

LONDON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1863.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

Upon the occasion of the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., as the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the following appointments of Grand Officers were made:—Bros. the R.W. J. Whyte Melville, as Past Grand Master; the Right Hon. Earl Haddington, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Henry Inglis, as Substitute Grand Master; His Grace the Duke of Athole, as Senior Grand Warden; Right Hon. the Earl of Dunmore, as J.G.W.; Samuel Hay, Grand Treasurer; W. A. Laurie (W.S.), Grand Secretary; A. J. Stewart (W.S.), Grand Clerk; David Arnot, D.D., and the Rev. V. G. Faithful, M.A., as joint V.W. Grand Chaplains; William Mann, Senior Grand Deacon; Colonel A. Campbell, Junior Grand Deacon; David Bryce, as Architect to Grand Lodge; Alexander Hay, as Grand Jeweller; Daniel Robertson, as Grand Bible Bearer; Captain P. Deuchar, R.N., and Charles S. Law, as joint Grand Dir. of Cers.; James Ballantine, Grand Bard; Colonel Houstoun, as Grand Sword Bearer; C. W. M. Miller, as Grand Director of Music; R. Davidson, as Grand Organist; James Coghill, as Chief Grand Mareschal; John Laurie, as Grand Mareschal, and William Miller Bryce, as Grand Tyler. In this list is comprised the whole of the offices held under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the names of the new office bearers.

To many, if not to most of our English readers, some of these Grand offices will be new, and contrast with those in the Grand Lodge of England.

Besides the Grand Officers appointed by the Grand Master, the following are Honorary Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, viz., His Majesty Charles the XV., King of Sweden and Norway; H.R.H. Prince Frederick of the Netherlands; His Majesty William I., the King of Prussia; and His Majesty George IV., the ex-King of Hanover. The Grand Lodge is further graced by the following very distinguished brethren, viz., the Marquis of Tweeddale, K.T.; the Earl of Wemyss and March; Baron Kinnaird and Rossie, K.T., of Rossie Priory, and John Whyte Melville, of Bennoch, who by virtue of being Past Grand Masters are members of Grand Lodge.

With such an array of noblemen and men of high social status as office bearers, the Grand

Lodge of Scotland is second to none in that respect, and it is a well-known fact that without exception the appointments to Grand office are based upon a prior knowledge of the fitness of the man for his duties, not only in Grand Lodge but as a ruler in the Craft, being selected not from personal regard alone, but for their thorough Masonic knowledge and ability to conduct the affairs of the Order in private and provincial lodges, and elsewhere.

In like manner the other members of the Grand Committee are selected, and amongst the names are to be found those of several brethren who are well-known on this side of the Tweed as perfect Masters of the Noble Art. The Grand Committee for the present year consists of thirty-nine members, eighteen being the Masters of all lodges in Edinburgh, Leith, and Portobello; the following being the numbers of the lodges represented, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8, 36, 44, 48, 97, 145, 151, 160, 223, 226, 291, 349, 392, 405, and 429. In addition to these latter there are also eighteen "proxy Masters" representing other lodges, viz., Mother Kilwinning, Nos. 3, 11, 22, 32, 56, 65, 75, 148, 162, 182, 252, 299, 333, 360, 385, 413, and 421. These, together with the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Substitute Grand Master, complete the complement of thirty-nine members.

The committee is elected at the Grand Lodge quarterly communication in February in each year.

There is also a Board of Grand Stewards, appointed in November. It consists of a President and Vice President, and forty-five members, making a really goodly display in Grand Lodge, and representing, not metropolitan lodges only, but every province in Scotland.

Some of the differences which exist in the construction and mode of working the Grand Lodge of Scotland as compared with the English Grand Lodge will be readily perceived, and to these we propose to refer hereafter at some convenient opportunity.

