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LONDON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1871

INTERESTING DISCOVERY AT THE OLD JEWISH SYNAGOGUE, BIRMINGHAM.

After the erection of the Hebrew new synagogue at Singer's Hill, the old place of worship of the Jews, in Severn Street, was purchased by the Athol Lodge of Freemasons, and by it converted into a place of meeting for the members of that section of the order. Recently, certain alterations and additions have been made to the building, and, in sinking the foundation for a new banqueting hall, the memorial stone of the old temple was discovered. Fitted to this stone a brass plate, bearing the following inscription in Hebrew:—

“This plate was placed here by the hands of the most respected Mordecai, the Son of Solomon, in this town, on the 8th day of Sivan, in the year 5569 A.M., and the five principal men who were occupied in raising this building were David, the Son of Solomon, President; the Judah, the Son of Coleman, Treasurer; Solomon, the Son of Mordecai; Jacob, the Son of Samuel; and Moses, the Son of Lyon.—A.M. 5569.”

The Christian date of the ceremony would be 1809, or 60 years ago. At that time the Jews were a very small body in Birmingham; now they number 5,000. A second brass plate, bearing date 5,609—40 years later—was also found during the alterations.

At a meeting of the Athol Lodge, held yesterday, Bro. Michael Davis, W.M., presiding, it was resolved to present the memorial plate to the Hebrew congregation, by whom it will no doubt be carefully preserved as an interesting historical relic. At the same time the Lodge laid the memorial stone of the new building, the extension part of which consists of a reception room, banqueting hall, and Tyler's house. The brethren having assembled in open lodge, and all the customary ceremonies having been performed, Bro. Thomas Bragg, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.D., delivered a short address on the ancient institution of Freemasonry; after which he was presented by Bro. Muggleton, P.M., with a handsome silver trowel, suitably engraved. The architect, Bro. T. Naden,

produced the plans; the contractor, Bro. J. Moffatt, handed the mallet; and Bro. Bragg, assisted by the W.M., Bro. Michael Davis, then laid the stone according to ancient custom. In the cavity of the stone was placed a glass bottle, containing a description of the events connected with the ownership and extension of the building by the Athol Lodge; also some coins, a newspaper, and a copy of the old plates commemorating the erection of the building by the Hebrew congregation. The stone was then lowered, and, having been tested by the W.M., Bro. M. Davis, Bro. Bragg declared the stone well and truly laid. The W.M., Bro. Davis, delivered a short address. Corn, oil, and wine were sprinkled on the stone, and prayer having been offered, the ceremony closed.

On the stone is engraved the following:—“This stone, to commemorate the extension of the building, was laid by Bro. Thomas Bragg, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.D., assisted by the W.M., Bro. M. Davis, October 4th, 1871.”

When the building was completed, the members of the Athol Lodge will be able to congratulate themselves on having a hall suited in every way for Masonic purposes.

Poetry.

THE MASTER'S TOUCH.

In the still air the music lies unheard;
 In the rough marble beauty lies unseen;
 To wake the music and the beauty needs
 The Master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.

Great Master! touch us with Thy skillful hand,
 Let not the music that is in us die;
 Great Sculptor! hew and polish us; nor let
 Hidden and lost thy form within us lie.

Spare not the stroke; do with us as Thou wilt,
 Let there be naught unfurnished, broken, marred:
 Complete thy purpose, that we may become
 Thy perfect image, O our Lord and God.

Evergreen.

THE BIBLE.—The sacred volume was composed by a vast variety of writers, men of every different rank and condition, of every diversity of character and turn of mind; the monarch and the plebian, the illiterate and the learned, the foremost in talent, and the moderately gifted in natural advantages, the historian and the legislator, the orator and the poet—each had his immediate vocation, each his peculiar province. Some prophets, some evangelists, living in ages remote from each other, under different modes of civil government, under different dispensations of the divine economy, filling up a period of time that reached from the first dawn of heavenly light to its meridian influence.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

The next quarterly meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, will be holden in the Mechanics' Institute, Bingley, on Wednesday, October 18th, 1871, at 12.30 p.m., under the banner of the Scientific Lodge, No. 439, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, having found it necessary to change the day of meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to October 18th.

The half-yearly meeting of Prov. G. Chapter, of West Yorkshire, will be held on Wednesday, November 1st, 1871, at Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held in the Borough Hall, Stockton, on Tuesday, 24th October, at half-past two o'clock. The Fund Committee will meet in the Borough Hall at twelve o'clock. Dinner will be served in the banqueting room of the Masonic Hall at five o'clock.

The METROPOLITAN MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (the only one of the Degree in London), will resume its meetings on Monday, October 2nd, and every succeeding Monday, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at the Lyceum Tavern, No. 364, Strand. Bro. Thos. Meggy, P.G.M.O. will preside as W.M. Meyer A. Loewenstark, P.M. 86, W.M. elect, 22, P. G. Steward, Hon. Sec.

Neptune Lodge, 22, and Mount Sinai Chapter, 22, having removed from Radley's Hotel, will, in future, hold its meetings at the Guildhall Tavern, City.

WEST KENT MASONIC CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.—A number of brethren in the Greenwich district have started an Association under this name, the object of which is to enable any member of the Craft to gain, by easy subscriptions, a Life Guardianship or Life Subscribership in one of the Masonic Charities. The Association has arisen in connection with the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (No. 75).

