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THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA AND THE QUEBEC SECESSIONISTS.

Although a course contrary to that which we have consistently advocated has been adopted, we rejoice to announce that there exists a probability that the hitherto widening breach between the two sections of our Canadian brethren will be speedily closed in an amicable manner.

A treaty having been held between representatives of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and those lodges within the district which have remained faithful to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, the following resolution has been agreed to :—

“Whereas, unhappily, differences and disputes have arisen, and are now existing in masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and F. M. and her subordinates, on the one part, and the several lodges in the said province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the other part.

‘And, whereas, with the view to terminate and for ever end said differences, and to restore harmony throughout the craft in the said province, the said lodges, to wit: the said party of the second part, are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part to wit: the said Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the said party of the first part are willing to accept said lodges into their organisation or Grand body, the same as if they, the said lodges, had originally taken part in said organisation.

“And it is agreed by both said parties that all questions, viz., names of lodges, distribution of property in the case of duplicate lodges, and priority of numbers in the case of all lodges, shall be left entirely to a committee of six, three of whom shall be named from the party of the first part, and three from the party of the second part, with power to said committee to name an arbitrator, and the decision of the said committee and umpire to be final.

“And the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge. And the committee representing the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of the lodges, at a meeting to be held by such representatives for that purpose.”

We sincerely hope that this may be “the beginning of the end,” and that once more as loving brethren the masons of Canada may vie with each other in the good work, and that, in its infantile steps the Grand Lodge of Quebec may emulate the steady progress and dignified position of its still youthful parent, the Grand Lodge of Canada.

On this subject the “Craftsman and Canadian Masonic Record” says :—

“At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the settlement of the Quebec difficulty was referred to the masons of Quebec, with the promise, implied by the passage of the resolution, that Grand lodge would, as soon as an arrangement mutually satisfactory to the loyal Masons and those who have withdrawn from their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, had been effected, cede the territory embraced within the limits of the Province of Quebec, and make such other concessions as justice required. That resolution, was, we believe, sustained by some brethren who have heretofore professed very strong friendship for the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the perfect acquiescence in the movement which brought it into existence. The majority by which it was carried was a very large one, and expressions of confidence were freely indulged in upon all sides that the question was in good hands, and that the schism, which all true Masons have so much regretted, was certain soon to be settled.”

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

A SILENT TONGUE.

A member was not long ago expelled from his lodge for divulging the proceedings of the lodge to one not entitled to such knowledge. The action was sustained by the Grand Lodge on the ground that it was of such common occurrence for the proceedings of lodges to be known almost immediately by the outside world, that the expulsion was deemed just. It would be well for every lodge to adopt such stringent measures that would prevent this divulging of transactions which should be kept entirely secret. Many brethren are, perhaps thoughtlessly, too apt to speak in the presence of those who are not members, of things that occur in the lodge. We have known instances where an applicant has been rejected and in a short time afterwards the fact was known among all his acquaintances. This practice is reprehensible, and no doubt if the lodges could fasten the guilt upon the delinquent he would be expelled, as he would richly deserve. One of the inculcations of masonry is a silent tongue, and if the brethren were more guarded there would be less trouble. The newly admitted brother is admonished to be silent, but at times we find the admonition is not heeded.—*Landmark*.

DESTRUCTION OF GENERAL WASHINGTON'S LODGE ROOM.

Among the old colonial houses consumed in the conflagration at Alexandria, Virginia, in May last, were the Masonic lodge of which George Washington was the Master, and the old colonial Court House, in which Washington's provincial troops were quartered in 1754, and from the door of which Braddock marched to his defeat in 1775, and in which ex-President Washington gave his last vote in 1760.

WHY MASONIC HISTORY IS SO BRIEF.

The fact has not escaped the observation of any intelligent reader that very little, comparatively, has been written of Freemasonry. All that is authentically historic of the institution would make a very small volume. This is certainly not for lack of age. It dates an antiquity of origin that runs far back into the centuries that precede the Christian era. It is not because it has been confined to obscure and unimportant individuals, for it has in all ages been patronized and promoted

by persons of the most consequence, and of the highest distinction, of whom mention is made in history. It is thus accounted for. It has been a grand charity. Its spirit has been benevolence,—its deeds beneficence,—its march has been peaceful, unobtrusive,—going on the principle that the left hand shall not know what the right hand doeth. Then again, I think I shall keep within the limits of truth in asserting that two-thirds of the history of this world is a record of blood, or of of diplomacy and intrigues that have led to the effusion of blood. No wonder, then, that an institution, characterised as this has been, should find so little room on these blood-stained pages. That its friends have not written its history, more complete, is to be accounted for from the fact, as all the initiated know, that masons are not much given to writing—that its essential features are traditional, and if I may be allowed to say so, it has ever inculcated a modesty which forbade going on the housetops to herald its deeds, or sounding a trumpet before it on its missions of love.—Bro. N. F. REID.

MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

The triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States was held at Baltimore last month. It was decided that hereafter the use of substitutes in conferring the R. A. degree in chapters may be lawfully used.

An amendment to the constitution, making the Past Grand High Priests of the different States represented in that body, life members, was adopted.

An amendment to the constitution was offered, which lies over under the rule, making the first four General Grand Officers life members of the General Grand Chapter.

The decision of the General Grand H. P. in relation to the work, and also that relative to his decision for the continuance and perpetuity of the General Grand Chapter from its organisation to the present time, were adopted.

The next convocation of the General Grand Chapter will be held at Nashville, Tennessee, in November, 1874.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents.

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

Sir,—Whilst you have set your face against testimonials in general, one in particular, you have made an exception in favour of—the one for which great efforts are being made, on behalf of Bro. Binckes, who, however, much he has done for the Boys' School, it was simply his business, and his duty as a Secretary to do; and not alone has he been most liberally paid for his services, but has received large sums as Commissions on the large receipts, and, if report speaks truly, the present is not the first "substantial token," &c., that Bro. Binckes has had "thrust upon him;" in fact, he seems born to honours as well as having them thrust upon him.

AN OLD MASON.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE ELLIS,

The mortal remains of the late Bro. George Ellis, professor of music, were committed to the earth at Blackburn, Lancashire, on Thursday, 12th. inst., with more than usual solemnity. Bro. Ellis exercised his talent and his opportunities to the edification of the public, displaying, on all occasions, the highest musical talent, observing the utmost punctuality in the keeping of his engagements, and the different traits of a public and professional character untainted by narrow views or aggrandisement, but ever trying, with unassuming and vigorous energy of character, to hand down to posterity a musical legacy at once elevating, humanising, and divine. Like all successful men of his class, his worth will be best appreciated after his death, and the loss that the musical world has sustained will only be measured by a correct estimate of the blank that his death has occasioned.

In Blackburn Bro. Ellis was extremely well known, and on the morning of the funeral the town was well astir.

The shop windows in the principal streets were partially closed, and dense masses of people came to pay a last tribute of esteem to an old townsman who had obtained for himself a niche in the temple of fame. The relatives and friends of the deceased gentleman assembled at his residence in Park-Terrace. The Masonic brethren met in their lodge room at the Old Bull Hotel, and at eleven o'clock proceeded to Bro. Ellis's house, and shortly afterwards the funeral cortege filed off, to the strains of the grandly solemn "Dead March in Saul."

The following brethren attended in the full costume of the Order:—

Bros. Denis Towers, W.M. 345; R. C. J. Duckworth, S.W. 345; George Duerden, J.W. 345; Charles Tiplady, Treasurer 345; Robert Birkett, S.D. 345; J. W. Leutener, St. 345; T. Bramley, J.D. 345; John Ingham, St. 355; W. Croft, Tyler

345; S. Preston, Joseph Markland, Thomas Sharples, P.M. 346 William Palmer, W.M. 678; Roger Houghton, John Clough, John Oldfield, James Pye, R. Livsey, William Bury, Charles Aspen, Frankland Thomas, P.M. 345; John Proctor, P.M. 345; James Brooksby, John Neville, James Longstaff, Thomas Sowerbutts, William Hillidge, S.W. 346; John Pomfret, Thomas Yates, Joseph Joy, J. B. Carr, J. W. Walsh, John Margerison, William Stuart, John Leaver, J. J. Thompson, J.W. 346; William Henry Cunliffe, S.D. 269; William Hirst, Henry Stowe, Joseph Wilcox, William Baron, David Thornber, S.W. 269; Joseph Callis, Job Clegg, George Wood, P.M. 381; W. T. Townley, P.M. 269; John Forrest, J. Harwood, Rev. Charles Hughes, Chaplain 245; Henry Hindle, Nicholas Gillett, John Coupe, Robert Edge, William Gelson, John Simpson, James Beadsworth, H. Shuttleworth, I.G. 345; Edwin Eastwood, P.M. 345; Ellis Nuttall, Thomas Howarth, Thomas Clarkson, P.M. 269, P.G.D.C. of E.L.; Ralph Ibbotson, G. P. Hartley, P.M. 345; Amos Armistead, W.M. 346; Joseph Parker, John Robinson, John Stones, John Ingham, Henry Duckworth, L. Roberts, P.M. 381; Robert Crossley, P.M. 268.

