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HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN
CORNWALL.

By ✠ Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, 1S°, &c,
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The subject alluded to was brought before the lodge on the 25th January, 1787, as follows:—
“A motion was made and seconded, and on a ballot agreed by a majority of fourteen, that Bro. P—— be admitted into the lodge to defend himself of the charges alleged against him, consisting of two, viz., for initiating gentlemen into the mysteries of Masonry unconstitutionally, as ——— of the county of Cornwall, and of his conduct towards Miss A——.” He was accordingly admitted, and having stated his defence retired from the lodge, when his remarks were taken into consideration by the members, and on a motion being made and seconded that the resolution passed 24th August, 1786, forbidding Bro. P—— to visit the lodge be rescinded. The ballot was taken, and the majority of two in a large lodge decided the matter.

February 8th, 1787.—By a majority of eight black balls, Bro. Q—— was expelled the lodge, for why the minutes do not state. We feel happy in mentioning that such cases were of very rare occurrence in *Love and Honour*.

The concluding minute of this volume of the records of the lodge gives a little insight into the Truro Lodge.

May 10th, 1787.—The R.W.M. desired the Secretary to write the lodge at Truro (“In answer to their letter of 26th April, intimating they intended to discontinue their lodge, and enclosing an inventory of their jewels for sale”) to express his sorrow, and that he hoped they would find means to continue their attachment to Masonry, and their lodge in particular, and also to inform them that he and his lodge would be ready at any time to attend at Truro and initiate whenever in their power.

The next volume of the minutes (*i.e.*, the fourth) commences 10th May, 1787, in continuation of the last, but until 25th October of the same year nothing special is recorded, when Mr. Richard Williams was balloted for, accepted, and initiated *gratis* for the services he means to perform for the lodge in painting the portraits of the several Masters.

It would be interesting to know the various

reasons that have led the brethren of various ancient lodges to initiate others than Tylers free. No doubt the practice was frequently adopted, especially when service was rendered to the lodge. In the present day such a mode of initiation would only be allowable when the candidate was to be a serving brother or Tyler. We may mention that about this time the minutes are written with great care and exactness, and in full detail.

The lodge was opened in ample form, 31st December, and was attended by a very numerous company of members and visitors. Sir John St. Aubyn, P.G.M., Benjamin Hearne, Esq., D.P.G.M., G. George, Esq., P.S.W., Francis St. Aubyn, and other distinguished Masons being present. Two candidates were severally initiated, passed, and raised the same night, and two Fellow Crafts were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons by desire of the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master.

At the next lodge a motion was made by the Immediate Past Master, “that any brother in future to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry should pay four guineas as his initiation fee.”

The subject of the loan of £25 to the Grand Hall Fund, and the dividend thereon, having been deferred for some months, the matter was finally settled 24th June, 1788, when the lodge decided that the members intended to receive the first dividend on the £25 (sometime since advanced to the Grand Lodge), and to apply the same to the fund of charity. The Secretary was directed to answer a letter dated the 20th May last, and received from the Lodge of Unanimity (No. 238), Wakefield, Yorkshire, and to inform that lodge that the Lodge of Love and Honour would subscribe for two copies of Brother Richard Linnear’s poetical works.

The members unanimously agreed to have a copper plate engraved for lodge certificates. We suppose the certificates referred to must be for clearance certificates, as they are called, for brethren who resign membership, as it cannot mean the regular certificate granted to members on receiving either of the three degrees, as the registering regulations had been adopted by the Grand Lodge some twenty years before this date. On 28th August the lodge subscribed two guineas for a chance in an organ to be raffled, with what success we may see farther on.

Brother D’Houvitte was proposed to become an honorary member (on account of his being

obliged to reside at Truro), and to pay two shillings each visit.

Brother C. Nicholls, the Worshipful Master, read a letter to the members assembled on October 29th, 1789, from the Druids' Lodge of Love and Liberality, representing Brother Mitchell as a truly distressed person; he was relieved per Treasurer's book. At the close of the year 1789, the members of the lodge at Falmouth expressed their regret at the decline of Freemasonry in the province, and attributed the circumstance partly to the inefficiency of some of the Provincial Grand Officers, who did not properly support the Prov. Grand Master, Sir John St. Aubyn.

A decline in the funds of the lodge was also a subject of lament by the brethren, and it was eventually agreed that the expenses of each brother on a lodge night (after supper) shall not exceed ninepence. The members at this time had dwindled down to about half the usual number, and the attendance at the meetings was proportionately meagre. Like everything human, Masonry has its rise and its fall, and suffers greatly from the decease of active members, whose places are not soon filled, nor their energies become the property of others. We apprehend it was so with our Falmouth friends, as several well-known names cease to be recorded as present in the lodge, and a new generation appears to be gradually introducing its claims to our notice.

The lodge assembled on Nov. 16th, 1792, when the R.W.M. read a communication from the Grand Lodge, stating the numbers of the lodges would be moved forward in regular succession, and that in consequence, the Lodge of Love and Honour would now be registered as No. 87 instead of 95, as heretofore. The night of meeting was altered to the last Thursday, at the same meeting, the quarterly subscription made five shillings, and the visiting fee two shillings and sixpence. The night of meeting was again altered to the first Thursday by the unanimous vote of the members on October 3rd, 1793. In consequence of several of the members having failed to discharge their arrears, the following is a copy of the letter sent to them by the Treasurer:—

"Brother, I am directed to inform you that you are indebted to the Lodge of Love and Honour, for quarterage to Lady-day, the sum of —, and as the lodge is now called upon by the Grand Lodge to return the list of members, and pay the money due for the same, I am to request you will settle your

arrears, otherwise your name must be transmitted as a defaulter to Sir John St. Aubyn, the Provincial Grand Master for this province, which will consequently deprive you of the honour of being considered as a member, or permitted to visit any lodge in this province. In expectation that you will not permit this disgrace to attach to your name as a Mason. I remain, brother, yours, &c."

The next lodge was held June 30th, 5801, as the Secretary has written it, but being A.D., 1797, should of course have been recorded as 5797, according to the system generally adopted among Masons for many years. The night was actually again altered to the first Tuesday in every month. Such frequent changes remind us of an oft-repeated quotation, "Everything by turns, but nothing long."

On September 5th it was unanimously agreed that the meetings of the lodge be held twice a month, viz., the first and third Tuesday, and that one black ball shall exclude a candidate for initiation; and in consequence of the former proposition, the quarterage should be seven and sixpence. A distressed brother was relieved from the funds of the lodge with ten and sixpence.

The Master read a letter from Bro. William Perfect, proposing to publish ten sermons of Bro. Rev. Jethro Inwood, Curate of St. Paul's, Deptford, by subscription, and in response the lodge ordered three copies.

A regular lodge of instruction was formed about this date, meeting entirely distinct from the usual meetings, but not particularly well supported, and eventually it had to be discontinued.

A SKETCH OF THE PHILOSOPHY, TRADITIONS, AND RECORDS OF THE MASONIC ORDER OF THE RED ✠ OR KNIGHTS OF CONSTANTINE, AT PRESENT UNDER THE COMMAND OF LORD KENLIS, M. ILL. G. SOV.

By Bro. ROBERT WENTWORTH LITTLE, P.M., &c.

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At the meeting held on the 15th December, 1810, "it was also unanimously agreed that the first Friday in every month should be considered as a day of general Masonic instruction to the Order, the meetings to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, at seven in the evening, and to close at ten precisely. The Grand Chamberlain was desired to make out a report of the finances of the Order by the next meeting, and that he do previously discharge all demands on the Order as far as he may be able. It was resolved that a Grand Seal of the Order be prepared without delay. The Noviciate Knights were then requested to

withdraw from the Council. On their retirement the Grand Council of this enlightened degree was closed in ancient form." The report of the next meeting is thus headed, "At a Grand Chapter of the illustrious Order of the Red Cross, holden in pursuance of a summons for that purpose, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Thursday, the 23rd day of May, A.L. 5815, A.D. 1811, A.O. 1508. Present Sir W. R. Wright, G.M.; R. Jebb, G. Chamberlain and G. Lt. *pro tem.*; W. H. White, J. Lt. *pro tem.*; H. Woodthorpe, T. W. H. Woodthorpe, J. Dyke, H. J. Da Costa. It was duly reported at this assembly that the Noviciate Cross of the Order had been conferred upon Sir J. Austin and Sir John Goff, who with Sir S. Hanning and Sir R. Spencer were then elected Grand Crosses.

The chapter was then thrown open to the Knights Noviciate in attendance, viz., Sir J. Goff, Sir J. Austin, and Sir R. Spencer, who being admitted and having read over the several articles of the Constitution of the Order, were informed of the votes which had just been passed, and expressing their desire to accept the honour intended to be conferred upon them, were ordered to retire, after which, being introduced in due form, they were severally professed and installed Sovereign Knights of the Grand Cross of this Order, and made their offerings accordingly." Sir Richard Jebb gave notice of a request it was his intention to prefer to the High Council, viz., that as he was about to leave this country for India, he might be empowered to create a certain number of noviciate knights beyond the six on whom he was entitled to confer that honour, by virtue of his situation as a Grand Officer of the Order. And also that he might have power to do so without the necessity of waiting for the consent of the High Council, and further, that he might receive a special dispensation empowering, as in case of urgent necessity, to instal two of such noviciate knights to be of the Grand Cross of the Order without the presence and assistance of any other knight of the Grand Cross, that is, within the limits of British India.

Sir H. Woodthorpe gave notice of his intention to move that no knight noviciate of this Order be in future admitted to the Grand Cross until he has actually performed the bounden service of a noviciate at a Grand or subordinate chapter thereof.

A special meeting was then ordered to be con-

vened on the 6th June, for the purpose of installing such knights noviciate as might be able to attend, also to fill up vacancies in the High Council, and "for the members of the High Council so filled up to elect and appoint from amongst themselves, the Grand Master and several Grand Officers of the Order for the ensuing two years." Two members were fined 10s. 6d. each at this meeting for non-attendance, although "within the reach of the summons." At the special meeting held on the 6th June, 1811, Sir T. P. Slapp and Sir R. Jebb resigned their several offices in the Council, and Sir H. J. Da Costa and Sir T. W. Woodthorpe were elected in their stead. Sir W. R. Wright was re-elected G.M., with the Rev. G. A. Browne and J. C. Burckhardt as his Lieutenants; C. Dalton, G. Chancellor; Fredk. Perkins, G. Marshall; H. J. Da Costa, G. Chamberlain; and T. W. H. Woodthorpe, G. Registrar. The requests of Sir R. Jebb, as to installing and promoting knights in India were unanimously agreed to. Sir J. Foulston and Sir S. Hanning, *D.D.*, were installed Grand Crosses of the Order. The motion of Sir H. Woodthorpe respecting the necessary qualification, for election to the Grand Cross was also carried.

The next Grand Chapter was held on the 13th April, 1813, and after the roll-call and confirmation of the minutes, Sir A. Perkins and Sir J. White were elected and installed in regular form as Sovereigns of the Order. It was reported that the Cross of the Order had been conferred upon the following knights by various members of the High Council whose names are stated in the minutes, viz.: Sir R. L. Percy, Sir S. J. Tuffnell, Sir S. McGillivray, Sir W. Williams, Sir W. Meyer, Sir John Aldridge, Sir Andrew D. O'Kelly, the Right Hon. Edward Lord Hawke, Sir John Sherwood, and Sir T. Blackie, a knight of the Temple.

Eight of the above new members being present, took their seats accordingly, and Sir R. L. Percy, and A. D. O'Kelly having duly complied with the laws as to servitude were proposed for the Grand Cross. The Grand Chamberlain obtained permission to confer the Noviciate Cross upon Sir James Moss, a knight of the Temple.

The minutes of the next meeting on Tuesday, 18th May, 1813, are very interesting, and there was a large attendance of knights. It was reported that the Noviciate Cross had been conferred upon Sir James Cumming. R. L. Percy and A.

D. O'Kelly were installed Grand Crosses. Several noviciates were admitted and took their seats. Sir J. L. Goldsmid and Charles Greenwood, knight of the Temple, being in attendance were, upon the proposition of the G. Reg., admitted and received the Noviciate Cross of the Order from the Grand Master, and took their seats as Knights Noviciate. The next business was the installation of Lord Hawke, C. Beales, and J. Tufnell as Sovereign Grand Crosses. It was resolved that notice should be sent to all the knights companions that Sir H. J. Da Costa intended proposing at the next Grand Chapter, that an annual subscription should be entered into by the knights of the Order. The Grand Master then addressed the knights companions, and stated, that being about to leave England for a foreign country in the service of this government, he was compelled to resign his high station of Grand Master of the Order. He at the same time informed the Grand Chapter that he should propose to the High Council His Royal Highness Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, to become a Knight Officiate of the Order. The Grand Master then notified to the Grand Chapter that Sir Charles Dalton had resigned the high station of Grand Chancellor of the Order. It was unanimously resolved by the knights present that a farewell offering of not less value than £100 should be presented to our late much-esteemed Grand Master, Sir W. R. Wright, in token of the affectionate regard of the knights companions of the Order, and that a subscription of £5 each be immediately entered into for that purpose. The Grand Chapter was then closed.

(To be continued.)

THE NEMESIS: A TALE OF THE DAYS OF TRAJAN.

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CHAPTER XX.

BATTLE OF THE SYRENS AND SATYR.

"Vainly may man attempt to drown remorse,
Twill rise like waves at every airy breath,
And deeds of blackness flush the weary brow
At many an idle word; deeds long ago
Committed and recorded in the eternal scroll."—A. O. II.

Murtius, Lais, and Phryne sat in an upper

chamber. Murtius reading a Greek manuscript, Lais and Phryne embroidering some articles of wearing apparel. An air of embarrassment sat upon their countenances, for that morning had raged a battle royal between the three, of so fierce a character, that Myra, timid child, after vainly striving to pour oil upon the troubled waters, had fled from the room to her own chamber, and there on her knees had prayed to the Saviour for help and comfort. The unfortunate child, too pure even to understand the lesser part of the villainy of her father's house, was at a loss to understand the terrible hatred which existed between Lais and Phryne, ignorant too of a circumstance which deeply affected herself. She could only weep and implore them to love each other, vain tears, vainer appeals, her prayers were her sole relief.

The battle had not finished, a dark deadly frown lay like the deadly nightshade upon the brow of Lais, while in the heaving breasts and flashing eyes of Phryne might be read the rage which consumed her. Murtius, on the other hand, was silent in dismay, these awful battles were of daily occurrence, and he would have gladly welcomed the embrace of the grave to escape from them. He too vainly attempted to control the fierce female tempers, but only to find himself in turn the point of attack, and his conscience told him how defenceless he was against such.

The lull in the storm was again broken by Lais asking in cold sarcastic tones.