We have been requested to announce that it is proposed to present a testimonial to Bro. F. Binckes, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in recognition of his untiring efforts, and extraordinary exertions to obtain the funds required for the erection of the present handsome building, which, for completeness as a structure, and for utility as a home and school, is probably unsurpassed. At the time of its dedication, it became a question amongst both town and provincial brethren, who were cognizant of the great exertions of the Secretary, whether the time had not then arrived for a general recognition of his valuable services; but in the minds of many brethren of eminence, a difficulty presented itself in the fact that the school was then burthened with a debt of considerable magnitude, and on reflection it was determined that it was more fitting to centralise all efforts towards reducing the liabilities than, even temporarily, to divert the munificence of donors and

subscribers. By the secretary's continued perseverance and thorough devotion to the welfare of the institution the liabilities have been so far reduced as to leave the institution now only indebted in a comparatively small sum to its bankers, whilst during the nine years of Bro. Binckes' secretaryship the number of boys had been increased from 70 to 118. This being the case, it is felt that some suitable compliment should be paid to him by such a substantial testimonial for his earnestness and unflagging zeal, as shall hereafter be a permanent benefit to himself and family. By a resolution of the committee individual subscriptions are limited to one guinea—those from lodges and chapters are unrestricted. A committee has been formed, with Bro. E. Cox, of 103, Chancery Lane, as Hon. Sec.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—OCTOBER ELECTION, 1871.—The Votes and Interests of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of Earnest Lewis Ralling, Aged 8 Years, Son of the late Bro. Thomas Ralling, for many years connected with the "Essex Standard," as Reporter, &c., who died, after a long illness, at the early age of 40, on the 28th January, 1869, leaving an invalid Widow and Eleven Children—nine Sons and two Daughters—six of whom are entirely dependent upon their eldest Brother for support. Bro. Ralling was initiated into the Angel Lodge, No. 59, (now 51), Colchester, in 1853, and was a Subscribing Member up to the time of his decease. The Application is strongly recommended by Bros. the R.W. R. J. Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master for Essex; Andrew Meggy, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Essex; V.W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Prov. G. Chap of England Rev. E. I. Lockwood, D. Prov. G.M. of Suffolk. Proxies may be sent to Mrs. Ralling, Military Road, Colchester.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—Your votes and interest are respectfully solicited on behalf of Walter Ellis (second application), son of the late Bro. George Ellis, an engineer, for many years and until his death, a resident of Constantinople. He was initiated in the Oriental Lodge, No. 687 (then No. 988) on the 3rd February, 1860, and continued a subscribing member until his death on the 14th of October, 1867, leaving a widow and four children totally unprovided for. The kind assistance of subscribers and donors is more urgently requested, owing to the exceptional circumstances of this case. There are no relations or friends connected with the candidate in this country, and he would be unrepresented but for the kindness of a few Brethren who have generously volunteered their aid. Votes for the Girls' School will be thankfully received, as they can be made available for this case by exchange. The case is strongly recommended by Bros. Hyde Clarke, P.D.D.G.M., for Turkey and Egypt, late acting D.G.M., 32, St. George's-square, S.W.; and by Bros. George Lawrie, P.D. Dist G.M., Turkey, Constantine A. Theodoridi, George Baker, James Baylis, John T Brown, Charles A. Cookson, Charles Hamson, James Heywood and Thomas Todd, all of Constantinople. Proxies will be thankfully received by Bro. Richard Spencer, 26, Great Queen-street.

Brother Richard Spencer informs us the reprint of the 1722, 1723, 1726, 1730 editions of "The Old Constitutions belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England and Ireland;" edited by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox P.G. Chaplain, &c., illustrated with two facsimile Frontispieces by the Woodbury process, and other cuts, is now in course of delivery to the subscribers, and can be obtained at the Masonic Depot, 26, Great Queen Street, W.C.

Craft Masonry.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

METROPOLITAN.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—This lodge met at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on the 5th inst. The following officers were present: Bros. Reed, W.M., supported by his I.P.M., and Bros. Follett, S.W.; Moss, P.M. and Treas. as J.W.; Lundy, Sec.; Arnold, S.D.; Driver, J.D.; and Vesper, P.M. 534 as I.G. Messrs. Horn, and Green were initiated; and the sublime degree was conferred on Bro. Hornby. The brethren and visitors then adjourned to banquet.

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE (No. 1360).—An Emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Wimbledon, on Thursday, the 5th instant. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., W.M.; R. Wiffen, J.W.; Capt. Snow, P.M. Sec.; John Collins, P.M. Treas.; W. Smith, S.D.; and J. Jackson, J.D. Bro. Wire, from the Acacia Lodge, was present as a visitor. Bros. Marcus D. Loewenstark, Dr. W. J. Williams, and R. Melton were passed to Fellow Craft Degree; Messrs. Beckett, Fuller, and Bond were initiated. Five gentlemen were then proposed for initiation. The brethren then adjourned to banquet.

PROVINCIAL.

CHESHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE COPE LODGE, (No. 1,357.)

Few provinces have entered so heartily into the spirit of Freemasonry as that of Cheshire, and since the Right Honourable Lord de Tabley was installed as Provincial Grand Master, rapid strides have been made in Masonic matters in all parts of the province.

No small amount of praise for the interest that has been excited is due to Bro. Captain Cope, P.G.S.B., England, who, for many years has been Senior Warden of the province, and whose exertions in the cause of Freemasonry, and more especially in the Masonic Charities are well known throughout the kingdom.

We have, therefore, very great pleasure in informing our readers that on the 18th of last month, a new Lodge, bearing Captain Cope's name, was consecrated at Sale, which is a rapidly increasing town on the borders of Cheshire, and a few miles from Manchester.

The want of a Freemasons' Lodge had for some time been felt in the district, and a few months ago, a meeting was held at which Bro. Edward George Simpson, who had interested himself greatly in the matter, was nominated by the brethren as their first Worshipful Master, and it is in a great measure due to his energy and perseverance that the Cope Lodge has been formed. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master having intimated his intention to personally perform the ceremony of consecration, a large number of the brethren assembled at the Queen's Hotel, where the lodge is held, and doubtless more would have been present had there been accommodation for them. The lodge room, though small, is very handsomely furnished, the furniture, &c., having been supplied by Bro. R. Spencer, of Great Queen Street, London, and being some of the best workmanship we have ever seen. Several handsome presents had also been made to the lodge by the members.