As the funeral procession was passing through Penny street on its way to the Cemetery, there were fully 2000 persons in the front of the cortege. A halt was made at the Cemetery gates, the Bacup band went a little forward, and the other bands, with the Masonic brethren, took open order and uncovered; the hearse and the mourning coaches passing between the lines. The band commenced again to play the "Dead March in Saul," and in that way proceeded to the chapel of the Church of England.

The coffin was met at the church door by the Rev. W. Mayor, who repeated those grand lines in the Church of England service, "I am the resurrection and the life." The coffin was of oak, with a brass plate, on which was inscribed the simple sentence, "George Ellis, died October 8th, 1871," and it was circled with a magnificent wreath of flowers.

A choral party went to the Cemetery, consisting of Mr. Jones, Organist of St. Peter's Church, Miss Heaton Mr. Birkett, Mr. D. Towers, Mr. Anthony Green, and Mr. Jennings. A harmonium had also been conveyed to the church, and when all the mourners were assembled and a vast concourse of people had congregated, the choir sang with much sweetness and effect the psalms appointed for that day.

The Rev. W. Mayor then most impressively read the first portion of the burial service, at the conclusion of which the choir sang "Vital spark of heavenly flame," with much feeling and pathos. The body was then borne to a new vault which had been lately purchased by the deceased, made out of two grave spaces. The Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Toekhales, concluded the burial service at the grove side, the people uncovering.

The Masonic funeral ceremony was then gone through. The two hymns, one beginning with—

There is a calm for those who weep,
A rest for weary pilgrims found;

and the second beginning—

It is decreed in heaven above

That we from those whom best we love must sever.

were sung in such a way as to visibly affect the vast assembly. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Denis Towers, who was deeply moved, concluded by reading an address couched in terms of thrilling eloquence, from which we give the subjoined extract:—"In conformity with this usage, and at the request of our deceased brother, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we deplore, we are assembled in the character of Freemasons, to resign his body to the earth, whence it came, and to offer up his memory, before the world, the last tribute of our fraternal affection; thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem, and our inviolable attachment to the principles of the Order."

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

The Right Hon. Earl of Talbot and Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, in March, 1872.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, was held 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), resumed its meetings on Monday, October 2nd, and meets every 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 their 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).

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.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held at the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 18th inst.

The Chair of W.M. was occupied by Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; that of S.W. by Bro. J. Brett, Junior Vice-President; and that of J.W. by Bro. John Savage.

There were also present, Bros. F. Walters, Joseph Smith, J. Cottebrune, W. Smith, C.E., R. Sheen, Samuel May, J. Gale, J. Coutts, Major Finney, K. Cooke, Stevens, and others.

The lodge was opened precisely at six o'clock.

The laws regulating the Lodge of Benevolence were read by Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary.

Eleven cases recommended for relief at last meeting, in sums amounting to £255, were confirmed.

Fifteen new applications for relief were considered; and grants and recommendations were made as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
A Brother of Peckham Lodge, (No. 879), London	20	0	0
A Brother of Royal Naval Lodge (No. 59), London	30	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Faith Lodge, Radcliffe Bridge, Lancashire	20	0	0
A Brother of Friendly Lodge (No. 239), Jamaica	15	0	0
A Brother of Vitruvian Lodge (No. 87), London	15	0	0
A Brother of Wellington Lodge (No. 548), Deptford	30	0	0
A Brother of Wellington Lodge (No. 548), Deptford	10	0	0
A Brother of St. David's Lodge. (No. 384), Bangor	5	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153), Gibraltar.....	10	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Brunswick Lodge (No. 159), East Stonehouse, Devon	10	0	0
The Child of a Brother of Leigh Lodge, London	10	0	0

Four cases were deferred.

Their being no further business, the Lodge of Benevolence was closed at an early hour.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 11th inst. There were present:—Bros. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, in the chair; J. Smith, J. Brett, Pulteney Scott, W. Farnfield, W. H. Farnfield, F. Walters, N. Wingfield, E. Cottebrune, J. R. Sheen, and R. Spencer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

No additional candidates were added to the list.