"Has Caius left Rome, Phryne, that we have not seen him for so long a time, or has he taken a leaf from your roll, my beauteous one, and sought out a fresher and a fairer, and, perchance, a nobler conquest?"

"I know not and I care not."

"Nay, nay, Phryne, say not so," broke in Murtius anxiously, "remember you how wealthy he is, master of untold riches, and so noble, young and brave."

"Do you think the man cares for me," replied Phryne, "perhaps he knows more of us than you think?"

"Have you told him aught?" asked Lais.

"I! Although I hate you, I am not so lost to shame as to punish my family's dishonour."

A sharp retort was upon the lips of Lais, but by a mighty effort she crushed it down, and said—"There is little doubt of his loving you, you have only to bring him to his knees. Combat close, my wench, Caius is the great prize of Rome.

Look to it, or he will slip through your fingers as slipt Carrillus."

"Bring him to his knees?" asked Phryne in accents of supreme contempt. "How can I do so, when you never give an opportunity. My father plies him at the board, while you keep pouring out for him goblet after goblet of the Chian wine. He does not thank you for your attention."

"You think he would rather have you for his Ganymede. Tush, girl, I could take him from you as easily as a wine cup from the table."

Phryne burst out into a fit of prolonged and scornful laughter, which drove the roses from the cheeks of Lais, and made her eyes sparkle with a deadly rage.

"Thou! then take him from me. Why! disgust in his every action shows itself towards you. He dislikes you, for his noble nature—and he has a noble nature, too good for almost any woman—cannot hate. Thou! he would as lief touch a toad as thee!"

"Be not so sure of that," said Lais, again by a mighty effort controlling her rage.

"What matters it this arguing. Give me but the chance, and I will fetch this singing nightingale into my lure, and Lais' self will not take him thence."

"Do you love him then, Phryne?"

"Love him," said Phryne, in accents of exceeding bitterness, "do you ask me if I love him? By the gods if I did so, I would tell him the iniquity of this house. I could not marry a man I loved; shame would choke me on my wedding day."

"Then why do you wish to marry him?"

O simple Lais, innocent child of the world, do you ask me such a question? I love his fame, his rank, his gold. Think you that I pant to spend my days for ever in these halls, till death to run in the same groove with you and my father?"

"True, beloved child," answered Lais with intense bitterness, "the young spread their wings and fly from the parent nest. We will mourn her loss deeply, Murtius. A string round her neck however will bring her back at our pleasure. Not that thou art over young, my Phryne, indeed thou growest old, and 'twere time thou hadst some habitation of thine own, where securely perched, thou could'st afford to smile at fate, although not at us."

Phryne half sprang from the couch on which she was reclining, her cheeks red with the purple flush of passion, her eyes blazing with a terrible ire, and her whole frame quivering with uncontrollable fury. She gazed at Lais with looks of such concentrated hate that the bold heart, callous and cold, quivered for an instant in fear, and her eyes fascinated by the baleful beauty of Phryne's, glared and grew dim.

"Thou, thou darest to strike so!" cried Phryne, the words issuing from her lips in gasps, "thou, my father's minion. Nay, gave thyself no airs, for I know thee well. Art thou not my aunt, and something nearer to my sister Myra than these proud and virtuous Ramans deem thee?"

"Silence, for mercy sake, Phryne," cried Murtius starting up and pitching the manuscript from him. "Why recall these scenes of misery, these hours of sin and trouble; why not confide them to oblivion, or if thou will not, strike here, here," and he convulsively smote his breast, stab me to the heart, and with a patricidal blow end my woes, and deepen thine own."

A brief silence ensued, which was at length broken by Lais, in a hoarse voice, for the words of Phryne had touched the raw spot in her heart.

"Peace, peace, let us have peace, an end to these bickerings. Phryne, we know each other well. It is not, it cannot be either of our interests to quarrel, and perchance set the wide eared world agape with tales of our own dishonour, of the tidings of deeds which they little dream of, and which would send us forth upon the world, homeless wanderers to be the scoff and scorn of men. What I am, thou and thy father knowest too well; but what thou truly art, I alone. Therefore let us have peace, and do not let a whisper reach Myra's ears. Let her at least be in our house one pure thing."

"A knock at the gate, who comes hither?"

"Go, then, Murtius, and see."

Adrian and Caius on arriving at the house of Murtius, the latter raised the huge brazen knocker, and struck twice upon the sounding plate. The Ostiarius, or door keeper, receiving their names, ushered them into the *atrium* or court, while he despatched a slave to inform his master of the approach of the visitors. Murtius was speedily with them, and on his introduction to Adrian, said, "Welcome, most welcome to my poor house, Adrian, thou art most welcome. Now that thy feet have crossed my threshold, let not the grass grow there for want of thy treading."

"I thank thee for thy welcome, Murtius, although I cannot promise thee much of my society. The student is scarcely fit to perform the duties of a squire of dames. My books and the conversation of my philosophic friends, form my world, yet since thou hast given me so fair a welcome, be certain I shall use it. The man is labouring under some excitement," thought Adrian to himself, "what can have produced it? Has the domestic atmosphere been squally, with thunder and rain. Let us see?"

Murtius marshalled them into the apartment where Lais and Phryne were. Adrian's quick eye detected at once the marks of a past tempest on the women's brows, for in spite of all their efforts a hectic spot, and a gathering of the brows told of a terrible battle. "A queer household this," thought Adrian, "but tempests clear the sky, we will have fine weather, now that the storm is past."

"My sister Lais, and this my daughter Phryne," said Murtius. "This the noble Adrian, our friend Caius' cousin." Then looking round the apartment he asked, "where is Myra?"

"In her room, doubtless," answered Phryne, "I shall call her," and she turned to go, saluting Adrian gravely, and bending a bright glance upon Caius as she passed him, that thrilled his heart with rapture.

Lais looked at the two cousins, so tall, so stately, for Rome could not have produced a handsomer pair. The one dark crested, with piercing intelligent eyes, and a countenance expressive of a keen analytical nature, prone to doubt, and only satisfied after ample proof. Still there was honour, honesty, large hearted benevolence in his face, which denoted an open hand and a loyal soul. On the other hand Caius, with his golden hair, his sweet pensive blue eyes, and a charming innocence, of countenance, seemed the beau ideal of a poet, trusting candid and true, in war a lion, in peace a dove. Lais thought she had never seen in all her life so noble a pair. Adrian too quietly scrutinized Lais and Murtius, and soon read them.

"His sister, Lais, truly," he thought. "She may be so in Rome. In Athens they joined them by a warmer though less legitimate link."

Phryne and Myra entered the apartment, all traces of tears were wiped away. Adrian wheeled round and looked at Myra, she timidly lifted her eyes to his face, and then with a slight cry, knelt at his feet and kissed his hand. All looked

astonished, and Adrian lifting Myra from the ground, led her to a couch.

"Be not astonished, Murtius. I had the pleasure of rendering your daughter a service some time ago, when attacked by some drunken ruffian nobles."

"Is it to you that we are indebted for her safety?" said Lais coming forward and seizing his hand.

"It is, if there was any danger," said Adrian looking her in the face. "Ah," he thought, "there is a warmer feeling there than an aunt's. Poor child."

"Accept our thanks," said Murtius, "had I known who was my daughters survivor, I would have called upon you and thanked you long ere this. She had been spending the day with a friend of ours, the noble Lucidora and was returning home when she was attacked. I owe you a deep debt of gratitude."

"Nonsense, anyone could have done the same, especially when backed by such warriors as Lycus and Sempronius. But you know Lucidora," he said, with a tender look in his dark eyes, to Myra—

"She is a very dear friend of mine. I go there every day."

Pretty little innocent, was that a hint that Adrian might know where to find her?

"Lucidora is a relation of mine," said Adrian, "I am proud to think you know her, for a more perfect woman exists not in Rome, although I take shame to myself for never having visited her with that frequency which our relationship demands, but books somehow are jealous creatures, and bind us to home."

Adrian was pleased to learn this, more pleased than he could see any reason for. It seemed a guarantee for Myra's purity, and he resolved, under plea of his relationship to wile from Lucidora her opinion of Myra, for Lucidora was an honoured name for every female virtue in Rome. While Adrian was speaking to Myra, Caius talked to Phryne, and Murtius took the opportunity of exchanging a few whispers with Lais.

"Hie thee Lais, see that the slave cooks excel themselves to day, and the wines see that they be choice. It is a grand day for us."

"Get Adrian out of the room, and leave Caius alone with Phryne. Beware of Adrian though. He is no common man, no easily gulled fool. His eyes are piercing as a hawk's. Take care, or else he'll teach Phryne's love sick swain to fly the perch."

"Leave him alone to Myra and me," said Murtius with a glance of meaning, and then turning he joined his daughters and guests.

"Adrian come hither," said Caius, is this embroidery not beautiful. The lady Phryne's fingers weave with the colours of the rainbow."

"Thou art a poet, my lord Caius," answered Phryne with a witching smile, "and knowing that, I am proof against all thy flatteries."

"Believe me, lady, I do not flatter," said Caius seriously.

"It is deftly done," said Adrian, "whether the lady Phryne has the rainbow at her finger points or no. But your sister, what are her accomplishments?"

Phryne rose and kissed her sister. She loved her dearly, and was proud to show her off. "Our Myra, is the gem of the house, Lord Adrian, she is the embodiment of all perfection, she sings like Orpheus, plays like the god of music. Is it not so, my love?"

"You overpraise me, love."

Adrian was touched at the simple scene: there was something unostentatious in Phryne's display of love for her sister that proved how real was the feeling.

"Get thee thy lyre, wench," said Murtius, "and sing our guests a song."

Myra rose, and took from the wall her lyre. Running over the strings a plaintive prelude, she sang in a low mournful voice, the tones of which rang, like some strange message from heaven through Adrians' heart, the following verses:—

Are they all scattered,
Each shy songster flown?
The gay flowers are dead,
And the waters are stone!
Light winds careering
O'er southern zone;
Winter majestic
Reigns here alone.

Are they all silenced,
The friends once so dear?
Thick lies the snowdrift,
And frozen's the tear.
They cannot hear me,
Nor rise at my moan:
Sombre and mystic,
Death reigns alone.

Flowers will bloom brightly
At gay sounds of spring:
Birds to the woodlands,
Will fly back and sing.

But neer will they come back,
Nor draw more a breath,
Who sleep in the snowdrift,
And captives of Death.

"Thy song is sad," said Adrian sinking his voice almost to a whisper, as Myra put aside her lyre. She turned to him, a sorrowful expression in her eyes, and said: 'Tis then a meet companion for my thoughts."

"Oh! such is ever the fate of crime," thought Adrian, "its curse descends from generation to generation, and crushes the innocent as well as the guilty. That fair pure brow, meant only to be the tablet of peace, is darkened by the sable pinion of care. Where guilt is, there will sorrow still be found. My life upon it that she is as good as she is beautiful. How very beautiful she is, so mild and gentle. There as she leans upon Phryne, she stands like a drop of chrysal dew beside her haughty sister diamond. The one a child of heaven, bringing with it peace and happiness to earth, the other of the earth, causing envy and disgust among the gods themselves. She must be innocent. These dove-like eyes can never have known the fire of passion light up and scorch their purity, but Phryne's eyes rove wantonly, and lure to life's vilest joys. Oh my consin, my unhappy Caius, I tremble for thy happiness, for if whispers carry the wind of truth, she is not immaculate nor very hard to win."

"Noble Adrian," said Murtius, touching his guest lightly on the shoulders, "my Myra's song has saddened thy spirits. Phryne will afterwards sing thee a lighter lay. I call the one my evening the other my morning star."

"They well deserve their appellations. Fair Phryne shows a rising sun springing forth from the sea, dispersing clouds of woe, purpling high hills, and firing up the sky; while Myra comes upon us like that first gentle star of night, whose radiance soothes the ache of pain, dissolving in gentle dew-sorrow's cloud. Thou art indeed blessed, in having such fair flowers to bloom and deck with buds and leaves their aged sire. Their mother; is she not dead?"

"Aye, years ago," replied Murtius gloomily, "in sunny Greece she died, when Myra smiled her first fond smile upon this sinful earth."

"Ha!" muttered Adrian, "have I pierced thy harness? Thou liest, thou subtle Greek. Myra's mother an' I err not, lives yet, and lives beneath thy roof. He takes me for some chit fresh from his books, not for the man who could destroy his

false philosophy. Yet let him continue to deceive himself. Content am I, should this fair girl prove true, although she be his child." Addressing Murtius he said: "What think you of my cousin Caius? He bids fair to be the greatest man in Rome."

"His greatness arises, I ween," answered Murtius, "in having thee by him to council and advise."

"Not so," said Adrian coldly, for the flattery was too gross to pass unremarked and unreprieved, "you are mistaken in your estimate of his powers. In philosophy I grant you that I am his master, but in poesy, and that communion with the finer feelings and more exalted sentiments of the heart, I am his dull pupil. The poetic mind is universal; by easy application it can master and assimilate all philosophy. The philosopher supplies the frame work, but the flesh and spirit can alone be given by the poet. The poet's mind, sensitive in the highest degree, instinctively clings to and absorbs the good, but spurns and rejects the evil; and the best proof of the estimation in which our fathers held the poet, is in their having adorned the god of the sun with the eternal majesty of Poesy. Believe me, Murtius, we do not justice to our poets. We let them starve, and then when dead, build gorgeous monuments to their honour, even as we do not grasp and study the real principles of eternal happiness, but dance round a brilliant but searching light, which giveth not joy in the dalliance, but in the end causeth our destruction. The worldly man will take my advice preferable to my cousins', and in that he does wrong. The poet is the Great Spirit representative upon earth, whatever that Great Spirit may be, and we should listen to him with fit respect."

"Some other time I should be honoured by discussing philosophy with thee; meanwhile, come see my house. I have a few rare sculptures of the Greek school, which may please thee. Myra, love, come with us, and shew them to our guest."

"Wilt thou not come also, Caius?" asked Adrian.

"I have seen them often. Pray excuse me."

Myra, Adrian and Murtius left the room, Caius for the first time since their acquaintance, was left alone with Phryne.

(To be continued.)

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MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

MASONIC SONG: "THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE."

Your correspondent W. B. writes in the FREEMASON'S MAGAZINE of the 19th ult., asking where he can get or find a Masonic song ending with the chorus:

"We meet upon the *level*,
We part upon the *square*;
What words of precious meaning
Those words Masonic are."