A Craft Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the following brethren being the acting officers:—Bros. W. F. Towle, P.M. 815, W.M.; J. B. Cutter, P.M. and W.M. 941, S.W.; E. J. Heaps, P.M. 204, J.W.; Maurice Jones, P.M. 1147, I.P.M.;

J. Berresford, P.M. 104, S.D.; John Cavannah, 517, J.D.; J. R. A. Hine, 1045, I.G.; Edw. G. Simpson, 911, Sec.; Geo. Barlow, Prov. G.O., Organist; Mark Alcock, 941, Tyler.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. having ascended the throne, and the Provincial Grand Wardens having taken their respective chairs, the brethren saluted the R.W. Prov. G.M. with the grand and royal honours. The lodge was then consecrated by the R.W. Prov. G.M. and his officers in due form, and according to ancient custom, the musical part of the ceremony being admirably rendered by Bros. Dumville, Stafford, and Standen, Bro. George Barlow, P.G.O., ably presiding at the harmonium. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the R.W. Acting D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Captain R. Cope, installed Bro. Edward George Simpson, the W.M. designate, as W.M. of the lodge, and the W.M. having been saluted by the brethren, nominated the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Richardson, S.W.; William J. Fowle, J.W.; J. R. Horner, Sec.; Dr. Peter Royle, S.D.; John Cavannah, J.D.

The W.M. proposed "That the best thanks of the members of the Cope Lodge are due and are hereby given to the Right Honourable and Right Worshipful Lord de Tabley, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire for the kind manner in which he had that day performed the ceremony of consecration of the Lodge.

The proposition having been seconded by Bro. John Richardson, S.W., was carried with acclamation.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master having briefly responded, left the lodge room, attended by the Provincial Grand Officers, and the Lodge was shortly afterwards closed. Several joining members and candidates for initiation were proposed. About fifty of the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Parker, the worthy host of the Queen's Hotel. The tables were most tastefully laid out and universal satisfaction was expressed at the quality of the viands and wine.

The W.M. proposed the "Queen," which was heartily responded to, the National Anthem being sung by the whole of the brethren.

The toasts of "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the Earl and Countess of Chester and rest of the Royal Family;" "The Most Honourable the Marquis of Ripon, W.M.G.M.;" "The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of England," having been given

Bro. E. H. Latham P.G.D., briefly returned thanks on behalf of the Past Grand Officers.

The W.M. then proposed the "Health of the Right Honourable the Lord de Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M." The Provincial Grand Officers greatly regretted that the state of his health would not allow him to join them that evening, but he (the W.M.) sincerely hoped that before long they might have the pleasure of entertaining their R.W. Prov. G.M. at the board of the Cope Lodge.

The toast was most heartily drunk with the usual honours.

The toast of "Bro. G. Cornwall Legh, M.P., the Right Worshipful D. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Dr. Beales, P.G.J.W.; and Bro. Henry Bulley, P. Prov. G.J.W.

Bro. Captain Cope said that in the absence of the R. W. Prov. G.M., the pleasing task had fallen to his lot of having to propose the toast of the evening, which he need hardly ask them to drink in bumper. It was that of "the Worshipful Master of the Cope Lodge," and he was proud to be allowed to congratulate Bro. Simpson on his being installed the first W.M. of that lodge. He had known Bro. Simpson intimately for some time, and he was sure that the brother whom they had unanimously chosen to rule over them possessed every quality requisite for discharging the difficult duties of Worshipful Master to their entire satisfaction. The sound and extensive Masonic knowledge of Bro. Simpson was well known to all the brethren present, and the courteous way in which he had that day discharged the duties of his office showed that they had "put the right man in the right place." The zeal and energy displayed by Bro. Simpson, coupled with his willingness to learn, had made him many friends in the Province, and he (Capt. Cope) was sure they would heartily join with him in wishing their W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. He was sure that their newly-installed Master would conduct the lodge so that on the expiration of his year he might be able to hand over to his suc-

cessor the warrant of the lodge as unsullied as he had that day received it. He had the greatest pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. of the Cope Lodge.

The toast was received most enthusiastically, and was drunk with honours.

Bro. John Richardson, S.W., proposed the "Visiting Brethren," and said how glad the members of the Cope Lodge were to see so many visitors present, and in the name of the Lodge he gave them a right hearty welcome.

Responded to by Bros. S. M. Bradley, and D. H. Berresford.

The "Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Dr. Beales, Prov. G.J.W., in a speech full of practical advice, and was responded to by Bros. J. Richardson, W. J. Towle, and J. R. Horner.

Bro. J. A. Birch gave "Success to the Masonic Charities," in an admirable speech, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Henry Bulley, P. Prov. G.J.W., and Bro. J. P. Platt, P. Prov. G.J.W., who severally responded on behalf of the London Masonic Charities and the Cheshire Educational Board.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceeding, and the brethren separated about 9 o'clock, having passed a most enjoyable and harmonious evening.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Annual Festival and Grand Lodge in connection with the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland was holden at Kendal, on Friday, 6th inst., under the auspices of Union Lodge, No. 129, in that town. The attendance was very large, notwithstanding the difficulties existing in the means of locomotion from the several lodges in the province, and members turned up in force from the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, 119, Whitehaven; Union Lodge, 310, Carlisle; St. John's, 327, Wigton; Unanimity, 339, Penrith; Perseverance, 371, Maryport; Holy Temple, 412, Longtown; Eden Valley, 812, Appleby; Lewis, 872, Whitehaven; Sun and Sector, 962, Workington; Skiddaw, 1002, Cockermouth; Greta, 1073, Keswick; Underley, 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale; Solway, 1220, Silloth; and Kenlis, 1267, Egremont.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, the spacious building having been metamorphosed for the occasion into a handsome Masonic temple, appropriately decorated for the purposes and work of the day; whilst the minor apartments served for Grand Officers', clothing, and official rooms.

An elegant luncheon was provided in the building for visiting brethren.

About half-past eleven Bro. C. Gardner Thomson, P. Prov. G. Reg., and Worshipful Master of the Kendal Lodge, opened the usual craft lodge, and shortly afterwards the Right Worshipful the Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Grand Master and Bro. Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Grand Master, and Junior Grand Warden of England; with the remainder of the Grand Officers of the Province, were announced, and, after the Grand Master had taken his seat on the throne, his Lordship and the Deputy Grand Master were saluted in accordance with the honour due to exalted Masons.