The death of one female annuitant was announced.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Committee of this Institution held their regular meeting on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Browse in the chair.

The members present were: Bros. F. Binckes, J. R. Sheen, Cox, Head, F. Walters, T. J. Sabine, H. Massey, and others.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Two Candidates were added to the list.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Craft Masonry.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

METROPOLITAN.

KENT LODGE (No. 13).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, King Street, on Wednesday, the 11th instant. The following brethren were present:—Bros. John Lennett, W.M.; Barlow, S.W.; W. P. Duket, J.W.; Martin, S.D.; Giles, J.D.; S. Sleeman, P.M.; West, I.G.; C. Sennett, P.M.; Barnes, P.M. and Sec.; and Pinder. Bro. Anderson, of a Scotch Lodge, was present as a visitor. Messrs. Schneider and Goldenburg were initiated by the W.M. in a very able manner. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in the usual manner.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—This prosperous old Lodge resumed its meetings on the 17th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Bro. Meyer A. Loewenstark, W.M., assisted by the following officers, opened the Lodge:—Bros. G. Free, S.W.; G. J. Grace, W.M. 1,198, J.W.; A. L. Dussek, J.D.; J. S. Goring, I.G.; J. Wilkins, D.C.; J. Butler, W.S.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; D. Rose, P.M.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; and Thomas Sabine, P.M. The minutes of the last meeting in April were read and confirmed. Mr. Thomas Ship Hill was favourably balloted for, as a candidate for initiation, and being in attendance, was most ably and impressively admitted into the secrets of the Order by the W.M. The following brethren having signified their intention of representing the Lodge as Stewards for the various Masonic Institutions for the ensuing year were elected unanimously by the members, viz:—The W.M., Bro. Meyer A. Loewenstark, for the Aged Freemasons; the S.W., Bro. George Free, for the Boys' School; and the Treasurer, Bro. E. Harris, P.M., for the Girls' School. Several notices of motion having been given for the next meeting, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M. in his usual happy manner. Several songs and recitations were given by the members and visitors, and the brethren adjourned shortly before midnight. The following members were also present: Bros. Chipperfield, Cooper, Graham, Whittaker, Lilley, Keeble, Gregory, Elliot, Furness, J. Crawley, J. F. Timms, H. Jacobs, S. Frankenberg, J. Wel, Ireton, Lenu, Mercer, H. Bagaley, H. Rayden, and J. Swaine. Visitors:—Bros. Walter, 87; Cruchley, 177; Dawson, J.W. 211; Richmond, 890; Marcus D. Loewenstark, 1360; and Batchelor, 1178.

UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The brethren of this lodge met as usual at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday the 10th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. Bisley, W.M. The visitors present were Bros. A. Caduce, P.M. 45; and F. Walters, P.M. 73. The lodge was placed in mourning in respect to the memory of the late Bro. Vivian, P.M. A banquet closed the proceedings.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).—On Wednesday, the 11th ult., the brethren of this lodge held their regular meeting at Anderson's Hotel. Present:—Bros. W. Hester, W.M.; W. Parsons, S.W.; J. S. Homewood, J.W.; I. G. Froud, P.M. Treas.; H. Garrod, P.M., Sec.; C. Scott, S.D.; E. Harper, J.D.; W. Ough, P.G. Parst., P.M.; and G. Pym, P.M. Visitors present:—Bros. F. Walters, P.M. 73; G. Palmer, W.M. 11; H. Muggidge, P.M. 192; T. T. Barnett, 95; J. Breckels, 144; and others. The business consisted of two initiations, one passing, and one raising. Bro. Parsons was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; and Bro. Froud was re-elected Treasurer. A Past Master's Jewel was voted to Bro. Hester, W.M.

INSTRUCTION.

The return visit of the Doric Lodge of Instruction to the United Pilgrim's Lodge of Instruction is fixed for the evening of Friday, the 27th inst., at six o'clock precisely, when fifteen members of the former lodge will work the fifteen sections under the presidency of Bro. John Thomas, P.M., P.Z., 507, 720, 1239, and the Honorary Preceptor of the "United Pilgrims." The meeting will be held at the Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Shepherds Lane, Brixton. We strongly recommend such of our readers as are interested in the spread of Masonic Instruction, to attend on the occasion, as they will have an opportunity for observing the great advantage that is to be derived from the interchange of visits which these lodges have originated. We are requested to notify that with a view to extend the usefulness of the United Pilgrim's Lodge of Instruction, its members have reduced the amount of introductory fees and subscriptions, and have made such other arrangements as will doubtless considerably increase their members and their ability to do good Masonic service in the South of London.

