARLISLE.—*Union Lodge*, (No. 310).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on the 27th ultimo, at their hall for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m., by Bro. Porter, I.P.M., of the Concord Lodge 243, Preston, assisted by Bros. Murchie and Gibson, the Wardens. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. James Cook, of Carlisle was then initiated, the ceremony being performed in a most exemplary manner by the W.M. pro. tem. The Installing Master then taking the chair, Bro. John Slack, the W. M. elect was presented by Bros. Crockett and Blacklock, P.M.'s, for installation, and the three degrees proclaimed in the usual manner by Bro. F. W. Hayward, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. Slack was inducted to the chair. He then proceeded to elect his officers as follows:—Bros. F. W. Hayward, I.P.M.; Gibson, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; W. B. Scraggs, Sec., Court S.D., and

Treas.; Metcalf, J.D.; Harrison, I.G.; and Barnes, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided at the Lion and Lamb, and a good muster sat down to dinner, including Bros. Porter and Banning, W.M. elect, Preston, and other visitors, in all numbering upwards of thirty. The chair was taken by Bro. Slack, supported on the right by Bro. Iredale, P. D. Prov. G.M.; on the left by Bro. Crockett, P.M., and the W.M. of the Wigton Lodge, Cumberland, and faced by the S.W., elect. After the usual loyal and masonic toasts had been given and responded to, the chairman proposed the health in very flattering terms of Bro. F. W. Hayward, I.P.M., and in the course of his remarks, testified to his invariable painstaking and hearty manner of performing the duties of the lodge for the past year, which was responded to very heartily by the brethren present. The health of the visiting brethren was then given, and responded to by Bro. Porter. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the chairman, of whom he spoke in the highest terms as a man, and a Mason, concluding his remarks by saying he was the right man in the right place, and wishing him a happy and successful year, and impressing upon the members, and officers in particular, the necessity for attending punctually to their duties, and thus by their attention and attendance supporting the Master. The chairman in his response, said that nothing gave him so much pleasure as his lodge duties, for he really had Masonry at heart, and the Union Lodge in particular. Unless sickness, or some unavoidable cause prevented, they would always find him at his post, and at all times ready and willing to offer instruction and advice when he possibly could be of service to the Craft. "The officers of the lodge." "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings on record in the annals of the Union Lodge 310.

DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 710).—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Thursday, Dec. 8th. The officers present were Bro. W. Cumming, W.M.; A. B. Niner, S.W.; J. Heath, P.M., as J.W.; Presswell, Sec.; R. Watson, Treas.; Dr. Hopkins, as I.P.M.; Fowls, J.D.; Taylor, Organist; Colden, I.G.; Crocker, Tyler. There was no business, except the opening and closing of the Lodge, the confirmation of the minutes, and the proposition of a candidate for initiation.

TORQUAY.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 323).—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 27th, to celebrate the Festival of St. John, and to install the W.M. for the ensuing year. Very soon after 4 p.m., the Lodge was opened by Bro. G. Glanfield, W.M., in the presence of Bros. Rev. R. Bowden, Chaplain; Harland, as I.P.M.; T. Oliver, S.W.; D. Watson, J.W.; J. Paul, J.D.; Perry, as Secretary; T. Morgan, Organist; Richardson, as I.G.; as visitors, Bros. A. W. Ramsden, P.G.A.P. for West Yorkshire and P.M. 439; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, P.M. 43 and 958, &c.; A. B. Niner, S.W., 710; J. Simms, 313; W. McLean, 248; and many members of the Lodge. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. The W.M. announced that he had invited Bro. Dr. Hopkins, of Totnes, to perform the chief duty of the evening, who had complied with his request, and he was present for the purpose. He then left the chair, which was taken by the Installing Master, and presented Bro. T. Oliver, as having been elected his successor. The preliminary proceedings having been transacted in the customary forms, including assent by the W.M. Elect to the ancient charges, Bro. Glanfield again took the chair, and opened the Lodge in the third degree. The Installing Master resumed his place, and having requested all who who were not P.M.'s to retire, a Board of Installed Masters was formally opened, consisting of Bros. Glanfield, Rev. R. Bowden, Harland, Dr. Smith, Ramsden, and Dr. Hopkins. This having been completed, Bro. T. Oliver, W.M. Elect, was summoned within the Lodge, obligated, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. The Board was then closed in due form. On the return of the Brethren, after the usual processions, salutations and greeting under the direction of the Installing Master, and the performance of the remainder of the prescribed ceremonial, the following were appointed and invested in the several offices:—Bro. Glanfield, I.P.M.; D. Watson, S.W.; J. Paul, J.W.; Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., Chaplain; Harland, P.M., Secretary; T. Perry, S.D. and Treasurer; W. G. Folland, J.D.; J. Greenfield, P.M., Director

of Ceremonies; T. Morgan, Organist; W. Hearder and W. Davy, Stewards; J. C. Parker, I.G.; Chennuer, Tyler. The Installing Master concluded the proceedings by delivering addresses to the I.P.M., the W.M., the Wardens, and the members of the Lodge, including in the first of these the Masonic application of the 47th Proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid, which is the distinctive jewel of the office. On the proposition of the I.P.M., seconded by the Chaplain, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for his services, to which he made a suitable reply. The Lodge having, in the course of the ceremonies, been previously closed in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, it was finally closed by the new W.M. at a-quarter to six. The Brethren then adjourned, and re-assembled in half-an-hour to partake of a liberal banquet, which was admirably prepared, and served in the rooms of the Lodge by Bro. Gibbons, one of the members, who was much complimented on his success. The usual toasts were duly honoured, many excellent songs were given, and not the least agreeable part of the proceedings was the narration by many present of some of their Masonic experiences, a considerable number of which conveyed instruction as well as amusement. Mutual congratulations passed round, on an announcement from the chair that during the last week arrangements had been legally completed by which the Lodge had come into full possession of the Masonic Hall, which had at one time appeared to be in some danger. There is now only a moderate mortgage upon it, which will within a reasonable time be paid by the sum annually accruing from letting a portion of the premises, and thus there will afterwards be a good income from this source, independently of the subscriptions of the members. This favourable state of affairs has already enabled the Brethren to make many embellishments and substantial improvements in the Lodge rooms, adding greatly to their comfort. The meeting broke up about eleven o'clock.

POWEY.—*Fowey Lodge*, (No. 677).—On Monday, 2nd inst., the brethren of this lodge assembled at their rooms, situated in Church-street, Powey, to perform the business connected with the monthly meeting, to instal the Master, and to celebrate the festival of St. John. The lodge was duly opened at 1.30 p.m., by Bro. W. Hicks, W.M.; a candidate was initiated into the degree of Entered Apprentice; and a brother passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Truscott, was ably installed by Bro. J. D. Hawkesley, P.M., P. Prov. G.C., assisted by Bro. Dr. Treffry, P.M., and Bro. Col. Peard, P.M., P. Prov. O.. The W.M. then invested as his officers:—Bro. W. Hicks, I.P.M.; Bro. J. Slade, S.W.; Bro. W. N. Abbott, J.W.; Bro. H. W. Durant, Treasurer and Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund; Bro. W. Tonkin, Sec.; Bro. J. Wellington, D.C.; Bro. Greet, S.D.; Bro. Nurse, J.D.; Bros. Beale and Rescorl, Stewards; Bro. Couch, I.G.; Bro. J. Pain, Tyler. At 4 p.m., the lodge adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Nurse, in his usual good style, at the Ship Hotel. The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right and left by six Past Masters. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bro. Hawkesley, P.M., P. Prov. G.C., and Bro. Elliott, from "St. Andrews;" Bro. P. Giles, W.M., and G. Dyke, J.W., from "Peace and Harmony," &c., &c. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm, and some telling speeches were made in responding, when, after a truly agreeable afternoon, the lodge was closed about 8 p.m.

STONEHOUSE.—*Lodge Sincerity*, (No. 189).—This lodge held its annual banquet at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, on Tuesday 30th inst., and about thirty brethren sat down to an excellent dinner. In the necessary absence of Bro. Capt. Shanks, R.M., the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Balkwill, I.P.M., presided, and was supported on his right by the V.W., Bro. Metham, D.P.G.M., and on his left by V.W., Bro. R. R. Rodd, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., of Cornwall; Bro. Roberts, S.W., acted as vice-chairman. A pleasant evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk with enthusiasm.