The only charitable fund established in connection with the Grand Lodge is the "Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence," which was instituted as lately as 1846, and there are no Masonic alms houses or benevolent institution buildings, in which decayed and indigent Freemasons, and the widows of Freemasons are housed, fed, and clothed; nor does Scotland yet boast of such noble institutions as that at Wood Green, near

London, for the education, clothing, and feeding, of the sons of decayed and deceased Freemasons, instituted in the year 1798, and the Royal Freemasons' School for maintaining, clothing, and educating female children, daughters of decayed Freemasons, instituted as far back as 1788, and flourishing at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, near London. All this, however, we are informed, is to be remedied under the new *régime*, and Scotland will, it is to be hoped, not remain much longer behind England in this respect. The necessity for giving a much more practical and extensively useful character to the practise of the one great aim and object of our noble Order is as well understood on the other side of the Tweed as it is on this, and it requires only the master mind of such a head as that which now rules over the Grand Lodge of Scotland to take action, and, aided by that distinguished band of Grand Officers recently appointed, whose services have but to be enrolled in such a cause—success must immediately follow.

Besides the proposed establishment of several great Masonic charities similar to those so long and so usefully existing in this country, we understand that important reforms connected with the practices in private lodges, and the ceremonies therein conducted, are proposed, by which greater uniformity of working and a nearer assimilation to the practices and ceremonies so long in use in this country and elsewhere, will be attained—matters, as we believe, of prime importance to the welfare of the Craft, not only in Scotland and England but throughout the world.

We propose shortly to resume the subject of which we have thus far treated, and in doing so to refer to some other matters interesting alike to the members of the Order, whether holding under the Irish, the Scottish, or the English Masonic Constitution, and there is not a more interesting Masonic theme than that of Freemasonry in Scotland.

MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE ORIENT.

Having (writes our esteemed friend and coadjutor, Bro. D. Murray Lyon) through the medium of the *Magazine*, been privileged to make public intimation of Bro. Morris's contemplated visit to the British Isles, the Continent, and the Holy Land, it now devolves upon us to give equal publicity to an alteration in his route that unforeseen circumstances have led our distinguished brother to

adopt. By the time this meets the eye of our readers, the Doctor will have left his native shores in one of the Havre line of packets, with the intention of proceeding via Marseilles and Constantinople to Beyrout direct. The last-named place will be his head-quarters till April. It is uncertain by what route he will return from Palestine, but he expects to reach this country about the beginning of June; so that in all likelihood our continental brethren may be the first in Europe to welcome to their lodges this most devoted Masonic Missionary. As an admirer of Bro. Morris, and one of the oldest of his correspondents in Britain, we have felt considerably gratified by the heartiness of the interest that has through these pages been manifested in that portion of his pilgrimage that will embrace a visit to the land of his fathers.

"An Eastern Mason," writing in last Saturday's issue, "recommends to the admirers of Bro. Morris in this country to take care that his reception shall not have the appearance of that of a clique, for the result might be that Bro. Morris would miss a reception in those very quarters where he is most desirous of being known." This advice is sound, and worthy of being acted upon; although some may be inclined to think it unneeded. It is with no desire to see or to fraternise with any Masonic clique that Bro. Dr. Morris will incur the expense and endure the fatigue which a visit to Britain must necessarily entail upon him. His object is to have Masonic converse with the Craft in these islands, to learn from personal inquiry and observation somewhat of its past history and its present condition, to become a visitant in each of the three Grand Lodges—to associate for a brief period with those to whom he is known as a fellow-labourer in the field of Masonic literature—and, were it possible, to visit every lodge in the land and grasp the hand of every worthy brother. Be it ours to aid him in the realisation of as much of his aim in this respect as is within the bounds of possibility.

Amongst the spontaneous proffers of welcome to our shores elicited in favour of Dr. Morris we have received from that good man and proficient Mason, Bro. C. P. Cooper, whose recommendation of him is unique; from the warm-hearted and indefatigable Bro. Hughan of Truro, the friend and correspondent of our expected guest; the God-speed thee, Morris, that drops from the pen of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A.