PROVINCIAL.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 579).—The first regular monthly meeting of the season took place on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall. A special interest attached to the proceedings, from the fact that the son of the W.M., who was a candidate for initiation, had only attained his majority the day previous to the meeting. There was a large attendance of members, both of this and the sister Lodge, 523. Amongst those who were present were R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, R.W. Prov. G.M.; Bros. C. Stretton, W.M.; W. Wear, L. A. Clarke, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Joseph Hamer, P. Prov. G.; G. Brown, P. Prov. G.R.; E. J. Crow, S.W., P.G.C.; Dr. Pearce, J.W., P.G.P.; R. W. Widdowson, Sec., P.G.C.; J. W. Smith, J.D.; J. Halford, I.G.; Rev. I. G. Packer, P. Prov. G.C.; T. Thorp, E. Gosling, McAllister, Langham, and many other brethren of the Lodge. Visitors:—Bros. J. H. Johnstone, P.M. 129, P. Prov. G.J.D., West of Cumberland; John Cassidy, 148; H. E. Goodacre, P.M. 840; T. Barnard, Sec. 1,130. A number of members of 523, including Bros. Sculthorpe, W.M.; F. Goodyer, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. B. Smith, P.G. Treas.; Rev. J. Spittal, P. Prov. G.C.; G. Toller, jun., P.G. Sec.; A. W. Duff, P. Prov. G.D.; Rev. Dr. Haycroft, S.W., P.G.C.; S. S. Partridge, Sec., P.G.R.; C. Johnston, P.M. 419, Org.; Dr. Clifton, J. E. Hodges, Dr. Bolton, W. Barfoot, and L. Turner. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of two lodges of emergency having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Clement Edwin Stretton, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he being in attendance, was regularly initiated, the ceremony being performed by the R.W. P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Toller, P.G. Sec. The charge was delivered by the W.M., the lecture on the tracing board was necessarily omitted, owing to the shortness of time at disposal. Bro. C. Johnson, P. Prov. S.G.W., Jersey, presided at the organ, and the various chants peculiar to the degree, were introduced, and added greatly to the effect of the ceremony. A donation of a book to the hall library, by Bro. Bithrey, was suitably acknowledged, after which the P.G.M., as Chairman of the Hall Committee, drew attention to the recent alterations and improvements in the hall, (which was noticed in our report of the meeting of the sister lodge, 523) and requested the assistance of the brethren to discharge the liabilities incurred. An appeal which was afterwards liberally responded to, about £50 being promised in the course of the evening, in addition to the £70 previously subscribed, having only about £100 more to be raised. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was entirely provided at the cost of the W.M., and to which every member of the town Lodges had received an invitation. About 90 brethren sat down, and rendered full justice to the very bountiful repast which was provided, after which the W.M., in his usual terse and happy style gave the several loyal and masonic toasts, all of which were most heartily responded to. The Rev. J. Spittal

and Dr. Haycroft replying for the "Bishop, Clergy, and Ministers of all denominations," the "Health of the W.M." and afterwards that of the "Initiate," both ably proposed by the P.G.M., were naturally received with the greatest enthusiasm, the E.A. winning golden opinions by the aptness and modesty of his remarks. Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by songs from Bros. Atwood, Dean, Hunt, and others, until at length the well-known trial toast sung by Bro. Crow, assisted by "the whole strength of the company," warned all of the necessity for retiring. It should be mentioned that the beautiful appearance of the hall was greatly enhanced by numerous plants and flowers which were kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Charlesworth.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST.)

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held by special appointment, in the Victoria Rooms, Bridlington Quay, under the auspices of the Londesborough Lodge, 734, on Wednesday, October 4th., 1871.

Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, occupied the Throne, and there was a large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers, Brethren of the Province, and Visitors.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in form and with solemn prayer, the Prov. G. Secretary read the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Richmond, on Sept. 23rd, 1870, which were confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the Report of the Board of Benevolence, showing that the Board had that day voted £10 to Bro. H. Mitchell, of the St. Germain's Lodge. It was recommended that the support of the Province be given, and the votes of the brethren be solicited on behalf of Agnes Mary Wray, aged 8 years, of Burton Stather, whose late father was a Member of two Lodges in this Province, a candidate for the Masonic Girls' School. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's account showed a balance of £134 9s. 11d. in favour of the Fund of Benevolence.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence was then adopted and confirmed.

The W. Prov. Grand Treasurer then read his annual Financial Report, which, having been audited by the W. Masters of the Humber and Lennox Lodges and found correct, was unanimously adopted.

The W. Prov. Grand Treasurer, in accordance with notice given, moved "That One Guinea be annually subscribed by the Prov. Grand Lodge to the Palestine Exploration Fund,"—which was seconded by W. Bro. Other, P. Prov. G.D.C., and carried unanimously.

The various Lodges in the Province, all of which were represented, then communicated. The returns showed a total of 1,345 Subscribing Members.

The Acting R.W. Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, (with the exception of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, who was unanimously re-elected by the Prov. Grand Lodge):—

Bro. S. H. Armitage, M.D., 1,248	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. Onslow Percy, 1,040	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. H. V. Palmer, M.A., 236	...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
" Richard Welch Hollon, 236	...	Prov. G. Treasurer
" Charles James Todd, 1010	...	Prov. G. Registrar.
" Michael Charles Peck, 1040	...	Prov. G. Secretary.
" Harrison Groves, 1244	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" John N. Scherling, 250	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" William Tesseyman, 57	...	Prov. G. Sup. of Wks.
" Andrew Farmer, 602	...	Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.
" J. S. Walton, M.D., 1337	...	Prov. G. Sword Br.
" Charles Willman, 602	...	Prov. G. Organist.
" John Ward, 236	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" William Johnson, 57	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Acting R.W. Prov. Grand Master read a portion of a letter which he had received from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, in which his Lordship expressed his regret at not being able to be present at the meeting, on account of his late severe accident.

Bro. C. Todd, W.M. 1010, then in accordance with notice moved "That the expenses incurred by Bro. Walker, P.M., in representing this Province, at the special Charity Committee in May last, and such further expense as he may incur at the adjourned meeting in October next, be paid by this Provincial Grand Lodge,"—which was seconded by Bro. Tesseyman, P.M. 57. After some discussion, however, the motion was withdrawn.

The Acting R.W. Prov. Grand Master then delivered a most instructive and interesting address, being a resume of the condition of Masonry, both at home and abroad. In the course of his remarks, which were listened to with great attention, he dwelt upon the great prosperity of the order, and exhorted the brethren to be very careful, not only in their lodges, but outside, to sustain the high character of the craft, and to be especially careful respecting the admission of candidates. He congratulated the province on the continued harmony which existed amongst the various lodges, no case of complaint having been preferred during the past year. Middlesborough not having been visited by the Provincial Grand Lodge since 1860, he should, with the concurrence of the R. W. W. Provincial Grand Master appoint the next meeting to be held there under the auspices of the North York Lodge.

The Provincial Grand lodge was then closed in form, with Tinn prayer

he Banquet, at which the Acting R. W. Provincial Grand Master presided, was held the same evening at the Britannia Hotel, when a large number of brethren attended. Due honour to the Craft was observed, and true masonic feeling prevailed.

SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* No. 408).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., in the absence of the R.W.M. W. Downie, S.W., presided, and W. Robinson, J.W., occupied the chair of S.W., the Treasurer acting as J.W. Bro. James Wallace, P.G.S.D., then in a very impressive manner, initiated Mr. Carl Smiky into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the unexplained absence of the R.W.M., and all the Past Masters. Visitors:—Bros. G. W. Wheeler, S.M. 73; R. Slugh, 73; F. Find, and J. McLachlan, 243.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73.)—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., the W.M. Bro. G. McDonald presiding, assisted by Bros. T. Stuart, P.M.; G. W. Wheeler, S.M.; W. Walter, S.W.; W. Donaldson, J.W.; J. Short Ampleford, Sec.; R. Meren, T.; R. McKay, C.; A. McLead, S.D.; and R. McKay, I.G. Visitors: J. Singleton, P.M. 178, and Z. of 87; W. Berwick, S.W. 419. The business was the passing of Bro. W. Willey, which ceremony Bro. McDonald performed in his usual correct style. The Auditing Committee brought up the report, and, after considerable discussion and explanation from the Ex-Treasurer, it was unanimously adopted. The R.W.M. called attention to the approaching Festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge. An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, for the purpose of passing and raising Captain John Kelly, who was about to sail from this port, and there was a good attendance of brethren and officers to support Bro. McDonald in performing the work of that degree.