TEIGNMOUTH.—*Benevolent Lodge*, (No. 303).—The anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, January 2nd., when the lodge was duly opened by Bro. G. N. Burdon, W.M., at 4.15, assisted by Bros. Hallett, S.W.; Coles, J.W.; H. M. Bartlett, I.P.M.; Short, S.D.; Perry, as J.D.; Tomes, Sec.; Haggerty, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Capt. Walrond, P.M. and P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. J. Paul, P.M., and P. Prov. J.G.W.; many members of the lodge, and Bros. Henry Bartlett, 710, and P. Prov. G.D.C.; Dr. Hopkins, 710, P.M., 48, and 958,

and P. Prov. S.G.W., for Warwickshire, with one or two others as visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for a candidate, which proved unanimous in his favour. Mr. John Cox was then introduced properly prepared, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, by the W.M., who promised to complete the proceedings by giving the charge and lecture on the tracing-board at a Lodge of Emergency, to be held on an early day, as well as to confer the second degree on several candidates to whom it is due. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and the chair was taken by Bro. Capt. Walrond, who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Burdon was presented by the I.P.M., as having been elected to preside over the lodge during the second year, an honour fully merited by his great exertions and by the success which had attended his efforts, not only for the careful administration of the ceremonies, in which he had been well supported by his officers, but for the increase in the number of members, the trouble he had taken in the embellishment and increased comfort of the hall, which has been greatly improved during the last year, and the very satisfactory condition of the finances. The preliminary proceedings having been completed, the lodge was opened in the third degree, the brethren below the chair were dismissed, a board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Burdon was again inducted into his office of W.M. On the re-admission of the brethren the customary processions, salutations, and addresses took place under the control of the Installing Master, who well merits a compliment on the efficiency with which he for the first time conducted this important ceremony. The business was brought to a close at 5.30. In the course of the proceedings the following appointments to office for the ensuing year were made. Bros. H. M. Bartlett, I.P.M.; Hallett, S.W.; Short, J.W.; Tomes, Sec.; Whidburne, Treas.; Roach, S.D.; Collins, J.D.; Coles and Loram, Stewards; Perryman, I.G.; Haggerty, Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, which was prepared, with his usual care and liberality, by Bro. W. M. Bartlett, the host. After the customary masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, with permission of the W.M., introduced that of the Masonic Press; and, as many young Masons were present, enlarged on its importance, urging them to avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining the knowledge which is open to them, by perusal of the standard works and current literature of the Order, and recommending to the lodge a systematic encouragement of the adoption of these means of diffusing information. In the latter part of the evening some excellent songs were given, and almost all who were present, in this way contributed to the enjoyment of the party. The proceedings were brought to a satisfactory termination, and the brethren dispersed before 11 o'clock.

PLYMOUTH.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 70) and *The St. John's Lodge* (No. 1247).—A meeting of these Lodges was held on the 27th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, for the purpose of installing their respective W.M.'s for 1871—Bro. R. M. Andrews for Lodge 70, and Bro. R. P. Culley for Lodge 1247. The Installing Master was V. W. Bro. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C., assisted by the P.M.'s present. At the close of the installations the V. Bro. Andrews appointed the following brethren as the officers of Lodge 70 for the ensuing year:—V. Bro. L. D. Westcott, I.P.M.; V.W. Bros. I. Watts, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treasurer; V.W. J. B. Gover, P.M., P.M., P.P.G.; A.D.C., Secretary; Bros. O. Knowsley, S.W.; J. Wainwright, J.W.; E. Crook, S.D.; O. Stribling, J.D.; H. Bowman, I.G.; W. H. Thomas, D.C.; H. B. Northcott, A.D.C.; W. F. Windett, Organist; R. Pengelley, S.S.; W. Harris, J.S.; T. Smith, Tyler. The V. Bro. Culley appointed as officers for Lodge 1247 the following:—Bro. W. J. Bennett, I.P.M. and Treasurer; W. J. B. Gover, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Secretary; P. Skelton, S.W.; J. H. Keats, J.W.; W. H. Browning, S.D.; W. F. Windett, J.D.; S. Davey, I.G.; C. H. Treherne, D.C.; J. P. Elliott, A.D.C.; G. Cassell, S.S.; J. R. Lord, J.S.; T. Smith, Tyler. At six o'clock the brethren of Lodge St. John (No. 70), together with a number of visitors, dined at the Globe Hotel, when a sumptuous dinner was put on the table in Bro. Watt's usual good style. After dinner the various Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and the harmony was greatly enhanced by the really capital songs of several of the brethren, Bro. Windett presiding at the pianoforte. During the evening the Immediate P.M., Bro. L. D. Westcott, was presented by the V.W. Bro. I. Watts, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, with

a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, on his retiring from the chair of St. John's Lodge (No. 70), to mark their fraternal appreciation of his services therein. In addition to the officers of the Lodge the following brethren were present:—The V.W., J. J. Hambly, P.M., P.P.G.D.; V. W. Dupre, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; V.W. F. P. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.S. Works; V.W. T. B. Harvey, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; V.W. W. K. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; V.W. C. H. Law, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. Bros. R. P. Culley, W.M., 1247; J. Richards, P.M., 70; J. Bennett, P.M., 1247; J. Ferris, P.M., 70; J. Williams, P.M., 77; E. A. Davies, W.M., 1099; V. Bird, P.M., 954; Bros. Chabrol, 105; G. Elliott, Medlen, J. J. Collings, J. H. Keats, J. W., 1247; T. Cuming, E. Steward, R. J. Steward, S. Cottle, J. Gullett, James Rendle, Vernon, Farthing, Bowden, Holloway, Hoskin, P. T. Skelton, S.W., 1247; Husson, Anthony, J.W., 105. Kerkin, &c.

LISKEARD.—*St. Martin's Lodge*, (No. 510).—On the 27th ult, the brethren of the Lodge assembled to celebrate their annual festival. Brother S. Secombe presided, and was assisted in his Masonic labours by Bro. Lang, who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Skin, in the chair. Brother Skin then appointed the following as his officers for the year ensuing:—Bro. S. Secombe, I.P.M.; N. A. Courtney, S. W.; T. White, J. W.; J. Clymo, Treasurer; T. Lang, Secretary; J. Sobey, S.D.; N. Martin, J. D.; J. H. Botterell, I.G.; J. George and J. Hodges, Stewards; R. Penwarden, Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Venning, who catered in his usual liberal manner. After the customary loyal and Masonic toasts had been received and responded to, a pleasant evening was spent.

CALLINGTON.—*Loyal Lodge Victoria*, (No. 557).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at their lodge-room, Bull's Head Inn, Callington, on the 27th ult. The W.M. elect, Br. G. Crabb, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by the Installing Master, Br. Pearce, P.M. and P.P.J.G.D. assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Mason, P.P.S.G.W., Steele and Coward. The W.M. then appointed the following Brethren to be his officers, viz. : Bros. J. Harris, S.W.; G. Bale, J.W.; Pearce, P.M. Treasurer; Williams, Secretary; Turner, S.D.; Br. Richards, J.D.; Br. Cornish, I.G.; and Br. Honwood, Tyler. Br. Mason was appointed Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. At the conclusion of the business the Brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by their worthy host Mr. Brown. After the customary loyal and masonic toasts had been given and responded to, Br. Kempthorne, P.M. and P.P.J.G.W., on behalf of the lodge, presented to Br. Pearce a handsome silver claret jug, which had been selected from the stock of Bro. Williams, and bore the following inscription:—“Presented by the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington, to Bro. C. T. Pearce, P.M., in recognition of his services for a period of 15 years, 27th December, 1870.” To which Bro. Pearce made a suitable acknowledgment. The meeting afterwards became convivial, and a pleasant evening was spent.

ISLE OF MAN.

It has often been used as a word of reproach to the craft in Douglas that they have been too much divided, and that the lodges (the Athol, 1004, and the Tynwald, 1242) have not worked together in that spirit of harmonious concord by which they ought to have been animated. Happily that reproach has now passed away, and the good feeling and masonic unity engendered by the course adopted by both lodges on the occasion of the installation of the Worshipful Masters elect will go far to strengthen and encourage the daily increasing respect and admiration which masonry is earning for itself in Douglas. The decision on the part of the lodges to have a joint banquet, and the result which that banquet has brought about, cannot fail to be in the highest degree gratifying, not only to the brethren of the “mystic tie,” but also to every person who enjoys a little rational pleasure, and has a desire to benefit the cause of charity. But of this anon. The brethren of the Athol Lodge met at one o'clock on Wednesday, Dec. 21, when a recently-initiated brother was passed to the second degree. This ceremony completed, the lodge adjourned till four o'clock, in order to enable the members to be present at the installation ceremonies of the Tynwald Lodge, 1242, which assembled at two o'clock in the Masonic Rooms, St. James' Hall, Athol-street.