The author of this Masonic ode is, as correctly stated by your correspondent P.M. 954, in the Magazine of the 26th ult., Bro. Rob. Morris, LL.D., Past Grand Master Kentucky, U.S. Bro. Morris, I may add, is one of the most renowned of American Freemasons. His productions are numerous and valuable; but in the prosecution of the most herculean of his fraternal labours—the publication of the "Universal Library," a compilation of fifty-two standard authors upon all departments of Masonic science, bound in the compass of thirty octavo volumes—his private fortune was hopelessly wrecked. "The effect of this mighty undertaking," says one, "has been to reduce the price of Masonic literature to the Fraternity to one-third its former rates, and to render available to American readers works long out of print, and lost to the view. Of all human enterprises, the history of this is among the most interesting and curious." In the department of Masonic law, history, biography, and belles letters, Dr. Morris's writings have raised him to great eminence; but his fame as an editor is chiefly associated with the *American Freemason* and the *Voice of Freemasonry*, periodicals successively conducted by him with a vigour and research said to be unparalleled in the history of Masonic journalism. As a poet, Bro. Morris is known by a large number of productions, of various degrees of merit, the most popular of which is "The Level and the Square," the words of which I append, with the air to which it was first sung (also the composition of the author), succeeded by that to which the song has subsequently been set by Mr. B. F. Leavens.* These appeared some time back in the *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine*, A. Oneal Hays.

We meet upon the *Level*, and we part upon the *Square*;
What words of precious meaning these words Masonic are!
Come, let us contemplate them, they are worthy of a thought—
With the highest, and the lowest, and the rarest they are fraught.

We meet upon the *Level*, though from every station come;
The rich man from his mansion, and the poor man from his home;
For the one must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
And the other finds his true respect upon the chequered floor.

We part upon the *Square*, for the world must have its due;
We mingle with the multitude, a cold, unfriendly crew;
But the influence of our gathering in memory is green,
And we long upon the *Level* to renew the happy scene.

There's a world where all are equal—we are hurrying toward it—
fast;
We shall meet upon the *Level* there, when the gates of death are past;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer by his own unerring *Square*.

* We regret we are at present unable to give the music.—
Ed. F.M.

We shall meet upon *the Level* there, but never thence depart ;
There's a mansion—'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful
heart—

There's a mansion and a welcome, and a multitude is there,
Who have met upon *the Level*, and been tried upon *the Square*.

Let us meet upon *the Level*, then, while labouring patient here ;
Let us meet and let us labour, though the labour be severe ;

Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare,
To gather up our working tools, and part upon *the Square*.

Hands round, ye faithful Masons, form the bright fraternal
chain ;

We part upon *the Square* below to meet in heaven again.
O ! what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are,
We meet upon *the Level*, and we part upon *the Square* !

THE EXCLUSION OF NEGROES FROM MASONIC LODGES.

It is stated in a communication from Chicago that the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois has decided to expunge the paragraphs in the Statutes which stipulate that the negro shall be excluded as a candidate for admission into Freemasonry ; can any of your American correspondents confirm this statement ?—BELGIQUE.

THE "IRISH FREEMASONS' CALENDAR."

I heard the other day a brother belonging to an Irish lodge quote "The Irish Freemasons' Calendar." Can any brother inform me where I can procure a copy ; if it is still published, for the present year ?—HIBERNIAN IN LONDON.

SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY.

As an element of science speculative Masonry is intimately connected with geometry. In deference to our operative ancestors, and, in fact, as a necessary result of our close connection with them, speculative Freemasonry derives its most important emblem from this parent science. As the earthly temple was constructed under the correcting application of the plumb, the level, and the square, by which its lines and angles were properly defined, so we are accustomed, in the construction of the great moral edifice of our minds, symbolically to apply the same instruments, in order to exhibit our work on the great day of inspection as "well formed, true and trusty." It is not absolutely necessary that Freemasons must be able practically to delineate geometrical figures ; but it is important that they should be competent to deduce all their action, works, and resolutions from geometrical, or correct principles.—BETA.

THE LETTER G.

† This letter is justly defined as being deservedly regarded as one of the most sacred of the Masonic emblems. Where it is used, however, as a symbol of deity, it must be remembered that it is the Saxon representative of Hebrew *Yod* and the Greek *Tau*—the initial letters of the Eternal in those languages. This symbol proves that Freemasonry always prosecuted its labours with reference to the grand ideas of Infinity and Eternity. By the letter G—which conveyed to the minds of the brethren, at the same time, the idea of God and that of geometry—it bound heaven to earth, the divine to the human, and the infinite to the finite. Masons are taught to regard the universe as the grandest of all symbols, revealing to men, in all ages, the ideas which are eternally revolving in the mind of the divinity, and which it is their duty to reproduce in their own lives and in the world of art and industry. Thus God and

geometry, the material worlds and the spiritual spheres, were constantly united in the speculations of the ancient Masons. They, consequently, laboured earnestly and unweariedly, not only to construct cities, and embellish them with magnificent edifices, but also to build up a temple of great and divine thoughts and of ever-growing virtues for the soul to dwell in. The symbolical letter G—

* * * "That Hieroglyphic bright,
Which none but Craftsmen ever saw."

and before which every true Mason reverently uncovers, and bows his head—is a perpetual condemnation of profanity, impiety, and vice. No brother who has bowed before that emblem can be profane. He will never speak the name of the Grand Master of the universe but with reverence, respect, and love. He will learn, by studying the mystic meaning of the letter G, to model his life after the divine plan ; and, thus instructed, he will strive to be like God in the activity and earnestness of his benevolence, and the broadness and efficiency of his charity.—△.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY, &c.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—Our claims to antiquity should be based on something more than the myths of Masonry, however beautiful in themselves, and however well adapted to the purposes to which we apply them in the working of the Craft. If our more literary brethren would take the trouble, I feel sure much interesting historic matter might be brought to light which now lies buried in musty folios among the dust and cobwebs of a dead and forgotten past.

I am led to these remarks from reading the letter which appeared in your number of 19th January.

On laying down your paper I looked into what I fancy is now a rare and scarce work,—“A New Law Dictionary,” by Jiles Jacob, Gent., published 1739, to see what it had to say on the word “Bye-Law,” as it is so commonly incorrectly spelt. It says: “By-Laws (*Bilages* from the Goth. *By*, *pagus* and *Lagen Lex*) are laws made *obiter* or by the *By*, such as orders and constitutions, of corporations, for the governing of their members,” &c.

I next turned to the word *Masons*, when I found the following, which I think cannot fail to be of interest to the historic students of our ancient Order:—“To plot confederacies amongst Masons is declared felony by an old statute, and such as assemble thereon shall suffer imprisonment, and make fine and ransom.”—Stat. 3, H. 6, c. 1.

It would seem from this the old Masonic Guilds were not so loyal as they should have been, but what particular mischief they were up to does not appear.

Perhaps some learned brother in *law* may have an opportunity of looking up these fusty, fuliginous statutes, and giving us the result of his lucubrations ; by so doing he would add another stone to the historic foundation of Masonry, and confer a favour on

Yours fraternally,
MACCALDUS, 1075.

BYE LAWS. BYE-LAWS. BY LAWS.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I noticed in your issue of the 19th ult., a few remarks under the words By Laws, by the W.M. of Lodge 1101. A very pleasing circumstance lately occurred to me, under the above words, on the receipt of our MS. Bye-Laws from the R.W. the P.G.M. It was his pleasure to insert the e in every case in which I had By; and on my notice of his kindness in so much trouble it was remarked that I was not called upon to follow it. I knew the emendation was good; but I doubted whether any brother less familiar with the language than I knew the authority for its adoption. I gave from Johnson "By or bee comes immediately from the Saxon By, byinz, *i.e.*, a dwelling." Bye Law, therefore stands with me a home-law, as differing from those national, in which light I look at the "Book of Constitutions." A *particular* law, as distinct from those *general*. And by the revived word bye, we have drawn from its obscurity an elegant, *simple*, significant in meaning. Our laws are but five, under the heads *Place, Time, Money, Duty, Custom*; and to each are from three to seven sections, so printed that when opened the brother has a bird's-eye view of the whole, with the warrant, etc. When in type I was directed to forward a copy to the G. Sec., who did not mark out the e. His corrections were few but necessary. He had Johnson for By-law, and the P.G.M. also had Johnson for Bye-law. In both cases I had gentlemen and scholars with whom to deal; and as I never had occasion to regret here, I followed advice and remained thankful. I was told that I was tied to Johnson, who was not always correct. He had Garret, the highest room, and Cock-loft, a room over. This was nothing to the point. I disagreed. Johnson had "Garret, a room on the highest floor of a house. Cock-loft, a room over the garret, in which fowls are supposed to roost; unless it be corrupted from *cop* loft, the cop or top of the house;" but there is nothing inserted about a *floor* to the cock loft.

These little matters are given with the most fraternal feeling; and if it be your pleasure to insert them, I will affiliate my bantling with the humble subscription of

Yours fraternally,
Jno. R. BREWER, Sec. 70.

CHAPTER FURNITURE, JEWELS, &c.—We have been favoured by Bro. R. Spencer, of the Masonic Depôt, Great Queen-street, with a view of the regalia, furniture, jewels, &c., for a Royal Arch chapter, under the Scottish Constitution, about to opened at Graham's Town, Cape of Good Hope. We were much struck with the taste displayed by Bro. Spencer in the manufacture of the various articles; we were particularly interested with the display of costly robes and gilt sceptres for the use of the three Principals, as also with the painting of the principal banners and the emblems of the twelve tribes. The whole presenting a very handsome appearance. We congratulate our R.A. brethren at Graham's Town, upon their being in possession of such an excellent and tasteful set of chapter furniture, jewels, &c. We were also shewn a specimen of Bro. Spencer's taste in setting a superb presentation locket jewel, of 18 carat gold, for Bro. F. Hughes, P.M. of the Acacia Lodge, Monte Video. It is a small oval, with a sprig of acacia forming the outer border; at the top, within the square and compasses, is a star of five points, formed of brilliants of the finest water, the centre one weighing half a carat, set open, showing its purity and brilliancy. This gem needs only to be seen to be admired; and we have no doubt Bro. Spencer will accord to other brethren the same privilege of examining this beautiful jewel, as he has kindly extended to us.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

* * * All communications to be addressed to 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, W.C.

MASONIC MEMS.

THE CORNISH FREEMASONS' LIFEBOAT.—We are glad to find that there is every probability ere long of there being a "Cornish Masonic Lifeboat." We refer our readers to the report given on another page of the meeting of Lodge No. 331, Truro, in which it is stated by our correspondent that not only was a very handsome sum subscribed at the meeting towards carrying out the landable object in view, but an appeal has been decided upon to be made to the Craft generally in Cornwall for assistance, and of thus testifying the sympathy of our Cornish brethren with the efforts of the National Lifeboat Institution and others to preserve the shipwrecked mariners on the Cornish coast. The subject of Masonic lifeboats has been proposed in these pages, and referred to in various ways from time to time; it is, therefore, a pleasure to us to be able to announce that our Cornish brethren are manfully putting their shoulder to the wheel, with the view of their soon being enabled to say that the Cornish Masons have not been behindhand in the carrying out the long talked of scheme for Masonic Lifeboats. We have had enough of discussion upon the subject in these pages; it will be a pleasing change to witness the *reality*. And we see no reason at all why each one of our provinces "that's girded by the sea" should not have its Masonic Lifeboat.

THE BRITISH, IRISH, AND COLONIAL MASONIC CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1867.—We are glad to be able to announce to our readers that a copy of this valuable Masonic *vade mecum* has reached us for review. We are unavoidably compelled, from want of space, deferring our notice till next week. In the meantime, we must congratulate the editor and publishers for their having succeeded in issuing their calendar for this year at a so much earlier period as compared with previous editions, and we have no doubt if the forms sent out to lodges, chapters, &c., were but returned to the editor punctually, there would be no occasion to complain of the lateness of the issue of this really valuable universal Masonic calendar.

THE DEVON AND CORNWALL MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1867.—Referring to the notice of Bro. Spry's useful calendar, which appeared in our issue of the 12th ult., we are glad to learn that it will be issued in course of a week hence. From the features which we have already referred to, as distinguishing the edition for the present year, we look forward with much pleasure to the appearance of Bro. Spry's calendar,—edited by our esteemed Bro. Hughan,—for the present year.

METROPOLITAN.

BRITANNIC LODGE (No. 33).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 1st inst. The W.M. Bro. R. Galloway was supported by his officers as follow:—Bros. Strapp, S.W.; Glegg, J.W.; Crombie, Treas.; Shields, S.D.; McConnell, J.D.; Church, I.G.; England, Dir. of Cers. The P.M.'s were—Bros. Grissell, Bridges, Pierce, and W. Smith, *C.E.* There was a numerous attendance of the members and of visiting brethren. Amongst the latter were Bros. Major Alex. Crombie and T. Nelmes. The business of the evening consisted in the initiation of a candidate, Mr. Hicks; the passing of Bros. Sharp and Padden, and the raising of Bros. Parker, Saunders, Muriel, Palmer, Finch, and Rowland, the several impressive ceremonies being most ably worked by the W.M., Bro. Galloway. Upon the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and afterwards dispersed in love and harmony at a seasonable hour.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Green Man Tavern, Tooley-street, Southwark (Bro. C. A. Cathie's). Punctually at five o'clock p.m. the W.M. Bro. George Morris opened the lodge, and there were present Bros. T. J. Sabine, S.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; J. Donken, P.M. Sec.; D. Rose, S.D.; M. A. Loewenstark, J.D.; G. Free, I.G.; R. Ord, Dir. of Cers.; G. J. Grace, W.S.; F. Walters, P.M.; J. Brookhouse, T. Knott, C. A. Cathie, R. Williams, E. Halfpenny, T. Farnes, E. Browning, Freebody, T. Baker, and others too numerous to mention. Amongst a large number of visitors were Bros. Rule, P.M. (I.C.); D. Davies, 147; R. Wilson, 840; J. Hawker, S.D. 871; A. Thompson, and others whose names we were unable to ascertain. Mr. Saunders was initiated into ancient Freemasonry. Bros. Freebody, Halfpenny, and Farnes passed to the second degree. Bros. Browning, Knott, Williams, and Baker were raised to the third degree. The W.M. acquitted himself very well in all the work which he done, more especially as it was the first attempt since his installation last January. Bro. D. Rose, S.D., was complimented by several brethren on his successful working of the fifteen sections, at the St. James's Lodge of Instruction, a few nights previous to this meeting. The lodge was duly closed.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., this lodge met at the Royal Oak Tavern, High-street, Deptford. Bro. H. A. Collington, W.M., presided, and there were present—W. Andrews, S.W.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; Jeffery, J.D.; W. H. Truelove, G. H. Honey, J. Truelove, W. J. Honey, H. Whittle, J. Barrett, M. Concanen, G. S. Ditton, G. Ellis, S. G. Cook, H. Carter, T. C. King, and others. Amongst the visitors were—W. Noak, W.M. 140; J. Whiffen, I.G. 147; J. Roper, 147, and others. The work done was one raising, one passing, and four initiations, all of which were ably rendered. One joining member was admitted. The audit committee was elected. Bros. W. Andrews was unanimously elected W.M., Collington, Treas.; and Garrett, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was then closed. It was unanimously agreed to increase the initiation fee to six guineas, and the joining fee to two guineas.