ROYAL ARCH.

DEVONSHIRE.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

A Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, the 26th ult..

Present:—The M.E. Comps. the Rev. J. Huyshe, G.J. P.G. Supt.; and Ex. Comps. L. P. Metham as H.; R. H. Rac, J.; W. G. Rogers, S.E.; Samuel Jones, S.N.; J. B. Gover, P.S.; J. Austin, 1st A.S.; T. Pearse, 2nd A.S.; John Harris

G. Treas.; T. S. Bayley, G. Registrar; J. M. Hiffley, G. Sword Bearer; John Brown, 1st G. Standard Bearer; John Lynn, 2nd ditto; J. N. Blake, G. Dir. of Cers.; F. P. Holmes, G. Banner Bearer; James Gregory, Janitor; John Rogers, Assistant Janitor; and several Past Officers and Representatives of chapters.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in antient and solemn form.

The Minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter held on the 21st day of April, 1870, were read and confirmed.

Scribe E. reported the returns and dues from the several chapters in the Province.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Treasurer presented his account, shewing a balance in favour of the chapter of £18 11s. 8d., which was also adopted.

Ex. Comp. John Way, of Chapter of St. George, No. 112, was elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

It was resolved that £10 10s. be given out of the funds of the chapter to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and that the amount be paid in the name of Comp. Rogers, G. Scribe E., in acknowledgement of the pains taken by him in connection with that Institution.

It was resolved that Ex. Comps. Wm. Cann, and E. Aitken Davies be appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

Ex. Comp. John Harris gave notice that at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter he should move as an additional bye-law:—"That every chapter do pay to the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter 6d. for every Contributing Member, to be devoted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund."

The following Officers were appointed for the year ensuing, The M.E. Comp. the Rev. John

Huyshe, G.J.....	P.G. Supt.
Ex. Comps. L. P. Metham	H.
" Capt. Shanks	J.
" W. G. Rogers	S.E.
" F. R. Tomes	S.N.
" R. D. Gould	P.S.
" L. D. Westcott	1st A.S.
" T. W. Coffin	2nd A.S.
" John Way	Treasurer.
" H. W. Hooper	G. Registrar.
" H. F. Smith	G. Sword Bearer.
" J. E. Curties	1st G. Standard Bearer.
" Beachey	2nd G. Standard Bearer.
" Purse	G. Dir. of Cers.
" John Pridham	G. Organist.
" Thomas Daud	G. Banner Bearer.
" James Gregory	Janitor.
" John Rogers	Assistant Janitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in antient and solemn form.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Chapter* (No. 710).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Thursday, the 12th instant. The Board of Installed Principals was opened at 12.30. Present: Ex. Comps. Marks, Z.; Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. as H.; Geo. Heath, J.; and Rev. W. Bowden, and J. Heath, P.Z. On the admission of the companions, the chapter was formally opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. Seale was admitted as a joining member on the proposition of Comp. J. Heath, seconded by Comp. Rev. R. Bowden. Some discussion took place as to the time of holding the meetings, which resulted in a notice to alter the bye-laws. One candidate, already balloted for, was expected, but he did not come. Rev. Comp. Wood was appointed Chaplain. The business was concluded in about an hour.

SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW.—*Boslin Chapter* (No. 119).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday last, when Comp. Crabb, Z. of No. 50, assisted by Comps. D. Gilchrist, Z. 73, and J. O. Park, Z. 220, duly installed the following companions:—Comps. George Thalon, Z.; W. J. Hogg, H.; J. McGregor, J.; F. Dobbie, P.Z.; T. M. Thresher, E.; R. Leadbetter, N.; J. McMillan, Treas.; J. McCanberay, First Soj.; D. R. Gray,

Second Soj.; J. A. Morton, Third Soj.; J. Paterson, Janitor. Refreshment followed labour, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69).—This chapter met in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan Street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of conferring the Excellent Degree, and exalting in the Royal Arch Bros. Craig, Firent, Z.; M. Lead, H.; and Thomas Malling, J. Visitors:—Bros. G. W. Wheeler, J. 73; J. McCrew, 14; and J. Downs, 69, E.C.