The Grand Master then opened the Grand Lodge, with the assistance of his Deputy, and Bros. Morton and Kenworthy, of Whitehaven—Senior and Junior Provincial Grand Wardens.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge meeting, held at Whitehaven in April last, were then read by Bro. Busher, Prov. G. Sec., and Past Grand Sword-bearer of England, and being put to the vote were confirmed, and signed by the Grand Master and Wardens.

It was then resolved to subscribe the sum of £5 to the "Simpson Testimonial," which it may be explained, consisted of a new stone pulpit, to be presented by the Masons of the province to Bro. Rev. James Simpson, vicar of Kirby Stephen, who is now engaged in the restoration of his parish church. The like sum was also voted to the testimonial in course of the presentation to Bro. Binckes, the energetic and hard-working Secretary of the Freemasons' Boys' School. A vote of condolence was unanimously accorded to Bro. the Rev. James Simpson, Prov. S.G.W., on the untimely death of his wife.

The Acting Officers of the Province then divested themselves of their jewels and clothing, and the Grand Master appointed and invested their successors as follows:—

Bro. Braithwaite Wilson	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" John Holme	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Williams	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rutherford	...	Prov. Assist. G. Chap.
" Lemon	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Cooke,	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Busher	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. James...	...	Prov. G. S. Deacon.
" Robertson...	...	Prov. G. J. Deacon.
" Dodd	...	Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.
" Henry	...	Prov. G. Assist. Dir. of Cers.
" Titus Wilson	...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works.
" E. Fearon...	...	Prov. G. Sword-Bearer.
" Jones	...	Prov. G. Organist.
" Court	...	Prov. G. Pursuivant.
" John Talbot	...	Prov. G. Steward.
" E. G. Smith	...	Prov. G. "
" J. Wood	...	Prov. G. "
" G. Booker,	...	Prov. G. "
" J. Porter...	...	Prov. G. "
" W. Allsop	...	Prov. G. "
" Mulcaster...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Grand Lodge having been closed in ample form, preparations were made for a procession to the Parish Church, the route on both sides from one end to the other being thronged with spectators, although a heavy rain fell all the time. The procession was headed by the band of the Kendal Rifle Volunteer, playing the "Entered Apprentice's Song," and then came the officers and members of the various craft lodges, according to their numbers in the English Constitution, followed by the Provincial Grand Officers, the rear being brought up by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. The spectacle was most effective, varied as it was by the lodge banners, the light blue and silver clothing of the craft brethren, and the darker blue and gold decorations of the Grand Officers. Arrived at the portals of the fine old Parish Church, the head of the procession opened out, and the rear passed up the avenue into the sacred edifice first, under the "usual arch of steel." The congregation was very large. The music of the evening service was beautifully rendered by the choristers belonging to the church. The sermon was preached by the venerable Archdeacon Cooper, M.A., Vicar of Kendal, who delivered a very appropriate discourse from 2 Cor. v., 1.—"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."—A collection was afterwards made in aid of the restoration of the parish church, amounting to £18 12s. The procession was then reformed in reverse order to the Town Hall, in the midst of rain, and through a sea of mud.

At four o'clock the brethren adjourned to the Albert Buildings, Bro. Whitwell, M.P., having invited those present at the festival to a sumptuous banquet, *à la Russe*. Covers were laid for 160, but over that number dined, the *menu* being of the most *recherché* character, and creditable to the resources of the caterer, Mr. Dawson, King's Arms Hotel. The whole of the brethren appeared at the table in their Masonic clothing. The Earl of Bective, M.P., Grand Master, presided, supported right and left by Bro. Whitwell, M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M., and Ven. Archdeacon Cooper (who, not belonging to the Craft, of course retired when the Masonic post-prandial speeches began); Bros. Greaves, P. Dep. G.M.; Rev. W. Williams; Mott, R.N.R.; J. Lemon, Busher, and others. Bro. C. Morton, of Whitehaven, was the vice-chairman.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the province of Staffordshire was held in the Shire Hall, Stafford, Thursday, the 5th. ult.

The attendance of brethren was more than ordinarily numerous, nearly 300 hundred being present—the principle cause of this large meeting being the installation as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province, the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury, who had been recently nominated to that distinguished position by the Marquis of Ripon, R.W. Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Grand Jury Room, about one o'clock, the Right Worshipful Bro. George Singleton Tudor, 326, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presiding. He was supported by the R.W. P. Prov. G.M. Lieut.-Col. Vernon, the R.W. P. Prov. D.G.M. Foster Gough, *L.L.D.*; the Rev. Prov. G. Chaplain J. Westbury, the Rev. P. Prov. G. Chaplain James Downes, and Bro. W. Masefield, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Worcestershire.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read by Bro. Cartwright, the Prov. G. Secretary, and the statement of accounts by Bro. W. Howells, the Prov. G. Treasurer, and adopted.

Letters of apology were read from the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Combermere, Bro. Vine, the Provincial Grand Treasurer of Worcestershire, and several other brethren.

Before vacating the presidential chair, which the D. Prov. G.M. has for several years filled to the entire satisfaction of his brethren, he feelingly acknowledged the kindness he had invariably received, and expressed the gratification he felt in giving way for their Grand Master nominate, the Earl of Shrewsbury, who, judging from what he had seen of him, would be largely instrumental in furthering Freemasonry in the Province.

The R.W. P. Prov. G.M., Lieut.-Col. Vernon, who had been deputed by the Marquis of Ripon to perform the installation, in the absence of the D.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, then directed the R.W. Bros. G. S. Tudor, Foster Gough, several Prov. G. Masters, and four Stewards, to form a deputation to introduce the Grand Master nominate, who was received by the brethren standing, and saluted masonically. The installation then took place, and the noble Earl was invested with the insignia of office, and consequently took his seat in the chair of King Solomon, prayer being offered by the P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. James Downes.