PROVINCIAL.

BRISTOL.

INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF LIMERICK AS PROV. G.M.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., a Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, at half-past one o'clock, for the purpose of installing the Earl of Limerick as Prov. Grand Master, and as successor to the lamented late Prov. G.M. Bro. Major Shute, who had, up to the time of his death, in December, 1865, held the office of Prov. G.M. for some twenty years.

The smaller of the two principal-saloons were adapted so as to be used for the ceremony. At the upper end was constructed a dais for the different Prov. G.M.'s and distinguished brethren from a distance, the centre of the dais being occupied by a handsome presidential seat for the Earl of Limerick, while on the right was a chair for the D. Prov. G.M. Bro. Powell, and on the left one for the Prov. G. Chap., the Rev. Bro. Morris. Above the Earl of Limerick's seat floated a banner containing his coat of arms, while on the right of this were the arms of the D. Prov. G.M. Bro. Powell, and on the left those of the city of Bristol. Below the dais to the right was the treasurer's table, at which sat the Prov. G. Treas., Bro. S. E. Taylor, and to the left of the dais was the secretary's seat, filled by Bro. Henry Merrick.

From the walls of the room were suspended the banners of the different lodges in the province, viz., Clarence, Beaufort, Sussex, Moira, Colston, and Jerusalem, and the members of each lodge sat beneath their respective banners. The apartment was arranged in the customary form for Masonic ceremonials. The octagon had been carpeted and otherwise prepared as a reception room, and the committee room was converted into a private room for the Prov. G. Master.

Upwards of 400 brethren were present at the imposing ceremonial, inclusive of fifty visiting brethren standing high in the Craft.

The business of the lodge was opened by the D. Prov. G.M. Bro. W. A. Powell, who was supported by Bros. Major Adair, Prov. G.M. Somerset; Lord Sherbourne, Prov. G.M. Dorset; the Rev. J. Huyshe, Prov. G.M. Devon; Newmarsh, D. Prov. G.M. Dorset; H. Bridges, D. Prov. G.M. Somerset; E. J.

Morris, D. Prov. G.M. South Wales; the Mayor of Bath, Bro. Thompson; Rev. C. R. Davy and R. F. Thomas, G. Chaps.

The business of the lodge having been opened by the D. Prov. G.M., he introduced Bro. Major Adair into the chair, who then proceeded to instal the Earl of Limerick as Prov. G.M. of Bristol.

The noble Earl, who was suffering from a severe cold, appropriately returned thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and having announced, amidst the cheers of those present, that Bro. W. A. F. Powell, who had so long and so worthily served as D. Prov. G.M., had again been appointed to that office, proceeded to appoint his officers in the following order:—Bros. T. H. Pritchard, S.W.; Robert Fendick, J.W.; Rev. — Morris, Chap.; S. E. Taylor, Treas.; A. Henderson, Reg.; H. Merrick, Sec.; G. T. Martin, S.D.; W. C. Jarrett, J.D.; R. Compton, Dir. of Cers.; J. R. Bramble, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; J. A. Clark, Supt. of Works; W. Lemon, Sword Bearer; J. M. Stevens, Purs.; Joseph Churchill, Org.

At the dinner which followed at the conclusion of the lodge proceedings some 120 sat down. The chair was taken by the newly-elected Prov. G.M., Earl Limerick, who was supported by Lord Sherborne, Prov. G.M. Devonshire; the Rev. J. Huyshe, Prov. G.M. Devon; A. W. Adair, Prov. G.M. Somerset; Rev. C. R. Davy and R. T. Thomas, G. Chaps.; Henry Bridges, D. Prov. G.M. Somerset; W. A. F. Powell, D. Prov. G.M. Bristol; S. E. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas., and many other brethren of distinction.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Major Adair proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master Earl Limerick," commented upon the admirable manner in which the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Powell, had performed his duties under singularly trying circumstances; he also paid a handsome and touching tribute of respect to the former Prov. G.M., Major Shute. He congratulated the Province of Bristol upon having selected as their chief a brother who added to the distinction he inherited, and whose merits were well known to the brethren present.

Bro. Earl Limerick returned thanks in an earnest speech, in which he entreated the brethren not to measure his feelings on that occasion by the words he uttered. He expressed his deep sense of the honour conferred upon him, and his conviction that such gatherings as had taken place that day were calculated beneficially to promote and foster the growth of Masonry. His Lordship concluded by proposing "The Health of Major Adair, the Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire."

Bro. Major Adair responded to the toast, observing that the closer Somersetshire and Bristol were united in the bonds of fraternal fellowship, the greater would be the advantage to the brethren of both provinces.

Various other toasts followed, and altogether the days proceedings passed off most satisfactorily, although we regret to learn that a considerable number of brethren from the Silurian and Isca Lodges at Newport, and the lodges at Cardiff who attended the installation of the Prov. G.M., not being aware of the regulation as to taking tickets before a particular time for the dinner, they were unable, through the crowding of members from the immediate district, to dine at the Montague, as they hoped to have done.

CHESHIRE.

CHESTER.—Lodge of Independence (No. 721).

The celebration of the festival of St. John was held at the Bars Hotel on Tuesday, the 29th ult.

The lodge having been opened in the first degree by the W.M. Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, assisted by Bros. Williams, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; H. Allsop, S.D.; and W. B. A. Bainbridge, I.G.; and Brisland, Tyler,

The W.M. said: The time has now arrived for me to vacate this chair, but I cannot do this with entire satisfaction until I have testified the grateful sense I entertain of the honour I received in being advanced to it. Your generous and unanimous choice of me for your Master demands my thankful acknowledgments, though at the same time I sincerely wish that my abilities had been more adequate to the charge you kindly confided to my care. But this has always been, and still is, my greatest consolation—that however deficient I may have been in the discharge of my duty, no one can boast a heart more devoted to the good of the Institution in general, or the reputation of this lodge in particular. My next duty is to proceed to instal the W.M. of this lodge for this year, or depute some expert brother to do so. I therefore call upon upon our excellent Bros. J. P. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.D., and T. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.D., to

perform that ceremony. All brethren below the chair then retired, and upon being re-admitted the W.M. was saluted and proclaimed in each degree. The W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. W. B. A. Bainbridge, S.W.; H. Allsopp, J.W.; Dr. Davies, S.D.; J. Smith, J.D.; Elwood Tibbitts, Sec.; J. Gerrard, P.M., Treas., R. Worrall, I.G.; Richmond, Org.; Brisland, Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. J. P. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.D.; C. Dutton, P. Prov. S.G.D.; T. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.D.; Dr. J. D. Weaver, P. Prov. J.G.D.; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M.; I. Gerrard, P.M.; V. Williams, W.M.; W. B. A. Bainbridge, S.W.; H. Allsopp, J.W.; Dr. Davies, J. Smith, Elwood, Tibbitt, Worrall, Williams, S.W. 425; Wood, J.W. 425; Wilcocks, Sec. 425; Capt. Davis, Thomas E. Williams, W. Brown, Smith, Richmond, &c.

The following toasts were delivered: "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, "The Prince of Wales, Earl of Chester, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," responded to by Quarter-Master Dutton, "The G.M. Lord Zetland, and his Deputy the Earl De Grey and Ripon," "The Prov. G.M. Lord de Tabley and his Deputy," "Viscount Combermere and the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, coupling the names of Bros. Platt and Dutton," who severally responded, "The Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Salop, Sir W. W. Wynne," "The Provincial Grand Masters for East and West Lancashire," "The Worshipful Master 721," who replied as follows: Provincial Grand Officers, Past Masters, and brethren,—My first duty is to thank the visiting brethren for the honour they have done me and this lodge in particular by their presence this evening. Next to thank the brethren of 721 for the honour they have conferred upon me in electing me to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, which I hope truthfully I may discharge with courtesy and zeal. Brethren what is Masonry? It is a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, then brethren let us exhort each other to inculcate into our daily life such principles of moral virtues, that our Masonic light may be visible to those within and without the pale of Masonry, and from its brilliancy exclaim, Oh! Worthy Masons! Let us nurse and watch over Masonry as a true mother would her dear child, constantly building up for it a glorious future, praying that the impress of its creator may be clearly depicted upon its brow to the end of days. Who are fit and proper persons to be made Masons? Just and upright men, of sound judgment and strict morals; then let us ever endeavour to initiate into our order such, and if once admitted ever to love and respect them. I do not believe in or countenance extravagant, mercenary, or clique Masonry, or most exorbitant initiation fees, such will not entitle any one to be admitted to the Grand Lodge above, or discharge the duties of the certificate for that Grand Lodge, the fees must be drawn from a purer capital—charity, charity in its fullest sense—faith and love. The peculiar principles of our order are brotherly love, relief, and truth. We must not reject the virtuous husband, the loving father, the honouring son, the affectionate brother, the worthy citizen, the honest and Christian neighbour. These are types for our notice, for such are duly entitled to the certificate for the lodge above, as on its margin must be written "Peace." Brethren, then let us figuratively build up a true Masonic Temple, keeping constantly in our mind's eye those emblematical pillars, building it in the strength of the glorious promise, and establishing it with sacred vows. Seeing that its roofing be celestial truthfulness, the various bearings, well knit together with brotherly love, its pavement, the foot prints of worthy Masons, the Light of the East ever keeping visible the omniscient eye. The next subject I very willingly submit to you, and esteem it an honour and privilege so to do; it is to call upon you to drink the health of one who has filled the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, our much-respected I.P.M., Bro. W. R. Bainbridge. He has discharged the various duties with a true Masonic love, with a zeal almost perfect, with an honesty of intention most praiseworthy; the memory of such is a jewel which we can gratefully wear in our sacred repository—the heart—till mortality shall have put on immortality. Brethren, let us in a bumper drink long life and happiness to our much-beloved P.M., Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, which was heartily done.

Bro. Bainbridge, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kindness he had always met with from them, and trusted that their good feeling might not be forfeited by any act of his. Ever since he had had the privilege of being enrolled on the list of Masons, as he learnt it was his duty, so had he made it

his business to become acquainted with the principles on which our glorious institution was founded, and for the information of the brethren he was perfectly convinced in his own mind that ancient Freemasonry consisted of three degrees, and no more, namely, the E.A., F.C., and M.M., the Mark Degree, though the ceremony was very beautiful and instructive, he considered was the F.C. made perfect, and that the H.R.A. was the completion of the M.M., and it appeared that until late years were only conferred upon the brother who had been installed the Master of a Lodge, but now all M.M.s of twelve months standing were eligible, it might perhaps be thought out of place, but he should be happy to receive the name of any brother who wished to take the Mark Degree, or be exalted to the H.R.A. He again thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been received.

The next toast was the "Visiting Brethren, coupling the S.W., J.W., and Sec. 425," which was happily responded to by Bro. Williams, the S.W.

"The Officers of 721 coupling the S.W., Bro. W. B. A. Bainbridge."

Bro. Bainbridge, in responding, said: W.M., Provincial Officers, and brethren,—Allow me to offer my sincere thanks for the kind reception this toast has met with from you. I might not adequately express the sentiments of my brother officers, and shall therefore leave them to answer for themselves. It will, I am sure, be our study as well as duty to assist the W.M. in his responsible duties during our year of office. For my own part, it is always my endeavour to discharge the duties of the position in which I may be placed with the best of my ability, and for the W.M.'s kindness in promoting me to the S.W. chair, I shall always retain the liveliest remembrance. Older members are more suited for this position, but I trust it will evince to my younger brethren in Masonry that with proper diligence they may ultimately arrive at similar positions in the Craft, and that labour will meet with reward. I believe I am the only Lewis in Chester who has the advantages of a parent, brother, and companion, united in one, with this assistance and my own exertions, I sincerely hope that at the expiration of this year the brethren may not have cause to regret the appointment by the W.M. of his S.W. But that in after years I may with pleasure remember that to the kindness of this lodge my progress in Masonry was due.

Bro. H. Allsopp, J.W. endorsed what had been said by the S.W. with respect to the duties of the officers.

The W.M. having respectfully requested the I.P.M. to retire for a few moments,

Bro. Elwood Tibbitts, Sec., proposed that a Past Master's Jewel be presented to Bro. W. R. Bainbridge from the funds of the lodge as a token of his services during his year of office, and for his exertions in getting a H.R.A. Chapter attached to the lodge.

This was cordially seconded by Bro. J. Gerrard, P.M.

The lodge was then called to labour, closed, and adjourned.

Several songs were effectively rendered by Bros. J. Williams, J. Smith, Parry, and Worrall during the evening.

CORNWALL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

TRURO.—*Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence* (No. 331).—A lodge of emergency was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at three p.m., at the High Cross Masonic Rooms, for the installation of Bro. Frederick Martin Williams, M.P., S.W., the W.M. elect. There was a very large attendance of the members and visitors, and the room was crowded to excess with a number of distinguished Masons of the province, who assembled in honour of the occasion. The minutes were read and confirmed on the 21st ult., so that the W.M. elect was, without loss of time, presented to Bro. E. D. Anderton, W.M., for the benefit of installation. Brethren below the degree of I.M. having retired, the candidate for the mysteries of an Installed Master was entrusted accordingly, in the presence of twenty-five P.M.'s, and on the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Frederick Martin Williams, M.P., was saluted as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The usual ceremonies having been observed, the lodge was closed down, and the charges were given by Bro. William Tweedie, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., and Bro. E. H. Hawke, Jun., P.M. Prov. G. Steward. The following were the officers appointed by the W.M.—Bros. Edward D. Anderton, P.M.; Arthur C. Williams, S.W.; Dr. N. Hellings Lloyd, J.W.; Rev. Henry B. Bullocke, M.A., Chap.; James O. Mayne, P.M., Prov. Assist. G. Sec., Treas.;