The routine business having been transacted, Bro. John A. Brown, past S.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. G. M. Lofthouse, P.M.; the board of installing past-masters also comprising Bros. Harwood, Tibbitts, and Tuton. After the ceremony, the new W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bro. Joseph Johnson, S.W.; Bro. John Quinney, J.W.; Bro. Harwood, P.M.; Bro. Tibbitts, P.M., treasurer; Bro. W. L. Clarke, Secretary; Bro. Cowley, S.D.; and Bro. Thos. Fairhurst, Tyler. After an eloquent and impressive address from Bro. Lofthouse (the installing master), the lodge was closed down, and the proceedings of the Tynwald lodge were brought to a harmonious end. At four o'clock the brethren of 1004 re-assembled in their lodge room, when Brother Samuel Webb, S.W. was duly installed W.M. of the Athole lodge for the ensuing year, the installing master being Bro. H. P. Mayle, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers thus:—Bro. Thos. Handley, S.W.; Bro. George Heron, J.W.; Bro. Tuton, P.M.; Bro. G. M. Lofthouse, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Lambert, Secretary; Bro. G. H. Wood, S.D.; Bro. John Berrill, J.D.; and Bro. J. G. Quine, I.G. A massive gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Tuton, by the members of the Athole Lodge, in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year. After an impressive address from the installing master, a joint banquet of the two lodges took place in the Athole lodge room at Bro. Mayle's, Douglas Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. Samuel Webb in the W.M. of the mother lodge; and the vice-chair by Bro. John A. Brown, as the W.M. of the junior lodge. The chairman was supported on his right and left by Bro. P. M. Tuton and Bro. Lees; and the vice-chairman by Bro. P. M. Harwood and Bro. Clarke. The catering was everything that could be desired, and great credit is really due to Bro. Mayle and Mrs. Mayle for the excellent and substantial repast provided, to which we need hardly add the brethren assembled did ample justice. The usual loyal, masonic, and patriotic toasts were proposed from the chair and vice-chair alternately, and responded to. An interesting discussion afterwards took place upon the subject of a masonic ball, which will be held within the next eight or ten weeks, the profits thereof to be handed over to one or more of the deserving local charities. A general expression favourable to the proposal was elicited from the brethren, and it was resolved that it should take place within the time stated, and that the price, including refreshments, should not exceed 7s. 6d. The preliminary arrangement were committed to the care of Bro. Joseph Lees, Bro. James Brown, and Bro. John Quine, by whom we feel sure they will be efficiently carried out. We shall have something more to say on the subject in the course of a week or two.

The *St. Maughold Lodge*, Ramsey, celebrated the Festival of St. John and installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. H. P. Webb, at the Masonic Rooms, Ramsey, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, the installing officer being Bro. Elwood Tibbitts, 187, P.M., 1242, Douglas. After the W.M. had appointed his officers the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where they partook of an excellent banquet, which reflected the highest credit on the hostess, Miss Mylrae. During the evening Bro. A. Dumbell, P.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. the Rev. W. Kermode, with a very handsome gold past master's jewel, as a token of the high esteem of the brethren. We are glad to learn this lodge is in a very flourishing condition. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—Bro. Rev. W. Kermode, I.P.M. and Chaplain; Bro. E. M. Taubman, S.W.; Bro. W. Cannall, J.W.; Bro. W. L. Wild, Sec.; Bro. D. Miller, Treas.; Bro. T. Allen, S.D.; Bro. J. Hannay, J.D.; Bro. W. H. Rowe, I.G.; and Bro. T. Voudy, Tyler.—*Isle of Man Times*

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WOOLWICH.—*Nelson Lodge*, (No. 700).—The brethren of this lodge met on Wednesday, 21st ult. The chair was occupied by Bros. W. D. May, W.M.; W. Graham, S.W.; S. C. Norman, J.W.; Henderson, Sec.; C. Hobson, S.D.; Ingle, J.D.; Richey, I.G.; Crawford, Treas.; and Alison, Tyler. Mr. W. A. Chambers was initiated. Bros. Dorey and Miller were passed, and Bros. Lasse, Ward, and Dibblin, were passed to the degree of Master Masons. The sum of one pound was voted for the local Bread and Soup Society. Mr. Lovelock, of Shooter's Hill, was proposed as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Biddie, of the Pattison Lodge, 913, was also proposed as a joining member.

LANCASHIRE (WEST.)

LANCASTER.—LODGE OF FORTITUDE (No. 281).—Installation Meeting.—The regular meeting of this old established and prosperous Lodge, for the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist and Installation of the W.M., was held on Thursday, December 27th, at the Masonic Rooms Athenæum. There were present Bros. John Hatch, W.M.; Edward Storey, I.P.M.; C. Hartley, S.W.; John Harrison, as J.W.; Edmund Simpson; P.M., Sec.; W. Heald, S.D.; W. Heming, J.D.; W. Hall, I.G.; Watson and Keeley, Tylers; J. Daniel Moore, M.D., the W.M. Elect; N. G. Mercer, W.M., 1061; Kelland, P.M.; King, P.M.; E. Airey, J. Beesley, R. P. Bateson, J. Budd, W. Bulfield, J. Dale, J. Dickinson, W. J. Sly, J. Stanley, J. Tilly, R. Taylor, &c. The Lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed and other business transacted. Bro. Edward Storey, I.P.M., proposed that a vote of thanks be awarded to the retiring W.M. Bro. Hatch, for his active services during the past year. This was seconded by Bro. King, P.M., and carried by acclamation. The Lodge was opened, in the 2nd degree; the W.M. Elect, Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W., was presented by the immediate P.M., Bro. E. Storey, to receive the benefit of installation. The Qualifications were recited and ancient charges and regulations read and agreed to, when the ceremony was proceeded with, and in a Board of Installed Masters Bro. Moore was for the third time placed in the chair of K.S., the important duties of the Installing Officer being ably and effectively rendered by the W.M., Bro. Hatch. The regular proclamation, salutes, and greetings were then given, and the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—W. Bro. John Hatch, I.P.M., Bros. William Hall, S.W.; W. Fleming, J.W.; James Hatch, P.M., Treas.; Edmund Simpson, P.M., Sec.; Edward Airey, S.D.; William J. Sly, J.D.; John Harrison, I.G.; J. Watson, Tyler; R. Taylor and H. Sumner, Stewards. The charges were delivered to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren by the Installing Officer, and the W.M. commenced the duties of his year of office by delivering a short address on "The Tassels of the Lodge," which we have given in another page of the Magazine. The great attention paid and the unanimous vote of thanks awarded to the W.M., at the conclusion of the address, amply testified that it had been much appreciated by the brethren. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned, and to the number of about thirty-six, assembled at the hotel of Bro. Sly, where a banquet was provided worthy of the occasion, to which they did ample justice, and after the cloth was drawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, those to the health and prosperity of the W.M. and I.P.M. being especially received with enthusiasm.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—Isca Lodge, (No. 683).—Bro. R. J. Chambers, has been re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and he will invest his new office, &c., on the 18th inst. The banquet will take place at the King's Head Hotel, the same evening at 5 o'clock.

TREDEGAR.—St. George's Lodge, (No. 1093).—Bro. J. Phillips, S.W., has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and he will be installed on the 12th inst. The banquet is to take place at Bro. Spencer's, The Castle Hotel, the same evening, at 4 p.m.

SOUTH WALES. (EASTERN DIVISION).

CARDIFF.—Bute Lodge, (No. 960).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Consulate Chambers, Bute Docks, on Friday, 30th ult. The lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock, by the W.M., Bro. Fred Ware, Prov. G. Reg., who, after initiating one gentleman into the order, proceeded to instal, as his successor, Bro. James Hurman, the W.M. elect, who afterwards invested as his officers for the ensuing year, Bros. S. Weichert, S.W.; T. C. Shelper, J.W.; W. H. Martin, P.M., Treas.; F. C. Beddoes, Sec.; Rev. N. Jacobs, Chap.; A. W. Sergeant, S.D.; J. Tamplin, J.D.; W. H. Davies, D.C.; F. Atkins, Org.; T. W. Jacobs, I.G.; and William Davies, O.G. There was a very large and influential attendance of brethren from all parts of the province, and great satisfaction was expressed at the admirable manner in which the ceremonies were performed, and all the lodge arrangements carried out. At five o'clock the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by the manager, Brother Tissot. About 60 sat down, under the presidency of the W.M., who was

supported by Bros. D. Roberts, P.M., 36; J. Middleton, Prov. G.S.W.; Mon.; W. Pickford, Prov. G. Treas., Mon.; H. Grattle, W.M., 471, Newport; G. Robertson, W.M., 36; F. Marwood, P.M., 291; and P.M.'s Ware, Martin, John Willans, Bell, Bird, and W. Willans, Bute Lodge, 960. A long toast list was gone through, as also was a select musical programme, during the evening.