The Prov. G.M., who was again saluted in Masonic form, then thanked the brethren of the province for their cordial acceptance of himself on the nomination of the Grand Master of England. He could assure all present that he had not taken the office without considerable thought, and he would endeavour with their assistance, and under the direction of the Great Architect of the Universe, to perform its onerous duties efficiently. He had already received from the Masters of Lodges in the province very kind congratulations, and he intended to visit every lodge as the commencement of his duties, and to take an early opportunity of working himself up a Master of a lodge. They would excuse him if he said what they wanted throughout the province was uniformity of action, so that when the Provincial Grand Master visited a lodge he might find the working in each to be similar. He should seek the assistance of the Deputy Grand Master and of others, who took an interest in Masonry: and he could not conclude without expressing how much he was indebted to the Deputy Grand Master for the assistance he had rendered him. From the admirable manner in which the D.G.M. had performed the duties of the province, he (the Prov. G.M.) had wished him on that occasion to nominate the officers, but as he declined to do so, he should himself act on the Deputy Grand Master's recommendation in their appointment.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master then proceeded to the appointment of his Officers; whom he invested with their respective collars and jewels, accompanying each with some felicitous remarks indicative of the duty he would have to discharge. They were as follows:—

Bro. George Singleton Tudor, ...	R.W. Prov. G.M.
„ Edwin Yates, P.M. 482 ...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ George Sargeant P.M. 418 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. J. Westbury, 418 ...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
„ Rev. Thomas Henry, 347 ...	Prov. G. Asst. Chaplain.
„ J. Pilling, W.M. 726 ...	Prov. G. Registrar.
„ W. Cartwright, P. Prov. } S.G.W. 460 }	Prov. G. Secretary.
„ R. Robinson, P.M. 624 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ W. Bayliss, P.M. 539... ..	Prov. G.J.D.
„ Alfred Caddick, P.M. 662 ...	Prov. G. Supt of Works.
„ S. Hill, P.M. 546	Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.
„ W. Allen, P.M. 966	Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.
„ W. Bindley, P.M. 1, 060 ...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer.
„ B. Barlow, P.M. 966	Prov. G. Organist.
„ John Warner, P.M. 460 ...	Prov. G. Pursuivant.
„ John Myatt, P.M. 98	Prov. G. Standard Bearer.

On the nomination of the R.W. P. Prov. D.G. Master, Bro. Foster Gough, seconded by the R.W. P. Prov. D.G. Master, Lieut.-Col. Vernon, P. Prov. S.G.W. Bro. William Howells, 347, was re-appointed Provincial Grand Treasurer, and H. Baggageley, P.M. 460, was re-appointed Provincial Grand Tyler for the 35th time.

Amongst the brethren present, in addition to those already named, were the following:—

Bros. Earl Ferrers, P.G.J.W. 779, Leicestershire; F. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; B. Brooks, P.M., Stourbridge, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Barstowe, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; Westwood, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W.; Tansley Witt, W.M. 173, a guest of the Earl of Shrewsbury; C. Matthews, P. Prov. G.M. 582; Thomas Braggs, P. Prov. G.S.D. Warwickshire; E. L. Bullock, P. Prov. G.J.W. 482; G. Spilsbury, P.M. 726, P. Prov. G. J.W.; Dr. J. D. Hewson, P.M. 726, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. L. Warren, P.M. 726, P. Prov. G.R.; John Bodenham, P. Prov. G. S.D. 726; H. Woodhouse, T. 726; F. A. Harrison, P. Prov. G.S.W. 1,163; James Rodgers, P. Prov. G.J.D. 418; C. Newnham, P. Prov. G.S.W. 419, 526; Henry Parker, P. Prov. G.J.W. 451; R. Mayger, P. Prov. G.R. 624; T. Sneyd, P. Prov. G.J.D. 539; J. Beaumont Piercy, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. 418; John Pursall, P. Prov. G.S.W. 1,163; S. Fenn, P. Prov. G.S.B.W. 473; C. Turner, P.M. 418, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. R. Blair, P.M. 546, P. Prov. G.J.D.; C. F. Newman, P.M. 797; P. Prov. G.S.D.; A. Glover, P. Prov. G.S.W., 546, 460; James F. Wileman, P. Prov. G.J.D., 546; C. H. King, P. Prov. G.J.D., 460; Wm. Hargreaves, P. Prov. G.S.W., 460; Clement Marsh, P.M., W.M., 460; Rev. R. Lomas Lowe, P. Prov. G.C. Vancouver, 726; George Baker, P. Prov. G.S.W., 451; John Baker, P. Prov. G.J.D., 966; J. S. Barber, P. Prov. G.R., 1,032, 794; W. H. Folker, P. Prov. G.R. 451; John Burrell, P. Prov. A.D.C. 546; Ralph Dain, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. 98; George Cooper, P. Prov. G.P. 456; George Sergeant, P. Prov. G.R. 418; W. H. Hales, P.M., P. Prov. G.A.D.C., 418; Samuel Hyslop, P.M., P. Prov. G.P. 469; G. M. Warning, W.M., P. Prov. G.D.C., 418; S. Gibson, jun., P. Prov. G.A.D.C. 966; Edwin Shargool, P.M., P. Prov. G.O., 726, Cheshire; Thomas Mason, P. Prov. G.O. 460; Edward Baguley, P. Prov. G.P. 419; John Storer, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. 726; W. Dibb, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. 726; John Twiss, P.M., P. Prov. G.O., 480, Cheshire; G. Barlow, P.G.O. 533, Cheshire; Rev. W. Westall, P. Prov. G.S. 2S1; E. A. Schuth P. Prov. G.S.B. 482; G. Blanshauil, P. Prov. G.P. 347; J. Webberley, P.M. P. Prov. G.P. 456; W. Shaw, P.G.S. 726; F. Greatrex P.G.S., 726; Geo. W. Hodgkinson, P.G.S., 726; Samuel Yates, P.G.S., 727; A. F. Whittope, P.G.S., 726; H. Fairhead, P.G.S. 726; E. T. Fernie, P.G.S. 726; J. C. M'Clean, P. Prov. G.S., 1039; and numerous brethren, officers, and members of the various lodges in the province.