Thomas Tregastias, Sec.; John Farran Penrose, S.D.; Tobias Edward Lanyon, J.D.; William Michell, Org.; Robert Bell, P.M., P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; John Jeffery and Henry T. Ferguson, Stewards; Samuel Harvey, P.M., Prov. G. Purst., I.G.; William Rooks, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler. Bro. William Tweedy, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., was appointed Steward for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The business having been concluded, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet awaited them. Bro. F. M. Williams, *M.P.*, the W.M., was in the chair, and was supported by a very large attendance of the members of the Phoenix, Fortitude, Druids, Tregullow, and other lodges. We noticed Bro. Edward T. Carlyon, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. Thomas Churgwin, F. Prov. J.G.W., &c.; W. H. Jenkins, P. Prov. S.G.W., &c.; Dr. Hugoe, W.M. 699; John Hocking, jun., P.M., P. Prov. G. S. of W.; Bros. F. W. Dubb, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of W.; Thomas Davey, W.M. 589; Josiah Ralph, W.M. 1,006; W. Coke, W.M. 131; Dr. H. S. Leverton, Past S.W. 331; W. H. Christoe, P.M.; Frederick Marshall, P.M., &c.; Stephen Holloway, P.M., P.G.S.; William J. Johns, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Rev. F. H. A. Wright, *M.A.*, P.M. 331, Prov. G. Chap.; Dr. Bannister, S.W. 1,006, Prov. G. Chap.; William J. Hughan, S.W. 131, &c.; Thomas Solomon, P.M. 331, P. Prov. G.D. (mayor of Truro), amongst those who were present, but really there were so many that to enumerate them would take us more time, and the *Magazine* more space, than can well be spared. Suffice it to say, it was a brilliant meeting, and highly suggestive of the esteem and regard that universally in Cornwall is felt for the W.M. Bro. F. M. Williams, *M.P.*. Numerous complimentary toasts followed after the substantial department of the banquet had been concluded, and we were much gratified to find that strangers and members, "one and all," united in extolling the merits of the W.M. No. 331, for his kind heart, generous sentiments, and most Masonic deportment at all times. Not a few orphans, not a few widows, not even a few indigent Masons, have cause to bless the day when he saw the "Light," and it is our prayer that he may be long preserved to carry out the duties of his high station, and fill the important sphere of labour he is ultimately destined to do in the province of Cornwall, and in the cause of Masonry generally. We feel proud in stating, as a Cornish Freemason, that the members and visitors did not separate without testifying their sympathy with the National Lifeboat Institution, and the efforts of several brethren and others in this county to preserve the lives of the shipwrecked mariners who are so frequently in troublesome waters and localities along the coast. It was determined to form a preliminary meeting there and then, and give power to the Secretary, *pro tem.*, to write to the Prov. G. Master, and other distinguished brethren who were unavoidably absent, to secure their approval and support. A handsome sum was contributed before the brethren separated, and as they have wisely decided to appeal to the whole fraternity in Cornwall, and thus make the fund and the lifeboat thoroughly a provincial organisation, we feel sanguine that before many months have expired the "Cornish Masonic Lifeboat" will be a reality.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

KENDAL.—*Union Lodge* (No. 126).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, 31st ult. at the Masonic hall, Kent-street. The W.M. Bro. John Whitwell, Past Prov. G. Reg., presiding, and supported by the following officers:—Bros. Edward Busher, I.P.M., Prov. G. Warden; Rev. W. Chaplin, *B.D.*, Chap.; Rev. James Simpson, S.W.; Thomas Atkinson, J.W.; C. Gardner, Thomson, Treas.; W. Cartmel, Sec.; Doubleday, J.D.; J. O. Atkinson, I.G.; and Lord Kenlis, W.M. 1034; Rev. Thomas Simpson, Halecot Hall, Rev. William Dent, William Wilson, T. Wilson, Jones Taylor, Dr. Noble; William Tattersall, John Holme, George Cartmel, Thomas Busher, R. Hodgson, Dr. Leeming, S. Gawith, John Medcalf, William Dodd, Richard James, Edward Hibberd, Robert Butterwith, Thomas Jones, J. K. Thompson, T. S. Horne, Job. Bingley, &c., and the following visitors:—Bros. Daniel Harrison, Dr. Greaves, P.P.D.G.M.; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B. of England; A. C. Mott, Thomas Wylie, and J. Wilson, Grand Officers of West Lancashire; T. R. Clapham 1074; Boulton, 339; Richard Holmes, Dr. Barber, P.M., Lodge of Firmness. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. announced that the business of the day was to initiate the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Wilson, late S.W. of the Underley Lodge, 1074. The usual questions having been read by Bro. Mott and assented to in the usual manner by Bro. Wilson, he was then in-

ducted into the chair of K.S. by Bros. Greaves and Mott, assisted by Bros. Wylie, Whitwell and Busher. The officers were then invested as follows:—Bros. Whitwell, I.P.M.; Rev. J. F. Black, Chap.; William Cartmel, S.W.; Samuel Gawith, J.W.; C. G. Thomson, Treas.; W. Doubleday, Sec.; Dr. Leeming, S.D.; John Holme, J.D.; Edward Busher, P.M., as Dir. of Cers.; J. O. Atkinson, I.G.; Robert Butterwith, Org. Thanks were voted to the visiting brethren who had assisted in the ceremonial. The usual business having been transacted. After solemn prayer the lodge was closed in a most able manner by the newly elected officers, after which the brethren (upwards of forty), adjourned to the Kings Arms Hotel where a choice banquet was served by Mr. Jackson the worthy host. The chair was occupied by the W.M., and supported by several very influential brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to by the W.M., Bros. Whitwell, Rev. James Simpson, Dr. Greaves, C. J. Bannister, A. C. Mott, T. Wylie, W. Cartmel, Thomas Atkinson, Dr. Barber, &c., and the cause of Masonic Charity, having been ably advocated (with considerable success for the Royal Benevolent Institution), by Bro. Edward Busher, P.M., who was acting as Steward at the present festival for the charity; this very agreeable meeting broke up about half-past nine o'clock. The harmony of the evening was ably sustained by Bros. S.K. Thompson, Mott, Wylie, Hodgson, Boulton, &c. Bro. Bowes was unavoidably absent through indisposition, which was much regretted.

DEVONSHIRE.

MORICE TOWN, DEVONPORT.—*Lodge St. Aubyn* (No. 954).—A Master Mason's lodge of emergency was held on the 28th ult., to confer the third degree on Bro. the Hon. R. B. Bruce, if found qualified. The lodge having been duly opened in the Craftsman's degree, and the usual examination being of a highly satisfactory nature, the Hon. Bro. retired to be re-admitted to a lodge of a superior and sublimer degree, in which he was admitted to a full participation of its secrets and mysteries by the W.M., whose rendering of the ritual of the degree has brought down encomiums from candidates and P.M.'s. This being an emergency meeting, no other business was, of course, transacted, and the brethren adjourned for simple refreshment.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 523).—This lodge held its usual meeting on the third Thursday of the month (the 17th ult.), at which Bro. Kelly, D. Prov. G.M., presided. Among those present were Bro. Duff, P.M., as S.W. (in the absence of Bro. G. H. Hodges, in Paris); J. E. Hodges, J.W.; Barfoot, Sec.; Shepherd, Treas.; Atkins, S.D.; Watson, I.G.; G. Toller, J. C. Clarke, and Baines. Visitors—Bros. L. A. Clarke, W.M., and J. Ride, J.W. of St. John's Lodge, No. 279. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last lodge, including a vote of £100 in reduction of the debt on the Masonic Hall, having been read and confirmed, a Fellow Craft's lodge was opened, and Bros. Sculthorpe and Partridge were duly examined in that degree, after which the lodge was opened in the third degree, and they were duly raised to that sublime degree. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and there being no further business the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

INSTRUCTION.

LEICESTER.—*Lodge of Instruction*.—The first meeting of a lodge of instruction for the use of the members of the two local lodges, Nos. 279 and 523, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 24th ult., but owing to the severity of the weather was but thinly attended. In addition to the D. Prov. G.M., there were present:—Bros. the Rev. J. Spittal, P.M.; Duff, P.M. (who each presided during part of the evening); J. H. Hodges, as S.W.; Barfoot, J.W.; Ride, S.D.; Atkins, J.D.; Toller, Watson, Sculthorpe, Partridge, and others. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Sculthorpe acting as the candidate. The lodge is to be held on the fourth Thursday in every month, and will doubtless be found of great advantage to the brethren.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

NEWPORT.—*Silurian Lodge* (No. 471).—There was a numerous attendance at the meeting of this lodge on the 28th ult., the event of the evening being the presentation of a testimonial, subscribed for by a few of the members, to the esteemed Treas-

surer of the lodge, Bro. W. Pickford, P.M. The D. Prov. G.M. of Monmouthshire, Bro. Colonel Lyne, presided. The presentation consisted of a life-size portrait (a most striking likeness) of Bro. Pickford, who is represented in his full Masonic costume. It was fitted in an elegant frame of the Lawrence pattern. The groundwork of the portrait is obtained with absolute certainty by means of the solar camera—a new invention—and finished in oil by Bro. Villiers, artist, S. Commercial-street, Newport. The elegant frame was made by Mr. Gill, of this town. The D. Prov. G.M. Col. Lyne said: Bro. P.M. Pickford—I have been requested by a few of your Masonic brethren, members of the Silurian Lodge, to present you with this portrait, as a small token of the regard and affection in which you are held by them. I am sure it will afford you as much pleasure to receive this memento as it does me to present it, for you are too old and good a Mason not to know and feel sure that presentations of this kind are never made by members of our Order unless they are fully assured that he whom they desire to compliment is in every way worthy of such compliment. Masonry in this province has of late years very considerably increased, and with it its funds also enabling us to distribute greater charity. In this desirable state of things we feel that you, as our Treasurer, have played no inconsiderable part, but there is also another matter in which you have taken a deep interest. I speak of our Masonic Schools and Aknshouses. Formerly this province contributed somewhat feebly in these respects, but I am glad to say that since you became our Treasurer, and have taken this desirable matter up, our contributions have largely increased; and I may say that, altogether, this province never was in a more satisfactory and flourishing state than at present. I am sure, Bro. Pickford, in making this presentation, I express the sentiments of every member of our Order, when I say that we one and all wish you health and every happiness, and pray that you may long live to continue the active and useful member of our Order which you have hitherto been, and that when it shall please the Great Architect of the Universe to remove you from amongst us, your sons, and your sons' sons, when looking upon that picture, may remember with fondness one who was not only dear to his family, but also to the great family of Freemasons. Bro. W. Pickford, P.M., acknowledged the presentation. He said: Brethren, I am sure you will pardon any defect in expression of my sincere and heartfelt appreciation of the unbounded kindness and confidence which has been expressed, not only in so substantial a form by your presentation, but also through the eloquent speech of my respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lyne. Brethren, to be connected with such a body of gentlemen and Masons as I now see around me, is to me a great pleasure, and I am sure your presentation this evening will be one of the brightest pictures which will hang on memory's walls, when I hand to my partner in life and my children this very handsome present. To each of you I offer my grateful acknowledgments, and I again thank you for so noble and beautiful a memento of your confidence, a confidence which I hope will never be forfeited by your humble servant and brother. At the conclusion of the presentation, the brethren sat down to a champagne supper, provided by Bro. Pickford, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

NORFOLK.

YARMOUTH.—*Lodge of Friendship* (No. 100).—This lodge met on 29th ult., at the Corn Hall, Yarmouth, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Plowman Ward as W.M. for the present year. There was a large assemblage of the brethren belonging to the Yarmouth, Norwich, Lynn, and other lodges. The ceremony was most ably and very impressively performed by the W.M., who having been duly installed, selected his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Barnard, S.W.; H. Brand, J.W.; H. Mason, S.D.; W. Overend, J.D.; C. Howes, I.G. At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren repaired to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where they partook of a splendid banquet provided by Bro. John Franklin. Amongst the company present were the newly elected W.M. (in the chair); Bros. Dr. Morgan, Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Tomlinson, W.M. of the Lodge Perseverance; Oswald Diver, P.M.; W. Wright, P.M., Sec.; Colman; Charles Chipperfield, P.M.; John F. Young (Norwich); the Rev. Dean of Norwich; Edward Stagg, &c.

NORWICH.—*Cabbell Lodge* (No. 903).—On Thursday evening the 31st. ult., Bro. T. Campling was duly installed to the office

of W.M. of this lodge, to which he was unanimously elected by the brethren at the previous meeting. The ceremony was performed by Bros. J. W. Taylor, P.M.; and F. Colsey, P.M.; officiating with his usual ability as Dir. of Cers. About forty brethren were present, including a large number of Past Masters and visitors. In the course of the evening, the W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the twelve months:—Bros. Taylor, S.W.; W. Bullard, J.W.; Bishop, S.D.; Downing, J.D.; Neckles, I.G.; J. W. Eacey, Treas.; and Smith Sec. At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren attended an excellent banquet provided in the Masonic hall by Bro. Woods. Morgan, Provincial Grand Secretary, Thirkettle, the Immediate Past Master, and a large number of brethren supported the W.M., who presided over the hospitable board in a truly Masonic and affable manner. The festivities were spiritedly kept up until high twelve, when the brethren separated.

KING'S LYNN.—*Philanthropic Lodge* (No. 107).—The meeting of this lodge for installation of its W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Globe Hotel, King's Lynn, on Monday, the 4th inst. At half-past five there was a full attendance of members and visitors, and the lodge was opened by Bro. R. H. Household, W.M., and after the necessary preliminary duties, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles T. Ives, was proceeded with. Bro. James Dawbarn, of Norwich, had kindly undertaken the ceremony, and performed it with his well-known efficiency and impressiveness. He was ably seconded by Bro. F. Colsey, P.M. 213, as Dir. of Cers., and was supported by a full board of Installed Masters. The usual charges having been delivered by the Installing Master, the new W.M. was proclaimed in due form, and saluted by the brethren, and he then proceeded with the investiture of his officers for the year:—Bros. G. G. Sadler, S.W.; J. T. Banks, J.W.; W. J. Pole, S.D.; T. R. Mills, J.D.; J. Bray, I.G.; R. Cruso, Treas.; James Green, Sec.; R. Wells and C. Miller, Stewards; Woolsey, Tyler. The lodge then adjourned, and at seven o'clock a sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. Marshall, to about thirty-five of the brethren, including several representatives of other lodges in the provinces of Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Lincolnshire. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by Bros. Dawbarn, P.M.; H. J. Wigmore, P.M. and P. Prov. J.G.W. Cams.; H. Ladbrooke, P.M.; W. H. Exley, W.M. 809, Wisbech; F. Colsey, P.M. 213, and P.G.S.B. Norfolk; T. G. Hessey, S.D. 838, Boston; and on his left by the following Past Masters of 107: Bros. R. H. Household, G. Webster, Richard Whitwell, H. Kennedy, and T. M. Kendall, P. Prov. J.G.W. Norfolk. Due justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. proceeded to propose "The Queen and the Craft," and, in due succession, "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Earl of Zetland;" "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl De Grey and Ripon;" "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell,"—all of which were received with due honour. In proposing the next toast the W.M. paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the late D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Leedes Fox, and announced the fact of the appointment of Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole to the vacant office. The announcement and the health of V.W. Bro. were received with great applause. Bro. T. M. Kendall responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers;" and Bro. H. J. Wigmore for "The Grand Officers of Neighbouring Provinces." "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Ives" was then proposed by Bro. Household, I.P.M., and was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M., having duly responded, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Dawbarn, and the Dir. of Cers., Bro. Colsey," who were loudly cheered, and responded in excellent speeches, in which they dwelt on the kindly principles of Masonry, whilst Bro. Dawbarn in particular enforced the necessity of assiduous attention to the duties of the lodge. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," for which Bros. Household and Whitwell severally returned thanks; and "The Visitors" was proposed by the former and coupled with the name of Bro. Hessey, who, in returning thanks, delivered a very instructive address on the antiquities and principles of the Craft. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Lodge Officers," for which Bro. Sadler, S.W., returned thanks. Bro. Webster proposed "The Masonic Charities," and "The Tyler's toast" concluded the list. Several capital songs and glees were sung at appropriate intervals, and the harmony and pleasure of the meeting was unalloyed.