SCOTLAND.

THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S CHAPEL)—No. 1.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. WILLIAM OFFICER, S.S.C.

The brethren of the ancient Scottish Metropolitan Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, in the lodge-room, Waterloo Hotel, on the 27th of December. There was a large gathering of influential brethren—more than ordinary interest being attached to the communication from the circumstance that the retiring R.W.M. was in the course of the evening to be presented with a testimonial for the eminent services rendered by him to the Lodge during his six years' tenure of office. Bro. W. J. Cranfield Abbott, merchant, Leith, was unanimously elected to the chair as successor to Bro. William Officer, S.S.C. Amongst other business transacted after the installation of the new office-bearers, was the honorary affiliation of that eminent craftsman and Masonic literati, Br. David Murray Lyon, of Ayr who is at present engaged in writing a history of the Lodge's Brother Lyon was highly complimented by the Brethren.

The Lodge then adjourned to the banquetting-hall and sat down to a sumptuous dinner. The chair was filled by the R.W.M., who was supported on the right by Bro. Officer; Br. D. Murray Lyon, Proxy Master for the Lodge Scarborough, Island of Tobago; Br. F. S. Melville, Past Depute Master; and Br. Thomas Swinton, Substitute Master; on the left, by Past Master William Mann, Senior Grand Warden; Br. James Ballantine, Grand Bard; Bro. Owen Gough, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales; and the Rev. F. Rowbottom, of St. James's Church. The crooners were Bros. W. G. Roy, Senior Warden, and Dr. Lillburn, Junior Warden. Apologies were read from the Substitute Grand Master, Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Esquire; the Lord Rosehill, Depute Master of the Lodge; Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, Junior Grand Warden, and Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire; Col. Guthrie of Carlogie, and some other eminent brethren.

At the conclusion of the dinner the R.W.M. gave in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Scottish Craft, and a Member of the Lodge of Edinburgh"; "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, coupled with the names of their respective Grand Masters, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, the Duke of Leinster, and the Earl of Rosslyn," all of which toasts were neatly introduced and responded to with enthusiasm, as was also in a special manner that of "The Earl of Dalhousie, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

In proposing "The Health of the Retiring R.W.M.," Bro. Mann passed a high eulogium upon Brother Officer, whose Masonic enthusiasm and industry in the discharge of the Master-ship had been fruitful of results tending to the honour and prosperity of the Lodge in a measure which had excited the surprise as well as the high gratification of its sons. In looking back he (Bro. Mann) was astonished at what had been done by the Lodge during the six years of Brother Officer's reign. Two hundred new brethren had been admitted, many of whom, now scattered over the globe, were at this moment remembering with fraternal feelings the happy evenings they had spent in Mary's Chapel. After further referring to Bro. Officer's devotion to his mother Lodge, and to his success in its management, the speaker begged his acceptance of the testimonial which the Brethren had resolved to present to him on the occasion of his retirement from the chair, in token of their respect for him and their high appreciation of the distinguished services he had rendered to the Lodge of Edinburgh and to the Craft.

The testimonial, which was much admired, comprises a magnificent silver epérgue, after an original design, the figures on which were modelled by Gourley Steel, Esq., Royal Scottish Academician, and three other pieces of silver plate. The whole articles were manufactured by Messrs. Mackay,

Cunningham, and Co., Jewellers to Her Majesty, Princes Street, Edinburgh, and were supplied by the Jeweller of the Lodge, Bro. Francis L. Law.

The applause which followed Bro. Mann's remarks having subsided, Bro. Officer said he accepted the gift with the profoundest gratitude, as an expression of the friendly sentiments of the brethren, and their approval of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the honourable office to which they had so often elected him. He thanked them for their magnificent gift, and for their fraternal indulgence and cordial support during his occupancy of the chair. His long connection with the lodge had not afforded a mere evanescent pleasure, for within the radius of its membership he had enjoyed the friendship of many with whom it was alike an honour and a privilege to be associated; and though not resigning the trust that had been reposed in him, his best services would ever be at the command of the lodge.

At this stage of the proceedings, the following Song, written for the occasion by Bro. James Ballantine, Grand Bard, was most effectively sung by the Senior Warden:—

Be honest and be gentle; be kindly and be true;
And help your humble brethren aye this life to warstle through;
And gin through life ye ope your hearts to Charity and Love,
You'll find yourselves aye nearer drawn to Him wha reigns above.

True gentleness and kindliness this night we honour here,
Our worthy Master, OFFICER, wha's deeds hae made him dear;
'Mong a' the Mason Craft throughout, his fame is far and wide,
And 'neath his sway St. Mary's Lodge was every Mason's pride.
Since David, Scotland's saintly king, brought foreign Masons
o'er

To build fair Holyrood, that aye has been Edin's glorie,
The Masters o' St. Mary's Lodge hae ever led the van
In teaching art, and harmony, and brotherhood to man.

Then Schaw* and Milnes for centuries, through seven monarch's
reigns,

Our Masters aye, wi' gems o' art, graced Scotland's hills and
plains;

And Earls and Knights have joined our ranks wha fought for
Scotland's weal;

Our Country, 'mid her trials, aye found Mary' Chapel leal.

And lo! behold! what gallant chieftains, 'neath OFFICER's kind
reign,

Duke Rothesay† and five noblemen, are numbered in our train.
To say nought of the humble bards, like gude Torsoune and me,
Wha do our best to win your love, and share your festive glee.

A bumper fill for OFFICER, Past Master, and fast friend,
May he be lang, lang, spared wi' us, sic joyous nights to spend,
And when kind Providence is pleased, us frae this life to free,
May we a' meet in harmony around the throne on hie.

GLASGOW—ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

CONSECRATION OF NEW HALL.

The new Masonic Hall in Buchanan Street, just completed for the Lodge of Glasgow, St. John 3 bis, was last week consecrated by the R.W. Bro. F. A. Barrow, Prov. G.M. Depute assisted by other office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In a recent impression we referred to the pleasant circumstances under which the members of the St. John Lodge now enter upon possession

* William Schaw, the King's Master of Works, signed the first Minute extant of Mary's Chapel in 1598, and the Milnes, who succeeded him as Masters of Works during the reigns of seven Monarchs, were all Masters of the same lodge.

† During the six years that Brother Officer has been Master of the Lodge Mary's Chapel, there have been affiliated—His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Duke of Rothesay, as also Lords Dalhousie, Haddington, Zetland, Roschill, and Lindsay. The Duke of Leinster has also accepted Honorary Affiliation.

Several toasts in addition to those mentioned having been given and responded to, this interesting communication was concluded in the most harmonious and fraternal manner. The Craft in general, to whom Bro. Officer is favourably known as as one of the most able and influential office-bearers in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, will read with the highest satisfaction the preceding report, as containing a record of the estimation in which Bro. Officer's Masonic worth is held by those who are best able to appreciate it.

of their new premises in Buchanan Street, and also to the leading decorative and other features of the hall. We may only now state that the movement brought to such an auspicious issue has been greatly promoted by the zeal and well-directed energy of R.W.M. John Baird, to whom the lodge is much indebted for this and other important duties.

There was a large turn-out of the brethren yesterday, who all appeared in full dress. The R.W. Bro. F. A. Barrow, P.G.M. Depute, took the chair, supported by the following members of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—P.G.M. Substitute, Bro. James Steel; V.W.P.G. Chap., Rev. Dr. G. S. Burns; P.G. Treas., J. B. Walker; P.G. Sec., A. M'Taggart; Bros. Donald Campbell, P. Dep. Prov. G.M., as Prov. G.S.W.; James Wallace, Prov. J.G.D., as Prov. J.G.W.; Craig, P.G.B.B.; Alexander, P.G. Jeweller; and James Cruikshanks, Past P.D.P.G.M. The office-bearers of St. John's Lodge were R.W.G., John Baird; D.M., James M'Millan; Past R.W.M., Gavin Park; William Kyle, jun., S.W.; Thomas Fletcher, J.W.; Rev. Alexander Guthrie, Chap.; David S. Henderson Jeweller; James Hamilton, Architect; R. D. Samuels, Treasurer; T. J. Smillie, Sec.; J. Dicks, S.D.; and James Kyle, J.D. Amongst the visiting brethren were the following:—Bro. D. Murray Lyon, St. Paul's, Ayr, and also representing the Lodge Scarborough, Tobago, West Indies; R.W.M., Halkett, St. Mark's; R.W.M., James Miller, Lodge Athole; Langley, St. Mark's; and Bro. Alexander Gladstone, jun., St. Mark's.