Immediately after the appointment of Officers, the Grand Lodge was adjourned, and the brethren, who were marshalled in proper order, walked in procession to St. Mary's Church, preceded by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, the "Book of the Law" being carried as usual by four sons of Free and Accepted Masons. The noble edifice was filled throughout, and amongst the worshippers were the Countess of Shrewsbury and other members of his lordship's family. Prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. T. Henry, of St. Mark's, Tipton, Assistant Grand Chaplain, and the Rev. Lomas Lowe, of Bradley; the first lesson by Bro. the Rev. W. Westall, of St. Paul's, Forebridge; and the second by Bro. the Rev. James Downes, of Stonnall, P. Prov. G. Chaplains. The Sermon was preached by the Bro. the Rev. J. Westbury, Vicar of Hartshill, the Prov. G. Chaplain, from the 37th verse of the 37th Psalm—"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." It was described as an admirable discourse—brief, but full of weighty truth—entirely Masonic, whilst Christian duties were strongly enforced.

Bro. Shargool, Organist of St. Mary's, presided at the organ with his usual ability, and his selection was warmly congratulated by the noble Provincial Grand Master at a subsequent part of the day.

The collection amounted to £18 15s., and on the return of the brethren to the Grand Lodge this sum was made up to £21, and divided in the following manner:—

To the Rector of St. Mary's for the parochial schools—£5 5s.; to the Rev. J. Westbury for his schools at Hartshill

£5 5s.; and five guineas each to the fund of the Staffordshire General and North Staffordshire Infirmarys.

These votes having been carried in the usual manner amongst Masons, and an acknowledgment offered by the Grand Master to the Prov. Grand Chaplain for his sermon, the Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at four o'clock in the assembly room of the Shire Hall, which had been tastefully decorated. The tables were admirably arranged for the convenience of the guests, 200 of whom were comfortably seated, the R.W. Prov. G.M., occupying a seat in the centre, on the west side of the hall. The sumptuous character of the repast was considerably enhanced by a magnificent collection of choice fruits and flowers from the gardens of the noble president, which were arranged with much taste and to admirable advantage by Mr. Phipps, of Ingestre, his lordship's gardener. The dinner was served by Bro. James Senior of the Swan and Vine Hotels, and it may be sufficient to say that everyone was pleased and satisfied. His lordship was supported on the right by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Tudor, and the R.W.P. Prov. D.G.M., Dr. Foster Gough, and on the left by Bro. the Earl Ferrers, and the R.W.P. Prov. G.M., Lieut.-Col. Vernon, together with several of the past and present officers of the province. On the removal of the "creature comforts" which had been provided, "Non Nobis Domine" was sung by Bros. Edmondson, of Stockport, and Dumville and Standen, of the Cathedral, Manchester; immediately after which the R.W. Prov. G.M. proposed "The health, the better health of her Majesty the Queen," which was drunk standing, followed by the Masonic version of the National Anthem.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Shrewsbury again rose and proposed "The health of P.G.M. Bro. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." As regarded the Prince of Wales, his Royal Highness, he said, had proved himself a good Mason, while the Princess had endeared herself to every English heart. The toast was warmly received.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., then proposed "The health of the M.W.G.M., the Marquis of Ripon."

The R.W.P. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Vernon, proposed "The health of R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Shrewsbury." They had all, he observed, seen how the Provincial Grand Master had worked the Provincial Grand Lodge that day, and from his kindness of manner and his thorough grasp of detail, they all have said to themselves, "Here is the man for us." Before he became a Mason their R.W. brother showed how thoroughly he was imbued with some of the best principles of the Craft—charity and philanthropy—and now that he had obtained high honours among them, his earnest desire was to prove himself worthy of them. The best interests of the Craft were now in good hands, and trusted that their R.W. Prov. G.M. might long live to preside over them. (The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.)

The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Shrewsbury, said he felt that that day was an important era in his existence. He had not accepted the responsible office of their Prov. G.M. without careful inquiry as to what were its duties, and whether, with his other varied engagements, he could efficiently discharge them. Having decided in the affirmative, he accepted, but with diffidence, the proud position which was offered him. In these days of work, if a man aspired to any commendation among his neighbours, he must be determined to lead a life, not of pleasure and idleness, but of real hard work. In the position he had by their kindness been placed, he trusted to be able to assist them in carrying out great and good works, and to show the world that Masonry was not a mere social club, but a great power for good. He had made it his business to glance over the reports of many of their Masonic charities, and he believed that the Masonic School for Boys and that for Girls ranked among the grandest institutions of the kingdom. No community was so ready as Masons to stretch out a friendly hand to the widow and orphan, and he could not but regard as one of the safeguards of the Constitution of a free country like this, the existence of a society which, revering all that was good and rejecting all that was bad, bound together its members in the ties of truth and fidelity. After a few remarks on the importance of a feeling of unity between the various lodges, the Prov. G.M. went on to propose the health of the R.W.D. Prov. G.M. Prov. G.S. Tudor, of whose services to the Craft he spoke in the

highest terms, and who, he said, ought to have occupied the position which he (the Prov. G.M.) then held. From the moment, however, that he communicated with Bro. Tudor respecting his appointment, he received nothing but the greatest kindness and courtesy, and the most valuable advice. Further alluding to a subject which he had mentioned in Grand Lodge the R.W. Prov. G.M. reiterated his intention of visiting the various lodges, in company with the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., with the view of making himself thoroughly acquainted with the work of Masonry, and promoting uniformity of action. So far as lay with him, Masonry should not remain stagnant. Alluding to the sermon preached at church by the Prov. G.C., Bro. Westbury, the R.W. Prov. G.M. observed that their rev. brother had said in twelve minutes what it would have taken some rev. gentleman an hour to deliver. In his brief but edifying and most true and honest discourse Bro. Westbury had fully set forth the principles of Masonry, and he should like to see the sermon in print, and a copy attached to the bye-laws of every lodge. (The health of the R.W.D. Prov. G.M. was then drunk with great cordiality.)