SCOTLAND.

LANARKSHIRE.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Glasgow* (No. 441).—This young and prosperous lodge held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening, the 15th ult., for the election of office-bearers, in the Masonic Hall, 19, Croy-place, the W.M. being assisted by Bro. Wallace, No. 360, and Bro. Campbell, No. 408, who kindly assisted the auditors to audit the lodge books, which showed a favourable return. The chair was contested by Bros. James Russell and William Taylor. The following office-bearers were elected for the year:—Bros. William Taylor, W.M.; John Guthrie, D.M.; Andrew Blane, S.M.; Robert Revie, S.W.; James Davidson, J.W.; John Glen, S.D.; Joseph Mathieson, J.D.; B. Kerr, Treas.; John Fowler, Sec.; Adam Black, Chap.; Neil Young, Architect; Alexander Revie, Senior Steward; William Livingston, Junior Steward; John Taylor, I.G.; Robert Cochrane, O.G. After the business of the evening was disposed of, a vote of thanks was awarded Bros. Wallace and Campbell for their assisting in furthering the lodge in the business of the evening.

IRELAND.

STRABANE.—*Abercorn Lodge* (No. 188).—This lodge was opened for the first time on Thursday, 31st ult., with the assistance of the various lodges in the vicinity. The brethren, to the number of 70, assembled in the Masonic Hall, at four o'clock, and marched in procession to the lodge room. Bro. J. K. Irvine, W.M., of Lifford Lodge, 102, took the chair and, assisted by his officers, opened the lodge in ancient form. The Secretary, Bro. R. T. Turbitt, having read the warrant of constitution from the Grand Lodge, appointing Bro. John McGowan, James Trimble, and Samuel Gordon, Master and Wardens of this lodge. They were installed into their respective offices. This interesting ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Irvine, assisted by Bros. C. Scott, W.M. 350; C. J. McMullin, P.M. 334; John Stewart, W.M. 547; W. O. Orr, and Wm. Beatty, P.M.'s 332; Alexander Hutcheson, W.M. 640, and several other Past Masters. The W.M. having received the congratulations of all the brethren present, proposed that His Excellency the Marquis of Abercorn should be made an honorary member of this lodge; seconded by Bro. Gordon, J.W. and received with great applause. Eleven brethren were proposed as joining members and several candidates for initiation. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at six o'clock, when the brethren adjourned to refreshment, a substantial repast having been prepared for the occasion. After the cloth was removed the W.M. gave the usual Masonic and loyal toasts, which were received with the accustomed honour. Bro. C. Scott proposed the Health of the W.M., Bro. McGowan, and was happy to see such a large number of brethren assembled from Donegal and Tyrone to greet him on this occasion; it argued well for the success of this new lodge in having such a nobleman as the Viceroy for a patron, and such a bright Mason to preside over them as their W.M., whose acquaintance he was happy to make this evening. Bro. McGowan in replying stated he felt the honour conferred upon him and the kind reception they gave him, and would endeavour to fill his post with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge; it gave him sincere pleasure to see so many influential brethren present who so kindly gave their assistance and whom he hoped often to see as visitors in the Abercorn Lodge. On behalf of himself and Bro. Wardens he requested they would accept his best thanks. The W.M. then gave "The Masters and Past Masters of the several lodges." This toast was appropriately responded to by Bro. Irvine C. J. McMullin, W. Orr, and C. Scott, W.M. of one of the oldest lodges in Ulster. Bros. Dr. McKelvey, Harvey, J. Moody, P.M.; and John Birnie, a veteran in the Craft, contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren by singing some favourite songs. The company separated at nine o'clock, having spent a most agreeable and pleasant evening. Great credit is due to the Stewards, Bros. S. Gordon and John Moody, P.M., for the courtesy and the excellent refreshments provided for the brethren.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

GUERNSEY.—*Mariners' Lodge* (No. 169).—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the annual meeting for the installation of officers

took place. The lodge was opened at half-past seven o'clock, by Bro. Smythson, W.M., assisted by Bro. Gallienne, D. Prov. G.M.; Bros. De Carteret, P.M., acting as S.W.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, acting as J.W.; Wakley, I.P.M. There were also present, Bros. Guilbert, W.M. 84; Hutchinson, P.M. 84; Thurston, W.M. 243; Glencross, S.D. 81; Sarchet, and about a dozen other members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second degree, and the D. Prov. G.M. then took the chair. Bro. Smythson having been re-elected to rule over the lodge a second year, was presented for re-installation by Bro. De Carteret, P.M. The preliminary ceremony, in a curtailed form, having been gone through, the brethren who had not passed the chair left the room, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence Bro. Smythson was again placed in chair of King Solomon. The board having been closed and the brethren re-admitted, the usual processions, salutations, proclamations, and greetings took place. The following appointments were made by the W.M.:—Bros. Brown, S.W.; Sedgley J.W.; Henry, S.D.; Warr, J.D.; Gaudion, P.M., I.G.; Le Carpentier, Treas.; Mauger, Tyler. Bro. Gallienne, D. Prov. G.M., gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren with great effect. The officers being for the most part new, he afterwards forcibly urged upon them the necessity for strict punctuality and a perfect knowledge of their respective duties. For the latter he pointed out that a rare opportunity now occurred, as Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who was thoroughly acquainted with the correct form of ritual, has offered during his residence for a few months in Guernsey, give instruction to the younger members of the Craft, for which purpose a class had been formed to meet once a fortnight. He stated that all the new officers of the Doyle Lodge had joined it, that even some of the Past Masters had talked of doing so, and expressed a hope that those who had this evening been placed in chairs would follow their example. He said that they could not fail to benefit by such a course, and added that having himself attended the first meeting he had been much gratified by the proceedings, which were the more likely to be successful, because the instructor knew how to combine the *fortiter in re* with the *suaviter in modo*; while courteous towards all, he insisted on perfect obedience to his directions, even on what might appear trifling points, but which were of great importance as corrective of common errors and productive of uniformity, indeed none would be admitted unless they pledged themselves to this. The lodge was closed at nine o'clock, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

COLONIAL.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 436).—This prosperous lodge held its regular communication for January, at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 1st ult. The lodge room was crowded to excess, the brethren being drawn together to witness an interesting ceremony of presentation to a brother who is much esteemed and highly respected throughout the province. P.M. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, the very efficient district G. Sec. and a P.J.G.W. of New Brunswick. There were present the R.W. District G.M., Deputy District G.M., S.G.V., G. Treas., and other officers of the District Grand Lodge, the W.M.'s of every lodge in the city, as well as a numerous attendance of P.M.'s, and other influential members of the Craft, all desirous of paying a just tribute to P.M. Bunting's deserved popularity. The recently installed W.M. Bro. J. Gordon Forbes presided for the first time, assisted by the following officers: Dr. J. C. Hathaway, S.W.; Rev. Geo. J. Case, J.W.; Rev. Neil McKay, Chap.; W. H. A. Keans, P.M. Treas.; W. F. Bunting, P.M. Sec.; John White, S.D.; Robt. Thompson, jun., J.D.; Dr. J. L. Bunting and John Sweet, Stewards; Robert Finlay, Dir. of Cers.; Robert Burns, I.G., and full quota of other members. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, the minutes were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Petitions presented at the last regular communication, reported in favour of their acceptance, and on the ballot being taken, the brethren confirmed the recommendations of the committee.

Petitions were received from several gentlemen desirous of initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry. An application for assistance from a brother residing at Grand Cay, Turk's

Island, who was a great sufferer from the effects of the terrific hurricane which swept over the colony on the 30th September last, was referred to a committee to deal with. The Charity Committee of the Lodge submitted a full report of their proceedings and the various appropriations made during the past year. The W.M. appointed P.M.'s Bunting, Keans, and Short, a Committee of Charity for the current year.

In accordance with notice given at the previous regular meeting, an addition to the bye-laws was agreed to, providing for the appointment annually, of a committee to have supervision over the property and paraphernalia of the lodge. Notice was given, having for its object the appointment of a committee to instruct and propose candidates for advancement in the several degrees. After the transaction of other unimportant matters of business, the W.M. announced that in accordance with a resolution of the lodge adopted at a previous communication, providing for the appointment of a committee to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to P.M. Bunting, a gold watch and chain had been selected, and it now became his pleasing duty to complete the work so justly undertaken.

The W.M. having called the lodge to order, read the following address:

"To William Franklin Bunting, Esquire, P.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 436, F. and A. M., on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England.

"Worshipful Brother:

"For the period of nearly fifteen years, during which you have been a member of St. John's Lodge (No. 436), Free and Accepted Masons, you have not only filled many of its most important offices, including that of the W.M., but you have endeared yourself to the lodge, and, we believe, to the fraternity, by the frankness of your character and the sincerity of your actions, and by the ready performance of offices of attention and affection, far beyond those which have devolved upon you of a merely official or routine nature. At all times, and often at great personal sacrifices and inconvenience to yourself, you have been not only ready but anxious to afford, cheerfully, your valuable co-operation in all Masonic "Ways and Works;" to assist in the deliberations, participate in the labours, perform the charities, and interchange the loftiest friendship of our lodge and institution—a faithful brother, a zealous mason, a judicious counsellor, a true man.

"Necessarily, therefore, you have very largely contributed to the prosperity of this lodge, and to the common well-being of our honourable and ancient fraternity, Stirred by memories of this character, this lodge expects us to convey to you some testimonial of their esteem and affection—not as an equivalent for your labours, but as a very trifling testimonial to your worth.

"In the name, therefore, of St. John's Lodge (No. 436), and on behalf the committee, we present you with this watch and chain, and add that which, after all, will be of more value than any intrinsic worth of any mere work of art—the assurance of your brothers' love and confidence, their prayer for your "health, wealth, and prosperity" here, and for your perpetual happiness hereafter.

"Fraternally and affectionately yours,

"W. H. A. KEANS, P.M.

"WM. WEDDERBURN, P.M.

"JOHN D. SHORT, P.M.

} Committee.

(L. S.)

"J. GORDON FORBES, Worshipful Master.

"St. John, N.B., Jan. 1, 1867."

Bro. Bunting acknowledged the honour done him in his usual happy and felicitious manner.

The watch and chain are of the very best manufacture, from the establishment of Messrs. Rotherhams, London. The watch bears the following inscription: "Presented to Past Master Wm. F. Bunting, by St. John's Lodge (No. 436), F.A.M. St. John, N.B., Dec. 25, 1866."

The lodge was thereupon changed to the F.C. Degree, and two candidates, who had previously in open lodge given proof of their proficiency in the E.A. Degree, were introduced and inducted into the secrets of the middle chamber, after which the lodge was closed in due favour.

CANADA.

QUEBEC.

ALBION LODGE (No. 17).—The officers of this ancient lodge

the warrant of which, under the English Constitution, dates as far back as 1752, were duly installed on St. John's Day by the R.W. the D.G.M. Bro. James Dean, assisted by the W. Bro. Joseph White, Dep. D.G.M. The appointments are as follow:—Bros. W. Miller, W.M.; A. Belanger and W. Eadon, P.M.'s; S. J. Dawson, S.W.; S. W. Bowden, J.W.; A. Fraser, Treas.; B. Jacobs, Sec.; P. O'Neill, S.D.; J. McClutchy, J.D.; J. Dawe, I.G.; J. Alexander, Dir. of Cers.; Robt. Stride, Tyler. Permanent Committee:—Bros. G. Thompson, W. Eadon, and J. Dawe.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 182).—The officers of this lodge were installed by the R.W. the D.G.M., assisted by the W. Bro. the Dep. D.G.M., on St. John's Day. The appointments are as follow:—Bros. H. P. Leggatt, W.M.; C. Stavely, P.M.; Alex. Frew, S.W.; Charles Hamilton, J.W.; A. Adamson, Chap.; Geo. Veasey, Treas.; John Shaw, Sec.; James Stavely, Assist. Sec.; W. M. McLaren, Org.; W. Crawford, Dir. of Cers.; C. Mackenzie, S.D.; R. D. Turner, J.D.; W. H. Kennedy, I.G.; and H. Beer, Tyler. Permanent Committee:—Bros. J. White, Dep. D.G.M.; William Miller, Geo. Thompson, and R. H. Smith, P.M.'s.

WARRINGTON LODGE (No. 49, R.C.)—The following is the list of officers of this lodge for the current year, viz.:—Bros. J. Tweddell, W.M.; C. Joncas, P.M.; H. P. Reid, S.W.; Selig J. Burnstein, J.W.; A. McCullum, Treas.; A. Smithson, Sec.; J. Lachance, S.D.; S. Carrier, J.D.; R. Hudson, I.G.; and H. Beer, Tyler.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 356, S.C.)—The officers of this lodge for the current year were installed by Bro. J. S. Bowen, as follow:—Bros. T. Lambert, W.M.; J. G. Leitch, P.M.; J. Dunbar, Deputy Master; W. Wilkinson, Substitute Master; C. Judge, S.W.; W. Clearihue, J.W.; J. S. Bowen, Treas.; H. J. Pratten, Secretary; W. Couper, Assist. Sec.; J. Hatch, S.D.; Smithson, J.D.; Ellison, I.G.; Beer, Tyler; Thom and Kelly, Stewards; May, Dir. of Cers.; Dickinson, Org. Permanent committee: Bros. Chalmers, Lesueur, and E. H. Duval.

ALMA LODGE (No. 648).—The officers of this lodge were installed by the D.G.M., assisted by Bro. the Dep. G.M., on St. John's Day. The appointments are as follow:—Bros. George Thompson, P.M. Albion Lodge, No. 17, honorary member of St. John's Lodge, No. 182, Alma Lodge, No. 648, E.R.; St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 356, S.R., and Clement Amitic, Paris; and Past Deputy Grand Master, Quebec and Three Rivers, W.M.; C. E. Montizambert, S.W.; Dr. Hunter, J.W.; P. Patterson, Treas.; J. S. Crawford, Sec.; R. H. Smith, P.M., S.D.; T. R. Reeve, P.M., J.D., F. Thompson, I.G.; H. Beer, Tyler. Permanent committee: Bros. R. H. Smith, T. J. Reeve, H. P. Leggatt, and R. E. Coker, P.M.'s.