The P.G.M. Depute having opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, prayer was engaged in. Thereafter,

The Very Worshipful Provincial Grand Chaplain (Rev. Dr. G.S. Burns) delivered the oration as follows:—Brethren—Before saying anything with regard to the more solemn aspects of our proceedings, let me congratulate the Lodge St. John on the beautiful hall, which we are now about to consecrate. I think it is highly creditable to the lodge to have provided themselves with such accommodation, and I am sure that here they will have many pleasant meetings. This is a very happy time, brethren, that you have chosen for the consecration of this hall—a time when one of the great principles of our order is very apparent in the intercourse of society. This is the season of goodwill, of happy and cordial greetings—the time pre-eminently set apart, we may say, for kindness and the interchange of friendly offices, which certainly form one of the distinguishing features of our venerable Craft. Masonry inculcates upon its members large-hearted charity. It requires that in our intercourse with the world we should live out those principles of love; and certainly there is no season of the year in which we may more fitly give expression to our feelings of benevolence and all the principles of our craft than in this dreary time of mid-winter. Very frequent are the visitations of sickness and death, but they come with special frequency at the fall of the year. Poverty, too, tightens its grasp often with the cold, and so we find many of our brethren not only obliged to combat with the storms of winter but also to battle with sore disease and want. Let us then brethren in the spirit of our craft, seek to extend to poorer brethren our sympathies, and let us, so far as we can, minister to their wants—so shall we make our craft a power felt in the world, and felt, too, at our very doors. Let me recall to you also, right worshipful sir and brethren, the high tone of morality which is inculcated by Freemasonry. Let us remember that it is required of us not only to have loving hearts but also to live pure and honourable lives. Never perhaps in the history of the world was there greater need for this than at the present time. We see a nation on the Continent being punished for its crimes, for God always does punish according to law; and however much we may differ as to the propriety of the war which is now raging on the Continent, I think we can have no hesitation in affirming that it is through the vices of France that France is now receiving the judgments of heaven. Unquestionably, Parisian society had become vitiated to a degree which it is perhaps impossible for us in this country adequately to realise. Where you find vice you always find weakness; and where you find vice and pleasure reduced, as in France, to a science, you may be sure that the avenging hand of Heaven will fall upon those who are thus blameworthy. It is for us, then, brethren, in our own country, to let the spirit of Masonry be felt, by setting in our own lives an example of that which is good, by inculcating those principles of virtue which certainly underlie this venerable Order. Perhaps, if we did so, Masonry would come to be a greater power than it is at this moment.

We should make ourselves felt as the ministers of good throughout the country, if we were to carry out most thoroughly the principles of the Order, and I am sure that, instead of Freemasonry being a name, as to some extent it is at present, it would then be felt to be a reality. Our lodges would be largely augmented in numbers, and we would discover that we existed for a great purpose—that Freemasonry was an Order which was blessed largely by God for the good of our fellowmen. I trust, right worshipful sir and brethren, that I am not using too great liberty in speaking these words just now, for I feel that Freemasonry is an Order to which anyone may be proud to belong; and I think we were really to live out those principles we would confer a blessing upon ourselves, and a blessing upon others—for all good when it comes out comes out to relieve want, but it returns again into ourselves to foster a spirit of holiness. Let us then, right worshipful sir and brethren, whilst consecrating this hall for the Lodge St. John, resolve that our Masonry shall become a living principle of our lives, and that we shall not only be distinguished for our charity, but for the other virtues which should adorn the Masonic character.

The consecration was then proceeded with, the service being of the most religious character. At its close,

P.G.M. Depute, addressing the brethren of St. John's Lodge, congratulated them on the possession of such an elegant hall, and trusted that they might hold many happy and profitable meetings within its walls.

R. W. M. Baird, after thanking the P.G.M. Depute and the brethren who had assisted him in consecrating the hall, referred to the period when entrance to the St. John's Lodge could only be obtained by those who were members of the incorporation of Masons. The Lodge at that time was necessarily limited in number, but when in 1846 the Incorporations lost their privileges in this respect, the Lodge applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to take place with the daughter lodges under its constitution. That application was granted, the St. John's getting the high position of 3 bis in joining the Grand Lodge. Since then the membership had gradually increased until now, and the Lodge had been able to purchase the property in which they were at that time assembled. In the decorations of the hall, he might add, the stereotyped Masonic emblems had been departed from; but whether they had succeeded in making it what a Masonic lodge-room ought to be, must remain for the brethren to determine. In conclusion, he hoped that all the good wishes expressed might be realised, and that in passing years the St. John's Lodge might be able to give increasingly of that bounty which it was alike the duty and the privileges of Freemasons to dispense.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. We may mention that during the service the music, selected and partly composed by Bro. Halkett; was efficiently rendered by a choir, Bro. Haydock presiding at the harmonium.

A meeting of the Lodge St. John was afterwards held, at which the office-bearers were appointed as follows:—Br. John Baird, R.W.M.; Br. Robert Neilson, D.M.; Br. James McMillan, S.M.; Br. William Kyle, jr., S.W.; Br. Thomas Fletcher, J.W.; Br. R. D. Samuels, Treasurer; Br. Thomas J. Smillie, Secretary; Br. John Dick, S.D.; Br. Jas. Kyle, J.D.; Br. James Hamilton, Architect; Br. David S. Henderson, Jeweller; Br. David Walker, Director of Music; Br. Alexander Guthrie, chaplain. The office-bearers were afterwards duly installed. On the motion of the R.W.M. Baird, Br. Barrow, D.P.G.M., was affiliated an honorary member of St. John's Lodge.

In the evening, the members of the Lodge St. John and visiting brethren, to the number in all of about 100, dined together in Carrick's Royal Hotel. The chair was occupied by R.W.M. John Baird, who was supported by P.G.M. Depute Bro. Barrow; P.G.M. Substitute Bro. Steel; Bros. Rev. Alex. Guthrie, Chaplain; James Gilfillan, Deacon of Incorporation; James Cruickshanks, Donald Campbell, Thomas Halkett, A. McTaggart, and Granger. Bros. William Kyle Jun., and Thomas Fletcher officiated as croupiers, and amongst the brethren present were—Bros. Gavin Park, J. B. Walker, Peter Shannon, James McMillan, Substitute Master, T. J. Smillie, Sec., and R. D. Samuels, Treas.

After an excellent dinner, the ordinary loyal and constitutional toasts were given from the chair and cordially responded to, "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" being associated with the name of Bro. Capt. Burn, who responded.

The Chairman, in next giving the "Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," referred to the presence of the

Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, at the Masonic Festival in the City Hall on Friday evening, the 23rd ult. He remarked that it was greatly to the credit of the newly-elected Grand Master that he had shown so much courtesy towards the Western Province, and if the Grand Masters of England and Ireland were equally earnest in doing their work, there could be no doubt that the lodges in both these countries were well ruled.

Bro. Cruickshanks next gave, "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," and Bro. Deacon Gilfillan proposed "The Lord Provost and Magistrates," coupled with the name of Bro. Councillor Steel, who replied; while, on the invitation of the chairman, the brethren pledged the health of "Our newly-installed Chaplain," the Rev. Bro. A. Guthrie.

Bro. the Rev. Mr. Guthrie, in responding, said Freemasonry in some respects afforded an example to our Christian denominations. Amongst Freemasons all was harmony and unity. They were the only body who experienced the blessedness of those who dwell together in unity. Looking round upon our Christian denominations, they were seen to be all jealous of each other. They were full of petty jealousies. Their work was more taken up with building walls of separation, one denomination against another, than in doing the great work of their Master and Founder. Was that not the case? They looked forward to the Millennium, and many of them might be disposed to say, "When the Millennium comes it will be a U.P. Church, a Free Church, or an Established Church. All the other denominations will be swamped into one, and of course that one is the denomination I belong to. I shall not move one step to the right or to the left, but just stand where I am, and all the others will come and join me. I see things in the right light, I put on my spectacles and other people must put on my spectacles and see things in the same light. If they are green spectacles, everything will appear green," and so on. People who thought and spoke in that way should refrain from making any attack on our friends the Roman Catholics on account of the doctrine of Papal infallibility, for they were just claiming that infallibility themselves. Mr. Guthrie went on to express the pleasure which it would afford him to discharge the duties of Chaplain of St. John's Lodge.