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Tudor, in acknowledging the toast, gave expression to the earnest desire to discharge his duties efficiently which had always actuated him, and his gratitude to them for their invariable kindness, and especially to Prov. G.S., Bro. Cartwright and the P.D.G.M.'s, Bros. Dr. Gough and Dr. Burton for the invaluable advice they had from time to time given him.

The Prov. G.M. then briefly proposed "The health of the P. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Vernon."

The R.W. P. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Vernon, gracefully acknowledged the compliment.

The R.W.P.D. Prov. G.M., Dr. Foster Gough acknowledged the toast.

P. Prov. S.G.W. the P.G.S. Wm. Cartwright, in proposing the health of the P.G.C., the Rev. Bro. J. Westbury, hoped that the happy brevity which had distinguished the rev. gentleman's sermon would be imitated by every minister of the Church of England.

P.G.C. Westbury briefly acknowledged the toast.

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M. Bro. Tudor proposed "The Prov. G.W. and Officers of Prov. G. Lodge," coupling with the toast the name of the S.G.W., Bro. Yates, who, in acknowledging it, said the St. James's Lodge, Handsworth, of which he was a member, had very properly viewed his nomination to the office of S.G.W. as an honour conferred upon them.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. the Earl of Shrewsbury proposed "The Visitors." He regretted the absence of several distinguished friends, who had been invited, but congratulated the company on the presence of Earl Ferrers, the G.M. of the Ivanhoe and Ashby-de-la-Zouch Lodge. He was sure that though one part of his noble friend's heart belonged to Leicestershire, the other belonged to Staffordshire. In addition to Earl Ferrers, the R.W.G.M. coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Whitt, who, his Lordship humorously stated, had been professionally engaged in auditing his accounts, and had enabled him to come to that banquet with a clear conscience.

Bro. Earl Ferrers, and Bro. Witt, briefly acknowledged the toast, the noble earl observing that though he was a Mason of Leicestershire, he was proud to be a native of Staffordshire.

Bro. Bristow, of Worcester, also responded.

P.S.W. Yates proposed the health of the Prov. G. Treas. and the Prov. G. Sec., to the great value of whose services he bore warm testimony. The toast was briefly acknowledged by Prov. G.T. Howells and Prov. G.S. Cartwright.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. Sargeant, Prov. G.J.W., and was acknowledged in an excellent speech by Bro. Binckes.

The R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Dr. Foster Gough, in a very happy speech, proposed "The Ladies," which was acknowledged by Bro. J. C. Marson.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Shrewsbury, proposed the "Stewards" coupling with it the name of Bro. Joyce, to whose able services, he said, they were deeply indebted. His lordship also connected with the toast the name of Bro. Senior, of whose catering he deservedly spoke in high terms. At the same time he warmly thanked P. Prov. G.O. Shargool for the admirable manner in which he conducted the musical service at church.

Bro. Joyce having responded, and the Tyler's toast having been given by Bro. W.M. Dibb, P. Prov. G.S.B., the brethren separated, after singing the National Anthem.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

HALIFAX.—*De Warren Lodge* (No. 1302).—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th instant, it having been called for the purpose of enabling Bro. F. Whitaker, P.M., P.J.G.D., to present to the lodge a large oil painting of the respected Tyler, Bro. John Greenwood, P.M., to be hung in the lodge room. The lodge was opened soon after six by the W.M., Bro. W. H. D. Horsfall, and there was a good attendance of the officers and members, with a few visitors, including the painter of the portrait, Bro. Siddall, of Douglas, Isle of Man. After the presentation had taken place, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper. The cloth having been withdrawn and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts given, the health of Bro. Whitaker was proposed by the W.M., who alluded to the various means Bro. Whitaker had taken to further the interests of several charitable institutions of the Craft in every way, and gracefully referred to the handsome present he had just made to the lodge, as, in addition to the portrait, he had also generously been at the expense of Bro. Greenwood's fortnight's sojourn in the Isle of Man to give sittings to the artist. Bro. Whitaker, in responding to the toast, mentioned that the artist and Bro. Greenwood were both in their 70th year, a fact which rendered the painting—in itself a work of art—all the more valuable. Bro. Firth, I.P.M., then proposed the health of Bro. Greenwood, and spoke in glowing terms of the respect in which that brother was held, not only by the members of the De Warren, but also of the various lodges in the neighbourhood where he was acting as Tyler. Bro. Greenwood, in reply, remarked that he was made a Mason in 1822, and had continued a subscribing member of his mother lodge ever since. He described how he wanted to be made when he was 20 years years of age, and how disappointed he was to find he had to wait another year, for he was told by his friend to whom he applied "that they did not make lads." He had always endeavoured to discharge his duties to the utmost of his ability, and was never so happy as when in the company of Masons; in fact he scarcely kept any other company. He especially thanked Bro. Whitaker for his kindness towards him, and said he felt deeply thankful to all the brethren for the good feeling which had been so frequently shown to him. Bro. F. Whitaker then said he was proud he had been entrusted by the W.M. with the next toast, which was that of the artist, Bro. Siddall. He had known him for some time, and felt convinced, when he placed the order in his hands, he would produce a picture alike creditable to himself, to Bro. Greenwood, and the brethren in general. Bro. Siddall sincerely thanked the brethren for the invitation to be present that evening, which he had considered a great privilege. He was himself only a young Mason, but the more he saw of Masonry the more he liked it. He would promise the brethren, if any of them came to the Isle of Man, to do his utmost to give them as warm a reception as they had given him in Halifax. Several other toasts followed. Bro. Horsfall, in reply to the toast of the W.M., said it had given him extreme pleasure that evening to preside on so auspicious an occasion, and he was thoroughly convinced Bro. Greenwood was deserving of all that had been said and done. Bros. Ingham, 1,363, Hebden, 1,231, and T. Whitaker having responded for 'The Visitors,' a happy evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW ENCAMPMENT IN THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The Fidelity Encampment, meeting in the Fidelity Rooms, Masonic Hall, Leeds, was consecrated by the Grand Chancellor, Sir P. Colquhoun, on the 21st of September last. The Provincial Grand Commander, Sir Knt. J. Fisher, honoured the occasion by his presence, it being the first meeting attended by

him after his installation. There were also present the following Knights:—John Wordsworth, Past Grand Standard Bearer; Henry Smith, J.D.; Kay, A. Horsfall, W. J. Beck, H. Inchbold, J. F. Atkinson, and J. Greenwood, and J. F. Frölich, of the Royal Kent Encampment, Newcastle.