GARRISON LODGE (No. 160, R.C.)—The following is the list of office-bearers of this lodge for the current year:—Bros. William Press, W.M.; William Wilkinson, P.M.; Martin Winn, S.W.; William Peard, J.W.; Thomas Kelly, Chap.; John Devlin, Treas.; Thomas S. Bartlett, Sec.; Thomas King, Dir. of Cers.; J. W. Ramsden, S.D.; James Wilkinson, J.D.; William Johnson, I.G.; Henry Beer, Tyler; John Ward, Org.; Richard Knapp and Richd. Swindell, Stewards. Permanent Committee: Bros. William Wilkinson, Martin Winn, and William Peard.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL.—The number of lodges in this city is at present ten, which, for the size of the place is, perhaps, too many, still they all manage to keep alive and sound the gavel regularly at their appointed time. Of these ten, six are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, three under England, and one under Scotland, and it is indeed very pleasing to see how harmoniously they all work together, no matter under what register they be, they are all brothers of the mystic tie, and act as such. As a regular thing almost all of them celebrate St. John the Evangelist's Day with a banquet, and not a lodge would be forgotten by the deputations who are sent forth during the evening to convey the congratulations and good wishes of one to the other. There is always a number of visitors from the different lodges at any stated meeting of one of them, and we are now having a new system of visiting introduced by the W.M. of Lodge of Antiquity (which stands first on the Grand Registry of Canada), in accordance with which the W.M. and all his officers being announced in a body for admission, which will tend to still invite an increase of visitors. The lodge just named provides refreshments in the anteroom of the lodge, which answers much better than adjourning to public-houses and taverns such as is generally done, and costs much less

Important measures have also been introduced for the guidance of the lodge, and it is to be hoped that the other lodges will copy the example set by the W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, who is one of the most eminent Masons, and one who has held the highest position the Craft could afford in this country. This lodge also does everything that can be done *outside*, through their Committee of General Purposes, which is composed of ten of the members, who meet a few days before the stated meeting of lodge and consider all Masonic matters brought before them, and report and recommend to the lodge. This committee, therefore, does the principle portion of the outside work, and saves the lodge at least fifty per cent of its time generally used in voting and discussing. The initiation fee to this lodge will in three months be one hundred dollars, it now stands at forty, and the increase is recommended as a tendency to benefit the Order in the estimation of the outer world, and, indeed, did all the lodges follow their example Masonry would take a predominancy here and elsewhere. A course of Masonic lectures was introduced here last winter by the D.D.G.M. of this district with great satisfaction and benefit to the brethren, and I believe the same will be repeated this winter.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE TOWN HALL, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, BRITISH KAFFRARIA, WITH MASONIC HONOURS, ON THE 15th NOVEMBER, 1866.

The Mayor and Borough Council having requested the members of the Craft to assist in laying the foundation-stone, and the permission of Bro. the Hon. R. Southey, Prov. G.M., having been obtained, the brethren of the British Kaffrarian Lodge (No. 853) assembled at their lodge at nine o'clock, a.m. The lodge being opened the members formed in regular order and proceeded to Prince Alfred-square, and joined a procession returning from turning the first sod of the water works, which then marched to Market-square in the following order.

On arriving at the site for the town-hall, the procession formed an avenue through which the Masonic lodge passed, and took up a position around the stone, Mrs. Peters, the Mayoress, Mr. Justice Fitzpatrick, Archdeacon Vutton, and the Mayor, also standing with them.

Bro. J. F. Lonsdale, W.M., then called upon the Archdeacon to read the prayers.

At the conclusion of the prayer, Bro. Lonsdale, W.M., then called upon Bro. Blake, P.M., to hand the trowel to the Mayoress.

The W.M. then called upon Bro. Street, the Secretary, to read the inscription and deposit the same. The inscription was as follows:—"This stone was laid by Mrs. Peters, assisted by the brethren of the British Kaffrarian Masonic Lodge (No. 853), on the 15th day of November, 1866, being the thirtieth year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria; Sir Philip Edmund Wodehouse being Governor of Cape Colony; Sir Percy Robert Douglas, Bart., Commander of the Forces; Richard Taylor, Esq., Civil Commissioner for the Division of King Williamstown; Colonel John Armstrong, Commandant of the Garrison; James Peters, Esq., Mayor of the Borough; Messrs. Thomas Cox, John Michael Peacock, John Spyron, jun., George Robert Street, John Osborn Bate, William Monteith Pears, Alexander Duncan, Robert MacWilliams, and James McIntyre, Borough Councillors; William Stewart Webb, Town Clerk; and Wallace Hewetson, Market-master. The architects of the building are Messrs. Welchman and Reed; and the contractors, Messrs. Hendry, Pearce, Musgrove, and Gilbert. Signed with the Borough Seal, this 15th day of November, 1866." This inscription, beautifully written on parchment, had been placed in a bottle, securely sealed, together with a copy of the two local papers, the *Gazette* and the *Watchman*, and were deposited by the Secretary in the cavity prepared for them.

Bro. Robertson, the Treasurer, having read the list of coins, and deposited the same, a copy of the by-laws of the British Kaffrarian Lodge were deposited in the stone.

The builder then proceeded to spread the mortar, after which the Mayoress spread a quantity of cement with the trowel previously presented to her for that purpose, and the stone was lowered with three stops, the band playing solemn music.

The stone being finally adjusted, the W.M. said: Bro. Junior Warden, the plumb being the proper jewel of your office, I will thank you to apply it to the several edges of the stone and report to me whether or no they are correct.

Bro. Kullman: Worshipful Sir, I have tested the stone with the plumb, and find it truly and properly laid.

Bro. Senior Warden, the level being the proper jewel of your office, I will thank you to apply it to the top of the stone, and report to me whether it is correct.

Bro. McIntyre: Worshipful Sir, I have tested the stone with the level, and find it truly and properly laid.

Bro. Past Master: The square being the proper jewel of your office, I will thank you to apply it to those parts of the stone which should be square and report to me whether or no they are correct.

Bro. Egan: Worshipful Sir, I have tested the stone with the square and find it truly and properly laid.

The Worshipful Master: Brethren, fully assured of your skill, it only remains for me to call upon the Mayoress to finish the work and pronounce the stone duly laid.

The mallet was then handed to the Mayoress, who struck the stone with it three times, and then in a clear voice declared it duly laid as follows: "I do hereby declare this stone well laid, true and trusty. May this undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen according to plans, in peace, harmony, and brotherly love."

The stone now being laid, the band played "Rule Britannia," after which Mr. Scherbrucker again called for three cheers for the Lady Mayoress, then three more for the Mayor, and three more for the guests.

The Worshipful Master then called upon Mr. Trill, the Superintendent of Works, to produce the plans of the building, which being handed to him, he examined them, and then, addressing the Mayor, said: Your Worshipful the Mayor, have you approved of these plans?

The Mayor: We have.

The Worshipful Master, addressing the Superintendent of Works: I return these plans to you, enjoining upon you the utmost care and diligence in the prosecution of the work.

The ewers containing respectively corn, wine, and oil, were then handed in turn to the W.M., who proceeded as follows:— I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty; I pour this wine as an emblem of cheerfulness and joy; I pour this oil as an emblem of happiness and prosperity, and may corn, wine, and oil, and all the other necessaries of life abound among the inhabitants of King William's Town.

Bro. Lonsdale, W.M., then gave the following address: It is customary at the erection of stately or superb edifices, to lay the first or foundation-stone at the north-east corner, and they had assembled on the present occasion to witness that ceremony. We, Masons, meet you here to-day not for display, but to promote harmony and good-will, and it gives me great pleasure to find we are joined in the same object by the brethren of the Odd Fellows and British Kaffrarian Brethren Benefit Society. Freemasonry being in bad odour with many owing to its profound secrets, more especially among the ladies, that being a virtue they did not admire, although in possession of many other great and good virtues, and this being a red-letter day in the annals of King William's Town, I shall proceed to divulge a few of those great secrets. The tools now in my hands you have seen applied as used by operative Masons, but we being free or speculative, apply them to our morals in this sense, the square teaches morality, directing us to the volume of the sacred law as the standard of our faith; the level, equality, reminding us that God is no respecter of persons; the plumb rule, justice and uprightness of action, and when this building is completed may the councillors who assemble there to direct the government of the borough, be actuated by the same principles and thereby promote prosperity, happiness, and general contentment among the inhabitants. I cannot bring these few remarks to a close without expressing to Dr. Peters, the Mayor, our gratification at having assisted at this interesting ceremony to-day, and I tender to your worship on behalf of the lodge of which I am the W.M., our sincere thanks to the borough council for the honour they conferred upon us. May the Great Architect in his benign wisdom and goodness, bestow his blessing upon the work.

The Mayor, addressing the W.M. and the assembly, said: It had been a matter of much satisfaction to himself, and he was sure also to Mrs. Peters to have been honoured with the duty of laying that stone. He was most happy to see the work commenced under such favourable circumstances, and he was certain that when the time came that he should cease to be the Mayor, it would be a very pleasing reflection that the council would then have a much better room to meet in than they ever had

before. He sincerely hoped that the building would be successfully prosecuted, and when completed would be the means of much prosperity, and that they would all see better days.

Mr. Schermbrucker then gave an invitation "to the public at large" to repair to the ground near the new cemetery, for refreshments and sports. He hoped all the inhabitants of King William's Town would enjoy themselves, and then called for several cheers.

The Mayor said that with all the cheering there was still one name which, although it had been omitted, he was sure it was not forgotten—"Three cheers for the Queen."

These were given in the Kaffrarian style, right loyally, after which, the ceremony being concluded, the assembly began to disperse. The band of the 1st 10th headed the Masonic lodge, and that of the Cape M. Rifles that of the Odd Fellows and Kaffrarian Brethren, to their respective lodge rooms.

ROYAL ARCH.

WESTMORELAND.

KENDAL.—*Kendal Castle Chapter* (No. 129).—The annual meeting of this lately revived and ancient chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Kendal, on Thursday; the 31st January, at twelve of the clock, prompt time. Comps. Greaves, M.E.Z.; Edward Busher, H. and J. Wylie, as J.; S. Garrith, P.S.; T. Wilson, Scribe E.; John Whitwell, Scribe N.; J. O. Atkinson, Janitor, &c.; C. J. Banister, P.Z.; A. C. Mott, P.Z.; and Wilson, Liverpool; W. Wilson, High Park; C. J. Thomson; Jones Taylor; T. R. Clapham; Ed. Hibberd; John Medcalf; Rev. J. Simpson; Henry Stephen; Rev. Thomas Simpson, Halecot Hall; Robert Butterwith, Organist; Daniel Harrison, &c. The minutes of the previous minutes having been read, confirmed, and signed, and the ballot having been taken for Bros. R. James and R. Hodgson, both M.M.s of twelve years' standing and upwards. The chairs were then taken by Comps. Mott as M.E.T., Banister as H., and Wylie, as J., and assisted by Comps. Wilson, of Liverpool, and Garwith; the above-named brethren, having given satisfactory proof of ability, were, in a most impressive and efficient manner, admitted into the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Edward Busher having been duly elected, was installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year by M.E.P.Z. Mott, Comp. Boves was proclaimed H., and Comp. Whitwell was installed J. for the next twelve months. Comps. J. Wilson, W. Wilson, and S. Garwith were severally initiated as Scribes E. and N. and P.S., after which the chapter was closed in harmony by the newly-installed officers, and the companions adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, and fraternised with the brethren of 129, and spent a most agreeable and happy evening with the members of the Craft.

IRELAND.

SKILBEEEN Chapter (No. 15).—On Thursday, the 24th ult., a convocation of the companions of this chapter, attached to Lodge 15, was held in their rooms, North-street. There were present, Comps. R. H. H. Beecher, Dr. Hadden, Charles Clerke, Robert Atkins, John F. Lewis, Richard Lee, James Douglas, William Eddy, Walter Townsend, William Swanton, Thomas Trinder, F. P. E. Potter, and J. W. Potter. The chapter having been duly opened, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing twelve months:—Dr. Somerville, King; John F. Lewis, High Priest; Frederick P. E. Potter, Chief Scribe; Charles Clerke, Capt. of Host; R. Beamish, Supt. of the Tabernacle; Robert Atkins, Royal Arch Captain; R. H. H. Beecher, Capt. of the Scarlet Veil; William Eddy, Capt. of the Purple Veil; and Thomas Tonkins, Capt. of the Blue Veil. The following brethren were then initiated into the fourth degree of Masonry, and afterwards received into the chapter, the different degrees being conferred by Bro. R. Atkins:—Cornet Cox, Lieutenant Pole, Capt. Gillett, J. Wilson, and W. Brennan. There being no further business to transact, the companions retired from labour to refreshment, in which they were joined by several members of the Blue Lodge. The following coms. sat down to supper:—R. H. H. Beecher, Cornet Cox, Lieut. Pole, Capt. Gillett, Charles Clerke, John F. Lewis, Charles Laurence, Dr. Atkins, Robert Atkins, R. Lee, Sergeant-Major Dennier, T. Trinder, James Douglas, H. E. Nichols, — Brennan, John Wilson, John O'Donoghue, W. Eddy, and Frederick P. Potter. The usual loyal Masonic toasts were given and responded to, after which followed singing and several social toasts. This short notice would be incomplete if mention was not made of the very

creditable way in which the supper was served up by Mr. O'Keeffe, proprietor of the Beecher Arms.

CANADA.

QUEBEC.—*Stadacona Chapter* (No. 13, G.R.C.)—The following are the officers of this chapter for the present year: Comps. Henry J. Pratten, 1st P.Z.; Thomas Lambert, P.Z. and D.S.; C. Staveley, 2nd P.H.; Henry Smeaton, 3rd P.J.; W. Couper, Scribe E.; J. Chalmers, Scribe N.; W. Press, Treas.; Charles Knowles, jun., P.S.; John Breakey, S.S.; H. P. Reid, J.S.; W. Clearihue, Dir. of Cers.; A. Thom and D. Kerr, Stewards; T. Hatch, Standard Bearer; W. Peard, Janitor.

QUEBEC.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 182, E.C.)—The installation of officers of this chapter for the present year took place on the 6th Dec., 1866. The officers were installed by the M.E. Comp. Thompson, and are as follow:—Comps. Geo. Thompson, 1st Prin. Z.; James Dunbar, 2nd Prin. H.; C. H. E. Tilstone, 3rd Prin. J.; H. P. Leggatt, Scribe E.; Crawford, Scribe N.; T. Laidlaw, Prin. Soj.; T. J. Reeves and W. Bell, Assist. Sojs.; G. Veasey, Treas.; Dawson, Org.; and J. Chalmers, Dir. of Cers.

MARK MASONRY.

METROPOLITAN.