Woodford; and the avowed anxieties of "An Eastern Mason" for the catholicity of our friend's reception—may be taken as auguries of the success of Dr. Morris's mission to this country;—while, if we accept our thrice-worthy brother Findel of Leipsic, as a type of the fraternal mine host in Germany, Bro. Morris's welcome to the land of Goethe will be all the more enjoyable because of its unobtrusiveness, and all the more valuable because of the opportunity it will afford for the free, full, and personal interchange of sentiment upon topics connected with the Fraternity in regard to which the learned historian of Freemasonry and his equally accomplished guest by invitation are at issue. Dr. Morris's heart beats in sympathy with the Craft Universal, and is brimful of toleration to all with whom he may chance to differ.

Whatever diversity of opinion may exist among European Craftsmen as to the utility, in a purely Masonic point of view, of our brother's Oriental scheme, it cannot be doubted that his journeyings in the Holy Land will afford a bounteous store of material for information, at once interesting and instructive, that will in the future be imparted by him to his countrymen, chief of whom in the promotion of his mission are his Masonic friends in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa.

Turning to our Masonic cabinet after a perusal of Bro. Cooper's very chaste selection from the writings of Dr. Morris, our hand involuntarily falls upon a budget of MSS. indorsed "Morris," whence are drawn the following items of information that, in prospect of the Doctor's visit, may possess some degree of interest for the readers of the Magazine:—Robert Morris was born in the United States, August 31, 1818. By early profession a civil engineer and teacher of youth, but for twenty years a Masonic writer and lecturer. Initiated into Freemasonry in Oxford Lodge (No. 33), at Oxford, Mississippi, March, 5th, '46: at that time president of a literary institution near by. Exalted in Royal Arch Masonry, '48; dubbed Knight Templar '50; passed the Ancient and Accepted Rite up to the 32° in '55. Master of various lodges, and Grand Master of Kentucky, then comprising 312 lodges, in 1858-9. Conductor of "The American Freemason," '53-57; and of "The Voice of Masonry," '59-66. Author of "Lights and Shadows of Freemasonry," '52; "Life in the Triangle," '53; "Two Saint Johns," '53; "Code of Masonic Law," '55; "History of

Freemasonry in Kentucky," '59; "Masonic Reminiscences," '56; "Freemasons' Almanac," '60-1-2-3 and 5; "Prudence Book of Freemasonry," '60; "Guide to High Priesthood," '65; "Manual of Eastern Star," '59; "Tales of Masonic Life," '60; "Biography of Eli Bruce," '61; "Rosary of Eastern Star," '55; "Freemason's Monitor," '59; "Miniature Monitor," '60, (19 editions of this work have been issued); "Masonic Poems," '64; "Senior Deacon's Special Help," '66; "Worshipful Master's Special Help," '66; "Dictionary of Freemasonry," '67; "Funeral Book of Freemasons (in the press).

As a publisher, Dr. Morris has reproduced, for the benefit of American readers and at American book-prices, all the writings of Dr. Oliver, Salem Town, Portal, Preston, Calcot, and other British, French, and American authors. He has published altogether seventy-four Masonic works. As a public speaker, it is computed that this highly-gifted and industrious gentlemen has delivered more than ten thousand Masonic orations, addresses, and lectures either to Masonic or mixed audiences; and this, too, independently of numerous efforts in geological science, Sunday-School connections, and lectures on Biblical themes in churches and elsewhere. As a contributor to the religious and secular press of his country, both newspaper and magazine, few writers in the United States have been more prolific than he.

The domestic relations of Dr. Morris are pleasant. He has seven children living at this time, of whom the two oldest are married. At his residence, entitled "Salem" (abode of peace), near La Grange, Kentucky, he dispenses that style of hospitality which combines the traditional liberality of Kentucky life and the generous inculcations of Freemasonry. Once the victim of incendiarism, he sold his books, the collections of his Masonic life, and purchased the mansion so aptly named, in which he hopes to spend the remainder of his days.