MARK MASONRY.

DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 26).—The annual quarterly meeting was held in the evening of Thursday, the 12th inst. Bros. A. B. Niner, W.M.; Dr. Hopkins, I.P.M.; Rev. R. Bowden, S.W.; J. Heath, J.W.; Capt. Westhead, S.D.; Taylor, Org.; and others were present. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. P. Lidstone and Seale were balloted for as candidates for advancement, and the result was unanimous in their favour. They were then admitted, and duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master, by the W.M. The explanation of the working tools, and the lecture, were given by Bro. Do. Hopkins, Past G.J.W. The names of several other candidates were on the circular, but they did not present themselves. The Rev. Bro. Wood was proposed as a future candidate for the degree. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at 8 p.m.

YORKSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF TRUTH LODGE, (No. 137), HUDDERSFIELD.

Friday, the 13th inst., at three p.m., was the time set apart for the above ceremony, and also for installing the W.M. designate, and investiture of the officers.

The consecration was performed by the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. Thomas Perkinson, and twenty-two of his P.G. Officers obeyed the summons to attend him on the occasion, namely:—Bros. Wordsworth, D. Prov. G.M.; Matthews, P.G.S.W.; Allison, P.G.J.W.; Roberts, P.G.M.O.; Firth, P.G.S.O.; Hartley, P.G.J.O.; Normanton, P.G. Treas.; Burgess, P.G. Reg.; Cooke, P.G. Sec.; Bennett, P.G.S.D.; Schofield, P.G.J.D.; Horsfall, P.G. I. of W.; Armitage, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; Wilkinson, P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; Holyroyd, P.G. Swd. B.; Oakden, P.G. Std. B.; Whitaker, Sykes, Lobley, and Crosby, P.G.S., and Greenwood, Tyler.

A Lodge of Mark Masters having been duly opened, the P.G.M.M. and his officers entered the room, and were saluted in due form.

Bro. Higgins, the W.M. designate, then explained the reasons why a petition for a new lodge had been sent to the M.W.G.M.M.; Bro. Cooke read the warrant, and Bro. Roberts gave an oration upon Mark Masonry; after which the P.G.M.M. consecrated and dedicated the lodge in due form.

The next business was the installation of the W.M. designate, which important ceremony was performed by Bro. Wordsworth, D.P.G.M. and Bro. Higgins was duly placed in the East.

The brethren who had withdrawn were then re-admitted, and joined in saluting the W.M. in proper form; after which the W.M. invested some of his officers, the others remaining over till next meeting.

Bros. Jackson was appointed S.W.; John Burgess, J.W. Marshall, M.O.; Williamson, S.O.; and Thomas Burgess J.O.

The ballot was then taken for four candidates, three of whom presented themselves, and were advanced in a very creditable manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which being over, the usual loyal and Masonic toast were briefly given and responded to, as many of the brethren had to leave by train.

We are glad to hear the lodge bids fair to become one of the best worked lodges in the province of West Yorkshire.

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS &c., FOR WEEK
ENDING OCTOBER 28TH, 1871.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, October 23rd.

LODGES.—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall; Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford. —CHAPTERS.—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall; Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street.

Tuesday, October 24th.

LODGES.—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall; Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall; Industry, Freemasons' Hall; Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth; Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. —CHAPTER.—Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall; St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street.

Wednesday, October 25th.

LODGES.—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street; United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park; High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham; Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High Street, Deptford; Temperance in the East, Private Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby Place, Poplar; Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. —CHAPTERS.—Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William Street, Woolwich; Prince Frederick William, The Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's Terrace, St. John's Wood.

Thursday, October 26th.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. LODGES.—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, City; Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street; Prosperity, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street; Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall. —CHAPTER.—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark; Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

Friday, October 27th.

LODGES.—Fitz-Roy, Head Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, London; Finshary, Jolly Anglers, Bath Street, St. Luke's. —CHAPTER.—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF
INSTRUCTION.

Monday, October 23rd.

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 24th.

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, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st; Mount Zion, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.; Robert Burns Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's Lane.

Wednesday, October 25th.

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 26th.

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; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell Alley; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Merchant Navy, Jamaica Tav., W. India Dock Road, Poplar; Panmure, Ballham Hotel, Ballham. —CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect of Whithy Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, October 27th.

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, Ramelagh, 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, Swan, 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; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park, at 7. —CHAPTER.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

Saturday, October 28th.

LODGE.—Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell. —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!