Bro. Barrow, P.G.M. Depute, then gave "Our Worshipful Master."

Br. Baird, R.W.M., in reply, said that during the past year the Lodge had had its fair share of prosperity, about 50 new entrants having been added to the roll. An unfortunate episode, however, took place in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the Albert Bridge. The members of the Lodge considered that they were put out of their proper place on that occasion, and they thought so still. The matter he thought would come before the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh in the month of February next, and he trusted the result would be such that no Lodge would attempt to over-ride the St. John's Lodge again. The R.W.M. went on to allude to the important foundation-stone ceremonials in which their Lodge had been engaged in bygone years and remarked that up till the withdrawal of the exclusive privilege of the incorporations in 1846 the Grand Lodge of Scotland even dared not lay a foundation-stone in Glasgow without the consent of the St. John. With the exception of the above episode, everything had been pleasant and harmonious during the year and he trusted that at the end of other twelve months when he quitted the chair in which they had kindly placed him on three separate occasions he might leave the Lodge to his successor in as flourishing condition as it was at present.

Several other toasts were proposed and a number of capital songs were given by the brethren.

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GALSTON.—A grand torchlight procession of St. Peter's Lodge took place here on Thursday night, 22nd ult., on the occasion of the anniversary of the installation of the Officebearers of the Lodge. Deputations from Kilmarnock and Newmilns Lodges were present; the Newmilns brass band was in attendance, and contributed much to the success of the affair.

STIRLINGSHIRE.

GRANGEMOUTH.—Zetland Lodge (No. 391).—On Monday evening the 26th ult., the brethren of this lodge met in the New Hall, for the purpose of installing those members who had previously been nominated for office—viz., Bro. E. Christensen R.W.M.; J. Munro, P.M.; A. Cowie, S.M.; A. McCulloch, D.M.

A. Taylor, S.W.; J. Walls, J.W.; P. Buchan, S.D.; A. Ross, J.D.; R. Wardrop, S.S.; J. Peddie, J.S.; T. Wilson, Chaplain; A. Rao, I.G.; J. Clark, Tyler; J. Gibson, Treasurer; and J. Barr, Secretary. The brethren were on Tuesday evening, to celebrate the Feast of St. John.

IRELAND.

GREAT MASONIC DEMONSTRATION AT PORTADOWN.

A Masonic meeting, on a splendid scale, was held in the Town Hall, Portadown, on Wednesday evening last, under the auspices of the Portadown Masonic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, 219, in aid of the funds of the Masonic Boys' Orphan School, Dublin. For weeks previous, extensive preparations had been made by the brethren of lodge 219 to have a meeting that would fittingly represent the number and respectability of the Masonic body of this and the surrounding towns. The result was a decided success. The large hall in which the meeting was held was crowded with members of the body in their Masonic costumes, and a large number of the friends including many ladies. The walls and roofs were decorated with great care and taste. Scores of flags, among which the Union Jack was the favourite, hung from the beams overhead. There were many Masonic devices, elegantly worked in evergreens, and beside the branches of gas, tastefully decorated with laurel, were the letters "CCXIX." The mottoes were elegant and appropriate, and printed in the Masonic colours—red and blue—"Let brotherly love continue;" "Faith, Hope, and Charity;" "Success to the Craft;" "Peace, Concord, Harmony;" "God save the Queen," &c. The following lodges were well represented:—Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland, Provincial Grand Lodges of Antrim, Armagh, Tyrone, and Fermanagh; Nos. 219, 82, 9, 24, 134, 431, 783, 39, 185, 109, 272, 105, 122, 23, and 749. The following brethren were present from 219:—Rev. C. King-Irvine, Chap.; and Bros. E. Darragh, C. McDermott, W. C. Baillie, W. Wilson, Fulton, M.D.; R. Morrison, George Wilson, W. J. Raymond, H. Power, Thomas Irwin, J. Kilpatrick, R. Guy, John Malcolmson, R. M'Farlan, A. M'Culloch, John M'Mullan, John Maxwell, Samuel Espy, and Samuel M'Connell. From 82, Portadown:—Rev. J. Ard, Chap.; and Bros. Carleton, Wolsey Atkinson, W. Hall, H. Wallace, and J. Brereton. From 105, Tandragee:—Rev. L. Sheppard, and Bros. John Hardy James Fordyce, Robt. Adair, W. Tully, Q. J. Whitten, Samuel M'Auley, James Taylor, John R. Mathers, Andrew Girven, G. Matchett, Thomas Clarke, James Henry, Samuel Matchett. From 39, Armagh:—Bros. Vance Speer, Prov. G. Sec.; Henry St. George, and Benjamin Robinson. From 85, Dungannon:—Bros. Gourlay, Harvey and Stevenson; Captain J. S. Wright, Lodge 9, Dungannon, was also present from Dungannon. From Belfast:—Bros. W. Redfern Kelley, C.E. and Joseph Moore; and from Lurgan:—Bros. G. Hazlett, A. A. Lutton, and F. W. Megahan. All the members of the fraternity appeared in full Masonic costume, which had a very pleasing effect. Amongst the general audience were Mrs. and Miss Atkinson and party, Eden Villa, Portadown; John Atkinson, Esq., W. Carruthers, Esq., and Mrs. Carruthers, T. Atkinson, Esq., Bank of Ireland; Jacob Sinton, Esq., Armagh House, Portadown, Mrs. Brereton, and Miss Heron, George Watson, Esq., and Mrs. Watson, Miss Beck, Garvaghy House, and party, Miss Johnston, Rev. J. S. Franks, M.A.; Rev. J. Douglas, and Miss Douglas, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. M. Wilson, Mrs. M'Dermott, Miss Morrison, and Messrs. A. Cherry, W. M'Cammon, R. Glass, W. J. Watson, John Ferguson, T. Lindsay, J. Roe, D. H. Charles, G. Bright, J. M'Kenzie, and J. H. Mullinghan. Mr. Chas. M'Dermott, who had the direction of the arrangements, arranged the brethren in a treble line up the centre of the hall; and, having called on the R.W. Bro M. C. Close, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Provincial Grand Master, to take the chair, requested the brethren to salute him, which was done in a very imposing manner. The Rev. C. K. Irwin, Chaplain of Lodge 219, engaged in prayer. The Chairman briefly addressed the meeting. The Rev. John Stokoe, Chaplain of Lodge 109, then came forward amid hearty applause to address the meeting. His subject was—"Freemasonry Expounded and Defended." Bro. J. Brereton, moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer for his eloquent address. Rev. M. Shep-

pard, Tandragee, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The lecturer having replied, Captain Wright, of Dungannon, was called to the vice-chair, and Bro. F. W. Megahan of Lurgan, ably and eloquently proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Close, for his kindness in presiding, and the care he always gave to the interest of Freemasonry. W. Redfern Kelly, Esq., seconded the motion in a short and telling speech, and it was very heartily carried. The chairman having replied, an anthem was sung, prayer engaged in, and the meeting separated.

CANADA.

The following is from the Daily News, Quebec:—

"We learn that several of the lodges in this city, under the jurisdiction of the 'Grand Lodge of Quebec,' have decided to forego the annual dinner, and to donate to their Grand Lodge the sum such dinner would have cost.

"Nor is Quebec City behind hand in its attachment to the new Grand Lodge, the late 'Provincial Grand Lodge of England for Quebec and Three Rivers,' being numbered amongst the things that were, has presented its beautiful silk banner to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and jewels and regalia have been purchased by the subordinate lodges, and are about to be presented by them to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"For the benefit of our Masonic readers, we lay before them a most important and interesting communication touching the present existing troubles in the craft in Canada, addressed by M.W. Bro. T. D. Harington, Grand 1st prin. Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA,
Office of the Grand Chapter,
Ottawa, 10th Dec., 1870.