In person Dr. Morris is six feet high—his countenance is thin and sallow. He is exceedingly active in his movements; bald, hair grisly but scanty, eyes deep blue, mouth large, face long, nose sharp and prominent. His early training as civil engineer and surveyor is evident in his step, while his military exercise appears in his erect posture, &c. A certain dictatorial air which he is said by some to possess, perhaps results from ten years' life as a college professor and president.

REMINISCENCES AND EXPERIENCES OF FREEMASONRY.

We gladly find room for the following interesting sketch by an esteemed correspondent in the north of Scotland, who is Immediate Past Master of a Scotch lodge.

The *Master* has sometimes strange parts to play between the past and present history of his lodge—sometimes agreeable, and occasionally the reverse—but in every case he must consider himself the link, the most important link during the time of his office, to connect the aged past with the vigorous present, and unite the whole as a platform for future Masonic structures.

Any man in this position must be flattered by the continued attendance of members and past office-bearers, whose early associations and friends have years ago died out, or retired from the active business of the lodge.

It has frequently been the good fortune of the writer to come in contact with members of his lodge, who held high place in it forty or fifty years ago, and their reminiscences of their connection with the Craft during the early days of his own lodge has always been of the most agreeable character. An instance of this kind, not the least agreeable, occurred a few days ago by an aged man, to appearance about seventy-five, looking in at a place of business, and enquired for Mr. ———, who on being pointed out, desired to know if he was the Master of Lodge ———? Yes. "Well, sir, it is about forty years since I held the office of Senior Warden in that lodge; but for many years a hard struggle with the world, and, latterly, bodily infirmities, have prevented me from attending the lodge meetings as I should have wished, and even now I should not have been out had it not been that I have frequently heard men speak derisively of our fine old Order, and I could no longer listen without doing what in me lay to oppose such stupidity, and I have, in consequence, put a few words together (handing a MS.) which I should like published in some Masonic paper, so that by the grace of God, I might add *one* stone to the stability of the great structure of Freemasonry."

FREEMASONRY.

Being a humble address to all young men, and to all Freemasons round the globe.

I remember reading in the "People's Journal," a letter entitled "Freemasonry, what is it?" The

writer of that article stated that it was a science of morals, but charged Freemasons with being inconsistent by using intoxicating drink at their festivals and meetings. Now, the charge of inconsistency might be applied to every society on the face of the earth, and to every individual man in the world, if we knew their history—there is very little perfection about the best of us. A great many of those attending Masonic meetings are young men, and, as the old saying goes, we cannot put old heads upon young shoulders, but as they get older they will grow wiser, more settled, more circumspect, and by the grace of God, the Freemason can apply the mental compass to his thoughts, words, and actions, and say, thus far shalt thou go and no further. As Freemasonry is a science of morals, the men of the world expect that the Freemason should be a wise man, a good man, a moral man, in a word, a man who deals justly, loves mercy, and walks humbly with his God. A Freemason should be a man who can look up to the sun, and to the moon, and to the stars of heaven, and say, "These are my fathers; he was the Great Architect who made all these worlds, he stretched his compass over the deep, long, long, before the race of man was made, or the breath of life breathed into his nostrils." Freemasons admit all men into their society if they be fit and proper persons to receive the benefits of the institution, if they bear the image of the Great Architect who made them; then they will be welcome to join the glorious, the sublime science of Freemasonry; a science that hath stood the battle and the breeze (if I may so speak) for thousands of years, and still knows no change. All other institutions of men, such as kingdoms and empires are doomed to rise and fall. But Freemasonry is unchanged; it is the same to-day as it was six thousand years ago, and will continue the same till time shall be no more.