THE SOUTHWARK LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 22).—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, February 4th, at the Green Man Tavern, Tooley-street, Southwark. Punctually at half-past six o'clock p.m., the W.M. Bro. Dr. F. J. Lilley sounded the gavel and opened the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots for candidates were unanimous in favour of their admission. Bros. R. W. Little, P.M., W. Turner, and J. H. H. Doughney being present, were duly advanced to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master Freemasons. There were present—Bros. J. Hawker, as M.O.; M. A. Loewenstark, S.O.; Allenden, as J.O.; A. D. Loewenstark, P.M., Treas.; R. Ord, Reg.; F. Walton, P.M., Sec.; J. Read, S.D.; W. Noaks, J.D.; T. H. Meredith, I.G.; W. Billington, W.S.; J. Tuckett, W. Dalziel, D. Masson, E. Harris, C. A. Cathie, and many others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.S.B., P.M. S.; R. Watts, W.M. S.; A. Rule, and others whose names we could not get. The lodge was duly closed. Bro. Dr. F. J. Lilley, W.M., gave all the work in a superior and an impressive manner, which was pleasing to all present. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1st, at half-past six o'clock p.m.

DEVONSHIRE.

MORICE TOWN, DEVONPORT.—*Lodge St. Aubyn* (No. 64).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult. Bro. Vincent Bird, W.M., Grand Master Overseer, presiding, there being present also, Bro. S. Chapple, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., and P.G. Dir. of Cers. of the Grand Lodge of M.M.; and Bro. Henry Townsend, a visitor from the Leinster Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 387) Malta, together with the office bearers and other members of this lodge. The business was opened with a prayer imploring the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on the duties of the evening, after which the minutes of the preceding lodge were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for a brother hailing as a Master Mason from Lodge No. 954, which was unanimous, but the brother in question being unavoidably absent, the working of the degree was unnecessary. The W.M. announced that a vacancy had occurred in the list of his officers by the resignation of the J.O., he therefore called Bro. John Brown, Prov. G. Steward, to the pedestal, and invested him with the collar and jewel of that office. Bro. Forwell was also invested as I.G., vice Brown; and Bro. Masters as Steward. Notice of motion affecting the proposition of candidates was made by the Treasurer; and an order by the lodge that the marks of those Craftsmen who were not already on the walls of the building, should at once be placed there. Labour being thus ended, the lodge was closed with the accustomed solemnity.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—*Beaudesert Lodge* (No. 97).—A new lodge under this name and number, and holding warrant from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, was opened at Leighton Buzzard on Thursday, the 31st. ult. The ceremony

of consecration was most ably performed by Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary of Mark Masters, after which he proceeded to instal Bro. M. Shugar as the first W.M. of the new lodge. The following brethren were invested as officers:—Bros. Thomas Horwood, S.W.; Henry Lovell, J.W.; Frederick Gotto, M.O.; Walter Lean, 18°, S.O. and Sec. The remaining officers were left open to a future meeting. Two candidates were named for advancement at the next meeting. This is the second Masonic lodge which has been consecrated in Leighton Buzzard within twelve months.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

DEVONSHIRE.

DEVONPORT.—*Royal Sussex Encampment.*—The quarterly meeting of this encampment was held on the 25th ult., there being present the E.C. Sir Knight Theodore Linde, and Sir Knights Chapple, P.G. Capt. of Lines; V. Bird, P.G.B.B.; Spry, P.G. Std. Bearer, Reg., and others. The minutes of the previous regular and subsequent encampment of emergency were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Comp. William J. J. Spry, 18°, of Royal Arch Chapter No. 230, who was elected unanimously, and having been introduced, and qualified himself, was dubbed a Sir Knight of the Order, and was accordingly proclaimed by the Herald. The next business was to choose an Eminent Commander, a Treas., and Equerry for the next term, the result of the ballot being the unanimous election of Sir Knights Samuel Chapple as E.C., and V. Bird as Treas. A meeting was arranged prior to the installation to balance the books and accounts, and to prepare the annual returns. The ceremony of installing the E.C. will take place in April, and we hope the encampment will, under the able command of Sir Knt. Chapple, have a prosperous year.

REVIEWS.

Br. C. VAN DALEN'S *Jahrbuch für Freimaurer auf das Jahr 1867. Siebenter Jahrgang.* (Leipzig: Förster und Findel. 1867.)

It gives us great pleasure to announce to our readers the seventh annual publication of this excellent Masonic Almanack. After having appeared for six consecutive years, its existence was for a time jeopardised by a certain reprehensible apathy of the German Masonic public, the support it received being insufficient to cover the expenses. This time, however, a previous subscription among the lodges has insured its continuance.

A Masonic diary occupies about two-thirds of this work. A list of commemoration festivals of the various German lodges is prefixed so each month. The additional cost for the compulsory stamp in Prussia and Austria has been evaded by leaving the days in blank, so that the same diary might do duty for any subsequent year. The year-book contains a list of the Grand Masters and Grand Officers of the ten German and sixty-three foreign Grand Lodges, and an exhaustive list of the names, dates of foundation, Masters, and Deputy Masters of all lodges in Germany, foreign lodges under German Constitution, and German lodges under the jurisdiction of foreign Grand Lodges. The highly commendable practice of giving in each case the "civil status" of the lodge officer's name has been generally adhered to in this almanack. We gather from Bro. van Dalen's *Jahrbuch* that there are at present in Germany 436 lodges and Masonic clubs (*Kränzchen*), four lodges under the jurisdiction of the Hamburg Grand Lodge in foreign parts, one German lodge (Pilgerloge, No. 238, Bro. Abers, W.M.) in London, under English Constitution, and sixty six German lodges and Masonic clubs in the United States. Of these clubs one rejoices in the name of "Kosmopolitisch-maurerisch-wissenschaftlicher Verein," reminding one strongly of Horace's *sesquipedalia verba*. A succinct record of Masonic events, a copious obituary, and a review of Masonic literature are appended. From the list of Masonic periodicals the *Masonic Press*, "a passionate advocate of the high degrees," should be expunged, this publication having died a premature death. The *Scottish Freemasons' Magazine* has likewise ceased to appear, and thus, to our great regret, vacated its place among Masonic periodicals. Altogether the work under notice has been got up in a most excellent style, and great credit is due to its compilers. We are requested by Bro. Findel, on behalf

of the latter, to inform Masonic authors and publishers in this country that by sending him copies of works issued by them they may secure a notice of the same both in the *Jahrbuch* for each succeeding year, and in the *Bauhütte*, edited by Bro. F. His address is as follows:—J. G. Findel, Herausgeber der *Bauhütte*, Leipzig.

We trust we shall have to notice the German Masonic annual for many years to come.

MEETINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND LEARNED SOCIETIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 16TH, 1867.

Monday, Feb. 11th.—ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION, at 8.30.

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Tuesday, Feb. 12th.—INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.

Wednesday, Feb. 13th.—SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.

THE WEEK.

THE COURT.—Her Majesty drove out on the afternoon of 30th ult., with her Royal Highness Princess Christian. The Queen drove out on the afternoon of the 31st ult., accompanied by Princess Christian, and again on the morning of the 1st inst., with her Royal Highness. The Queen, accompanied by Princess Christian, drove out on the morning of the 2nd inst. The Queen held a Council at one o'clock, which was attended by the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Bradford, the Earl of Malmesbury, and Sir John Pakington. The Queen and Princess Beatrice walked and rode on ponies in the grounds in the afternoon. Her Majesty and their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Louise, Prince Arthur, and Princess Beatrice attended Divine service at Osborne on the morning of the 3rd inst. The Queen, accompanied by their Highnesses Princess Louise, Prince Arthur, and Princess Beatrice, left Osborne on the 4th inst., at half-past two o'clock, and arrived at Windsor Castle at six p.m. The Queen, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Princess Louise, Prince Arthur, and Princess Beatrice, left Windsor Castle at ten o'clock on the morning of the 5th inst., and arrived at Buckingham Palace at eleven o'clock. Her Majesty travelled by special train to Paddington, and was escorted by a detachment of the 14th Hussars to Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty the Queen went in State to the House of Peers to open the session of Parliament with a speech from the Throne. The Queen, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses, Princess Louise, Prince Arthur, and Princess Beatrice, and suite in attendance, arrived at Windsor Castle on the 5th inst., at half-past five o'clock from Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty the Queen, with their Royal Highnesses, left the Castle on the morning of the 6th inst., at half-past ten o'clock for Osborne.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.—The Queen opened the second session of the present Parliament on the 5th instant. When the HOUSE OF LORDS re-assembled in the evening, Lord Monck and Lord Brancepeth took their seats. The Address in reply to the Royal Speech was moved by Earl Beauchamp in a perfectly harmless way. Lord Delamere seconded the Address in a speech in which he repeated the opinions of the *Times* as to the shipwrights, and attacked trades' unions bitterly. Earl Russell came next, and criticised the chief points in the Address. In reference to Reform, while expressing a hope that the measure to be proposed would be direct and frank, he reviewed with some asperity the conduct of the Tory party with respect to Reform since 1859, and especially last year. Lord Derby com-

plained of the tone of Earl Russell, and declared there could be no hope of settling this question of Reform save by concessions on both sides. Being in office, in fact, he preached the doctrine which he wholly disregarded when in opposition. The Address was then agreed to.—In the HOUSE OF COMMONS new writs were moved for, and Colonel Taylor gave notice of most of the bills promised in the Royal Speech. Mr. De Grey moved the Address, and Mr. Graves seconded. Neither gentleman said much that was worth notice. Mr. Gladstone announced that he had no amendment to move, and after glancing at the Confederation scheme, and one or two other matters, asked for some explicit information as to the Reform intentions of the Government. He hoped the Government would be prepared on an early day to say they were going to deal with the question on their own responsibility in a fair way. Mr. Disraeli, in a speech more jaunty than usual, said he should take the earliest day to state the intentions of the Government. On the 11th inst., he would go into the whole question, and to-day he would bring in the necessary formal motion. Whether this means that the Government are going to proceed by resolution or bill remains to be seen. The address having been agreed to, the House adjourned before seven o'clock. The House of Commons had only a short sitting on the 6th inst. Not the least interesting feature of the proceedings was the appearance of Mr. Kavanagh, the armless and legless member for Wexford, to take the oaths and his seat. The hon. gentleman moved himself into the House in a wheeled chair. The facility with which he made his way to the table, the ease with which he signed his name, and the self-possession which distinguished his every movement, were most remarkable. After the hon. gentleman had signed the roll and spoken to the Speaker, he wheeled himself behind the Speaker's chair and was seen no more in the House. The business transacted was of very little interest. Mr. Hadfield wished to move an amendment on the subject of church rates when the report of the Address was brought up, but it was ruled that he was out of order. Several notices of motion were given, and two or three bills were brought in. The House adjourned at a quarter to one o'clock.

GENERAL HOME NEWS.—Although the deaths in the past week exceed the estimated number by 28, the gross number has fallen from 1880 in the previous week to 1628, the result (says the Registrar-General) of the milder character of the weather, adding, "the reduction in the number of deaths as winter has relented is visible at every period except the last age of all (80 to 100 years), at which 100 deaths are recorded." No deaths from cholera have been registered for a fortnight, but those from diarrhoea have increased from 13 to 21. The mortality from phthisis has fallen from 203 to 151, and bronchitis from 393 to 271. Small-pox is increasing, the deaths for the last three weeks respectively being 36, 50, and 55. One death from hydrophobia was registered. The annual rates of mortality last week per 1000 were—Birmingham 26, Sheffield 29, London 28, Edinburgh, Liverpool, and Hull, 30; Bristol and Salford, 31; Leeds, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Manchester, 32; Glasgow, 35; and Dublin, 47.—Three colonial bishops were consecrated at Canterbury, by the Archbishop, on the 2nd inst. There was a very large attendance in the cathedral to witness the ceremony.—The Martineau controversy came into a new phase, or rather was transferred to new ground, on the 2nd inst. A special general meeting of the proprietors of University College was held on that day to consider the recent resolution of the Council declining to appoint the Rev. James Martineau to the Professorship of Mental

Philosophy and Logic. The tone in which those who got up the meeting intended to consider the action of the Council was sufficiently indicated by three resolutions which were upon the notice paper and which, in effect, censured the Council for not electing Mr. Martineau. The first of these resolutions was moved by Mr. Richard H. Hutton. A most interesting debate followed. Mr. Robert Hutton moved the previous question. The action of the council found most energetic defenders one of whom was Mr. Samuel Morley. Among the speakers on the other side was Mr. Stansfield, M.P., and Mr. Walter Bagshot (who seconded Mr. R. H. Hutton's motion). The previous question was carried by 42 votes to 37.—The trial of the men who were charged with scuttling the ship *Severn* was concluded on the 4th inst. All the prisoners were found guilty. The jury recommended Deane to mercy, on the ground that he had been under the influence of Holdsworth. The judge sentenced Holdsworth and Berwick each to twenty years' penal servitude, Webb to ten years' penal servitude, and Deane to five years' penal servitude.—At the Southwark police-court Robert Lott, a boy twelve years of age, was charged with attempting to murder Jane Bourne, who is about the same age. The children were schoolfellows and close friends, but latterly the little girl had somewhat neglected Lott for another boy. This roused Lott's jealousy, and he threatened to "do for" Bourne. One day recently, when they had left school he got a hammer and struck the girl on the head until she became insensible. She was taken to the hospital and had her wounds dressed, when she soon recovered. The facts were proved at the hearing, on the 4th instant, and the boy was committed for trial.—The Government feel the want of more talking power in the House of Commons, and they have made a comfortable little arrangement by which it is hoped the Solicitor-General, Mr. Karslake, will find a seat. Mr. Humphrey has kindly vacated Andover, and Mr. Karslake is to try his fortune there. It remains to be seen whether any Liberal will oppose him. In East Suffolk Lord Rendlesham offers himself to fill the place vacated by Sir E. Kerrison, and has all the Conservative support. Colonel Shafto Adair, however, says he will contest the seat if between now and the election he finds that he has any chance of success. In North Northamptonshire there is to be no contest; Mr. Sackville Stopford, a Conservative, is to walk over. For Boston the only candidate who has yet come forward is Mr. Parry, who was returned at the last election, but unseated on a petition. The first step in the prosecution of the Jamaica atrocities has been taken. Application was made on the 6th inst. to Sir Thomas Henry, at Bow-street Police-court, for warrants for the arrest of Brigadier-General Nelson and Commander Brand, R.N., on charges of murder. Mr. Fitzjames Stephen made the application, and stated that Mr. J. S. Mill, M.P., and Mr. P. A. Taylor, M.P., were the prosecutors. Mr. Stephen at great length went into the legal bearings of the case, and witnesses were called to show the grounds upon which the application was made. After hearing these witnesses, Sir Thomas Henry adjourned the matter until the 7th inst., in order that evidence might be adduced that General Nelson and Commander Brand were within the jurisdiction of the court.—The case *Kearns v. Storks*, which has been occupying the Court of Queen's Bench for several days, came to an abrupt conclusion on the 6th inst. It was then announced that an arrangement had been come to. The terms of this arrangement are said to be that the plaintiff is to have £500 down, an annuity of £100, and all her costs in this suit as between attorney and client.

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