"Most Worshipful Brother
J. H. GRAHAM, LL.D.,
Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"Most Worshipful Brother,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt from your Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother J. H. Isaacson, of a letter, dated the 30th Nov. and written by your command. I briefly replied to him without delay, telling him at the same time that I would write more at length, which promise I now proceed to redeem and carry out. That communication conveyed to me for the information of Grand Chapter and my own self, the official intelligence of the existence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and was accompanied by a list of Grand Lodge officers elected and installed at your first annual communication, held in Montreal in October last, for which act of courtesy I have to express my thanks. I beg now to offer my best wishes for the future prosperity of the Grand Body over which you preside, and sincerely trust that all obstructions thereto, of whatsoever nature composed, may take to themselves wings and flee away, and I congratulate you personally on your own high position.

"You ask me to use my influence to preserve and maintain the good will and harmony which in accordance with the goodly customs and courtesies of our fraternity should ever exist between the two Grand Divisions of Ancient Masonry, the Symbolic, and the Capitular, and you express your desire, and as being the sincere and hearty desire of your Grand Lodge, to have established and maintained amicable and fraternal relations between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec and their respective subordinates, so that from henceforth harmony and amity may be preserved in our beloved order in its several departments.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, I assure you that your truly Masonic wishes are cordially responded to and reciprocated by me, and nothing on my individual part shall be wanting to ensure a result in every way so desirable. I shall with pleasure bring to the notice of Grand Chapter, at its next convocation your courteous and fraternal communication, and in the interim, candidates hailing from the Grand Lodge of Quebec for admission into our Chapters will be received and acted upon as they are from other Grand Bodies with whom Grand Chapter is in communion. This course will, I trust, be satisfactory, and secure pleasant intercourse as well as serve to show how my wishes coincide with these so courteously and kindly expressed to me in your behalf by your Grand Secretary.

"I observe and take due notice of the list of Grand Lodges from whom the Grand Lodge of Quebec have received recognition, &c., one of which belongs to this Dominion. I trust that you will be able before any distant date to state that this recognition has become universal, and that there will not exist one single impediment to the Canadian craft working harmoniously together, in and for the several Provinces comprising the Dominion, as well for its own advantage and advancement as that for the entire ancient and honourable Order of Freemasonry spread over the world, and of which we form a component portion. My humble services in aid of this devoutly to be wished for consummation you may freely count upon, and I pray you to give me credit for both good will and sincerity.

"I observe likewise, upon reference to the list, that several of the officers, past officers and members of Grand Chapter, hold rank and position in the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which is of itself a good reason for pleasant intercourse between the two Grand Lodges; and as a conclusion to this letter I hope we may all be spared to assemble together at future convocations of the same fraternal nature as the one at which we met at the good old city of Quebec in August last, and with the same pleasing recollections after separating.

"I beg to remain, Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Yours truly and fraternally,

(Signed.)

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,
Grand First Principal Z.
Grand Chapter of Canada.

MARK MASONRY.

DEVONSHIRE.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was held on Thursday 30th ult., at Sincerity Lodge, 35, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The R.W. Bro. Dowse, presided, and Bro. Rodd, P.M., P.G.O., acted as D.P.G.M. The V.W. Bros. Metham, S.W.; Colonel Elliot, J.W.; Roberts, M.O.; Blake, S.O.; Balkwill, J.O.; Bro. Bisset, S.D.; Bro. Baxter, J.D.; Bro. Bayly, P. After the usual business, the following sums were voted to charitable purposes:—Ten guineas to the Fortescue Annuity Fund; five guineas to the Masonic bed of the Royal Albert Hospital; and five guineas for aged and decayed freemasons. The R. W. Bro. Huyshe was unanimously re-elected Grand Master for three years. The following officers were then appointed for the ensuing year:—Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.M.; Dr. Dowse, D.P.G.M.; Dr. Metham, S.G.W.; Samuel Jones, M.O.; John Way, S.O.; Major Russell, J.O.; Rev. R. Bowden, Chap.; John Harris, Treas.; Augustus Rodd, P.M. of Boorondara Lodge, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Victoria, 718 E.L. Reg.; W. H. Maddock, Sec.; John Baxter, S. D.; Williams Roberts, J. D.; S. J. J. Jones, Dir. Cer.; Henry Trethewey, Ass. D.C.; Henry Port, Ins. Works; E. Rosevere, Sword Bearer; M. W. Webb, Org.; W. Andrews, Standard Bearer; William Bowall, James Phillips, Matthew Coates, William Coates, Stewards.

THE "CAPTAIN" RELIEF FUND.

A grand amateur performance was given on Tuesday, the 13th ult., at the Albert Rooms, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, in aid of the "Captain" Relief Fund, under the patronage of Captain Haswell and the officers of H.M.S. "Resistance," now lying in the Mersey. The performers were the officers and men, and the labour of sustaining the performance devolved upon the officers, many of whom are members of the Craft, and who entered into the arrangements with the most praiseworthy enthusiasm.

The benevolent object contemplated commended itself to all the residents in the neighbourhood, and long before the period for commencing the performance, the room was crowded with a fashionable full dress assembly

every seat being reserved, and great numbers who had not provided themselves with tickets were compelled to return home. It was matter of general regret that the dimensions of the room were so limited, and that so many were disappointed of the opportunity of thus contributing their mite to "The Captain Relief Fund." The proceedings were commenced by the recital of the following prologue, written by Bro. Captain Shanks, 18° K.T., R.M.L.I., W.M. No. 189, which that officer delivered with great feeling and taste, and which was received with frequent marks of approval:—

"Was she not grand?—that ship of strength and speed—
Matchless in ail but safety! As a steed
From the restraint of rein and curb set free
Wanders unchecked, she roam'd the faithless sea;
She sought not idle calm repose, but loved
To face the tempest in its fiercest hour;
Yet, though her crew were brave, the sequel proved
She could not cope with its tremendous power.

Let us not sorrow for those heroes gone
'Twas God's high will—their race on earth was run!
Within their liquid sepulchre they sleep,
May He their widows and their orphans keep!
Their loss to us a lesson can impart
That should not fail to reach the hardest heart;
It loudly bids us lift our thoughts above,
And put our trust alone in heav'nly love.

Friends of the Widow and Fatherless
(As you desire that God should aid or bless),
Do you—with generous rivalry—now prove
Foremost in deeds of charity and love;
Be't yours to dry the widow's burning tear,
The wretched orphan's poverty to cheer;
To soothe the bed of sickness, to impart
Hope to the hopeless, heal the breaking heart;
These are worthy objects—these (at least)
Can give true pleasure to the human breast.
For this we amateurs now tread the stage,
You too, who hear me, in this cause engage;
To-night, we do not wish to use our power
Merely to frisk away an idle hour—
We seek to aid in charity's design,
And in our task most gladly see you join.

When this world's vanities are nearly o'er,
Ere fate the curtain drops, to rise no more;
When the fast fleeting breath has almost sped,
Some moments thus devoted, then will shed
A calm and tranquil bliss, a ray serene,
To gild the mortal drama's closing scene.

What joy 'twould be if every heart could feel
That happiness springs from the wounds we heal;
Could we but see all undisclos'd despair,
And take delight in giving comfort there;
What joy if all the springs within that move
The tender sympathies of social love
Were melted to compassion's softest mood,
And our souls stirr'd—for aye—to doing good!

Thoughts such as these made us adopt this plan
For bringing some relief to suffering man—
Inspir'd the actors (who will now appear)
With hope to dry at least one bitter tear
From those to whom that dreadful wreck has shown
What 'tis to pass through life unloved—alone!
Should, then, our efforts and our hopes succeed,
Yours be the merit, yours the happy mood
Which gracious Heaven promises to those
Who look with charity on human woes.
Here, with delight, our histrionic crew
Exert themselves to win applause from you,
And feel supremely gratified to be
The humble instruments of Charity!"

This was followed by what might strictly be termed a farce in two acts by W. Bernard, entitled "His Last Legs," in which Mr. T. H. Warren, Bro. Captain Shanks, Lieut. Robbins, Lieut. Gray, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hague, Miss James and Miss St. Cross took part. The incidents and situations, which were of a most ludicrous

character, kept the audience in good humour, and the characters throughout were well sustained. There is on board the "Resistance" a Christy Minstrel Troupe," who for this occasion laid aside their warlike occupation, and, having submitted to the blackening process, delighted the audience by their musical performance in imitation of their more professional compeers. Their singing was admirable, both as to time and harmony; and, amongst the visitors, some at least must have thought that if the bravery of these gallant fellows was equal to their musical taste—of which there could be no doubt—they would be no disgrace to the British Navy. The entertainment, which was one of unalloyed pleasure, was brought to a close with the performance of the burlesque "Bombastes Furioso." The character of King Artaxeminous being taken by Bro. Captain Shanks; Fusbos (Minister of State), by Lieut. Pickford, R.M.A.; General Bombastes, by T. R. Warren, Esq., R.N.; and Distaffina by Miss James.