The Grand Vice-Chancellor, Sir Knt. W. Tinkler, read the warrant, and the ceremony of consecration was impressively performed by the Grand Chancellor, the Provincial Grand Commander having courteously vacated the Throne for that purpose. The Grand Vice-Chancellor acting as Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Chancellor then suitably addressed the Encampment, and installed Sir Knt. J. D. Kay, as E.C.; Sir Knts. A. Horsfall, and W. J. Beck, were appointed Captains.

Several candidates were proposed for installation, and the E.C. closed the Encampment in due form.

A Priory of the Order of Malta was afterwards opened, when Sir Knts. J. D. Kay, J. Wordsworth, and J. F. Frölich, were installed as E. Priors, and Sit Knt. J. F. Atkinson was installed a K.M.

The Priory was then closed in due form.

The Knights were afterwards entertained, in a homely but fraternal manner, in the banquet room of the Hall, by the E.C. Sir Knt. J. D. Kay.

This Encampment bids fair soon to take a position and second to none in the province. The founders have evidently made an excellent choice, not only in fixing upon Leeds for the location of the Encampment, but also in the selection of E.C. and officers! The most cordial fraternal feeling and unity prevails amongst all the members and, as far as well can be foretold, the future of the Encampment will be most prosperous.

MARK MASONRY.

SAMSON AND LION LODGE.—The brethren of this lodge held their regular meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. The brethren present were Bros. Israel Abrahams, P.G. Steward, W.M.; Wolf Littaur, J.W.; M. Emanuel, S.O.; A. D. Loewenstark, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Meyer A. Loewenstark, P.M. Sec.; Geo. Moore; John Faulkner; J. L. Rosenthal, Org. Lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes confirmed, apologies were received from several officers, in consequence of another important meeting happening on the same day. Five brethren were proposed for advancement, and the lodge adjourned till January next.

BRO. CHARLES HOSGOOD.—We understand that Bro. Hosgood, P.M. 192, and P.Z. 1056 is about to sail for Moreton Bay, in the celebrated clipper ship "Storm King." Bro. Hosgood carries with him the fraternal regards and best wishes of a very large circle of Masonic friends, and he proposes to make a very extensive journey through the American continent before he returns home. We doubt he not will meet with many a hearty reception from the members of our Order during his travels.

Bro. Capt. George Holden, the commander of the celebrated clipper ship "Storm King," of the London Blackwall Line, and a member of United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, is about to sail for Moreton Bay. He carries with him as passenger Bro. C. Hosgood, P.M. 193. We understand that the United Mariners Lodge meets next Wednesday at Bro. Mr. Gosden's, Masons' Hall, Coleman Street.

FREEMASONRY.—The position which Freemasonry now occupies before the world, its general diffusion through all ranks and grades of society, and the commanding influence of universality accorded to it, invest it with an ability to do good far beyond that which ordinarily falls to the lot of human institutions.

MASONIC GEOMETRY.—A point may be represented by an Entered Apprentice; a line by a Fellow Craft; a solid by a Master Mason; a cube by a Past Master.

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS &c., FOR WEEK
ENDING OCTOBER 21st, 1871.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, October 16th.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School at 12.
LODGES.—Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street; Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; Pamure, Balham Hotel, Balham; Whittington, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, City of London, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street; Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall; Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Tuesday, October 17th.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
LODGES.—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark; Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street; Salisbury, 71, Dean Street, Soho.—CHAPTER.—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall; Mount Sinai, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Industry, Freemason's Hall.

Wednesday, October 18th.

General Committee Grand Chapter at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence at 6 precisely.
LODGES.—United Mariners, George Hotel, Aldermanbury; St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich; Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street; Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich; Nelson, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich; New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.—CHAPTER.—Stability, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

Thursday, October 19th.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
LODGES.—Gihon, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street; Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street; Temperance, White Swan, High Street, Deptford; Manchester, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Universal, Freemasons' Hall; Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood; South Norwood, South Norwood Hall, South Norwood; Great Northern, Great Northern Hotel, King's Cross.—CHAPTER.—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

Friday, October 20th.

House Committee Boys' School.
LODGES.—Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.

Saturday, October 21st.

Audit Committee Boys' School.
LODGES.—West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, Lewisham; Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF
INSTRUCTION.

Monday, October 16th.

LODGES.—Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd, Deptford; St. James's 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; British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Bancroft Place, Mile End, E.; Tower Hamlets' Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial Road, E.; Union Waterloo, King's Arms, Woolwich; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Motcomb Street, Belgrave Square; Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street; Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford

Tuesday, October 17th.

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; Sidney Lodge, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st. New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth; Ben Jonson Club of Instruction, Ben Jonson Tav, Goodman's Yard, Minories, E., at S.—CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Preece's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st; Mount Sion, White Hart, Bishops-gate-st.; Robert Burns Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's Lane.

Wednesday, October 18th.

LODGES.—Confidence, Railway Tav., London-st; United Strength Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; Israel, Rising Sun Tav. Globe Road; 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, Winsley-st., Oxford-street.—CHAPTER.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-street. Grosvenor-square.

Thursday, October 19th

LODGES.—Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Euston-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; 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, October 20th.

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, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's Lane, Brixton; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester square; 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, Auderton's Ho.; Fleet-st.; Hervey, Swan, Walham-green; Metropolitan, Preece'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; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park, at 7.—CHAPTER.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

Saturday, October 21st.

LODGE.—Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.—CHAPTERS.—Mount Sinai, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street; Domatic, Horns, Kenninton.

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!