ON THE USE OF COLOUR IN DIAGRAMS ILLUSTRATING THE HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE.

A Paper read by Mr. Edmund Sharpe, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., before the Architectural Association.

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The "arches of construction" were always pointed, and the arches of decoration "always circular. This was the invariable rule between 1145 and 1160, after which latter date the rule was not observed. During this period, in consequence of this simultaneous but discriminate use of circular and pointed arches, buildings presented a great contrast between their interiors and exteriors—the former looking like Transitional work, and the latter like Norman. A fantastical Frenchman, who had written upon the subject, suggested that this appearance was due to a contest between the lay and clerical architects as to which form of arch should be adopted throughout the building, who, failing to agree, the matter was compromised by the inside being allotted to the clericals and the outside to the laity. In the latter part of the Transitional period the pointed arch was applied to arcading and panelling, as well as to window-heads and doorways. The Transitional period, said Mr. Sharpe, was a most interesting one for purposes of study, because it was found in every part of Europe. It was also in reality the first English architecture that existed. The Norman influence having somewhat subsided, there arose an English school of architecture, in which the essential features of Norman work were seized upon and treated in a totally different way. Everybody was familiar with the Early Norman decorative forms—the chevron, the billet, and others. Many of these disappeared altogether, but one or two were seized upon and treated in a peculiarly interesting manner. Hitherto many of these modified and improved forms had been unjustly called Norman. The zigzag ornament at Selby Abbey Church, for instance, was not Norman, but Transitional work. In fact, there was no time when so much invention was shown as in the Transitional period. The abacus of the top moulding of the impost in the Transitional period was square, as in Norman work. Mr. Sharpe next called attention to what he termed the Transitional volute—the little curve which formed the termination of the leaf of the capital, which was curved upwards. That little ornament prevailed in England for about twenty or twenty-five years. It was universally used, being found at Jedburgh in the North and the Isle of Wight in the South. What was most wonderful was the way in which such ideas were circulated over the country in those days. This little volute was also to be found, and had been seen by Mr. Sharpe in Sweden, in the South of France, and in Italy. He had now said quite enough about the Transitional period to

draw attention to it, for after all it was for everybody to work out their own knowledge for themselves. He recommended the acquisition of a knowledge of architecture, not only by reading, but by sketching and measuring. With this view he enumerated a few of the buildings of the Transitional period which would well repay attentive study. He instanced Malmesbury (where the pointed arch was first used), Fountains, Kirkstall, Buildwas, Kelso, S. Cross, Furness, the Temple Church (where the Transitional volute referred to might be found fully developed), Llanthony, Abbeydore, Selby, Byland, Jedburgh, Roche, Hartlepool, Glastonbury, Wells, the galilee of Durham Cathedral, Shoreham Abbey Church, and Chichester. It was during the Transitional period that true foliage was first developed, for in the Norman period the carved work upon the capitals was very rudely executed, and with very little relief. At the close of the Transitional period builders commenced to have some idea of foliage growing out of the capital. In the Lancet or Early English period the lancet window was the prevalent feature. The circular arch had at that time entirely disappeared, or was only used by some accident or chance in building. The term "Lancet" was not applicable, as some supposed, to those pier arches which were extremely pointed in form, but to the windows, which were the shape of a lancet blade. In the early part of the period these lancet windows were used singly; latterly they were used in twos and threes.

The great progress of architecture during this period was clearly visible in the manner in which the builders connected three lancets together to form a window. Finding the head was very heavy, they perforated it with quatrefoils and cinquefoils, until nearly all the stone was cut away. In all the windows of the Lancet period, however, the true characteristic feature of tracery had not entered, because true tracery only existed where the whole of the stonework was cut up, and where there were only moulded stone mullions left. The rage for windows of this kind which immediately seized upon the whole of the architects, not only of England but of Europe, was best shown by the great number of buildings to which it gave rise—all the noblest cathedrals of France belonging to that period. There was no more beautiful example of this in any part of Europe than we had in the presbytery of Lincoln Cathedral. It had been objected to this work that it was not lofty enough. Certainly the immense elevation that the French architects gave to their buildings astonished the mind, but it broke the neck of the spectator, for it was not possible to study the upper parts of one of their buildings without excessive fatigue. At Lincoln, on the other hand, every part of the work was completely within the reach of human observation and appreciation. In the Geometrical period Gothic art reached its highest development. Mr. Sharpe thought there could be no question that the beauty of the conventional foliage of the early part of that period was not to be surpassed anywhere. Nor did he believe that the art of moulding stonework was ever carried to so high a degree of perfection as at that time. They had no notion of moulding stonework abroad, and it was in this country alone that marvellous effects of light and shade were produced by that means. Mr. Sharpe said he could not help urging every architect to improve his knowledge of the mouldings of the period; they could be measured with facility by means of the little instrument called the cymagraph. It was during the Geometrical period that the first approach to the imitation of natural foliage was found. The maple, the oak, and the vine leaves were attempted to be copied, and from that point of time Mr. Sharpe said a certain decadence in the architecture of the country might be dated. He did not think that the forms in the latter part of the period were equal to those at its commencement.

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LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS &c., FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 14TH, 1871.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, January 9th.

LODGES.—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall; Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street; St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street; Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall; Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park Road, Peckham; Mount Sion, Radley's Hotel, Bridge Street, Blackfriars.

Tuesday, January 10th.

LODGES.—Old Union, Radley's Hotel, Bridge Street, Blackfriars; Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall; Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street; St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street; Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Wednesday, January 11th.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.
LODGES.—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall; Union, Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich; Kent, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street, Cheapside; Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth; Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford; Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street; Belgravia, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, Limehouse; Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall; MacDonald, Head-Quarters 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteer Corps, Brunswick Road, Camberwell; Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone; St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High Street, Wapping. —CHAPTER.—Hervey, Britannia, Walham Green.

Thursday, January 12th.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall at 12.

LODGES.—R. Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street; Regularity, Freemasons' Hall; Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street; Bank of England, Ra ley's Hotel, Bridge Street, Blackfriars; Polish National, Freemasons' Hall; Canonbury, Haxell's Hotel, West Strand; Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Copper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock; Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway; Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill. —CHAPTERS.—Hope, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Friday, January 13th.

LODGES.—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall; Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. —CHAPTER.—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

Saturday, January 14th.

LODGES.—London, Freemasons' Hall; Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday, January 9th.

LODGES.—Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd, Deptford; St. James' Union, Swan Tav. Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-st.; Crystal Palace, City Arms Tav., West-sq., Southwark; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Eastern Star-Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd.; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; Tower Hamlets' Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial Road, E.; Union Waterloo, King's Arms, Woolwich; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Motcombe Street, Belgrave Square; Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street.

Tuesday, January 10th.

LODGES.—Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail., Victoria Station; Domatic, 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; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st.; New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth; British Oak, Silver Lion Tavern, Pennyfields, Poplar. —CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st. Mount Sion, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.; Robert Burns, Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's Lane.

Wednesday, January 11th.

LODGES.—Confidence, Railway Tav., London-st; United Strength Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham-Rye, Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st., Poplar; Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-street; Royal Union, Bro. Duddy's, Winsiey-st., Oxford-street. —CHAPTER.—St. James' Union, Swan Tav., Mount-street, Grosvenor-square; Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

Thursday, January 12th.

LODGES.—Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Easton-road; 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; Tranquility, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington, Crown Hotel, 41, High Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park, at 7; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell Alley; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Merchant Navy, Jamaica Tav., W. India Dock Road, Poplar. —CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, January 13th.

LODGES.—St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, Unions (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), F.M.H.; United Pilgrims, Horns' Tavern, Kennington; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester-square; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tavern, Broadway, Deptford; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich; Ranelagh, Royal Sussex Hotel, Broadway, Hammersmith; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Victoria, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; Hervey, Britannia, Walham-green; Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Charter House, Hat and Feathers Tavern, 27, Goswell-rd.; Robert Burns, Union Tav.; Air-street, Regent-st.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes; Lily, Greyhound, Ho., Richmond; Stability, Guildhall Tav., 33, Gresham Street; Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury. —CHAPTERS.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

Saturday, January 14th.

CHAPTERS.—Mount Sinai, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street; Domatic, Horns, Kennington.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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We shall be glad to receive from brethren any proceedings of Masonic meetings, which shall be duly inserted. Communications should be forwarded so as to reach us as early in the week as convenient—not later than Wednesday if possible. We have to request our correspondents to be particular in writing names distinctly.