If what I have said could be the means of adding a few stones (I mean living stones) to the beautiful building of Freemasonry, it would gladden my heart and might prove a great blessing to those who are found worthy to obtain a knowledge of the ancient, the honourable science of Freemasonry; it might lead them from nature up to nature's God, and to view Him as the great and sovereign Architect of the Universe, who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehends the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed

the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance. This mighty God is ours, our father and our friend, our redeemer, the Lord of Hosts is his name for ever and for ever.

In conclusion, my dear Masonic brethren, permit me to say, in a very short time our sun will go down, and the place that now knows us will know us no more for ever; age and weakness of body will steal upon us imperceptibly; our earthly tabernacle will soon break down and return to its original dust; then our spirits will be free from every encumbrance, and wing its flight to the celestial Grand Lodge above! When we knock at the heavenly door may we be admitted and receive the welcome salutation, "Come ye blessed, enter the kingdom prepared for you;" there we will see our dear Masonic brethren who have gone before us, and are now singing hallelujah to the Lamb for ever and for ever.

OUR AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE.

Monthly Series from ROBERT MORRIS, LL.D., *of La Grange, Kentucky, U.S., Past Grand Master, and Writer upon Masonic History, &c.*

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The subject of Masonic journalism in the United States suggests some thoughts that may be acceptable to the readers of the *Freemasons' Magazine*. The readiness with which the American people "start a newspaper" is proverbial. Should there be a rivalry between two sewing machine companies, one of them incontinently "starts a paper," sells at a nominal price, but in reality made a subject of gratuitous distribution. Does some zealous brother, having the control of a printing office, covet Grand Lodge honours, the "royal road" that opens upon his perspective is through a "Masonic journal," weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, &c., as the case may be. It is this facility of going into print that has so greatly multiplied Masonic papers here, until I can scarcely call the roll of their names, or even tell you their number.

Three of the Grand Secretaries of prominent American Grand Lodges publish each his "Masonic paper." These are in Missouri, Illinois, and Massachusetts. There are two published in Chicago, Illinois; one in Baltimore, Maryland; one in Cincinnati, Ohio; two in Boston, Massachusetts; three in the city of New York, and one at Warsaw, New York. There is, or lately was, a Masonic journal at Raleigh, North Carolina; another at Macon, Georgia; and one at Mobile, Alabama. A Masonic monthly, entitled "The Evergreen," will be commenced before this letter reaches you at Dubuque, Iowa; and it is in the bounds of reason that several more may see the light with the opening of the coming year.

The curious reader will naturally inquire, Is there a demand among American Masons for so many period-

icals? Are the old ones so well sustained that so many new ones can live? Truth to tell, there is not this demand, nor are the old ones well sustained. The entire circulation of these twelve Masonic journals does not probably aggregate 25,000; while by the vicious system of credits common to this class of enterprises, one-third of this circulation is doubtless gratuitous. So it follows that Masonic journalism here is conducted for the most part at a loss. Some of their conductors make up pecuniary deficiencies by the sale of Masonic books, clothing jewels, and paraphernalia. Others unite various departments of industry (printing, advertising, &c.) to the more legitimate profession of Masonic supplies, and so by one method and another they contrive to maintain their establishments through the first year. One year is the term of existence of two-thirds of our "Masonic papers." After that they are merged into the older establishments, or closed up altogether.

One would naturally inquire, Has the American Craft such a plethora of literary talent as to sustain such a large number of journals? The answer is decidedly not. Turn over the pile of Masonic journals now heaped up before me, and see the same articles carried for the most part from one to the other throughout the mass. There are but three or four paragraphists in the American Craft.

There is one decided evidence of originality, however, amongst our writers that is seen in their ability to get up a quarrel. We have a spice of bitterness that is pungent if not fragrant. Brethren who might rack their brains until doomsday before they would yield an essay, a sketch, or a poem, can originate subjects of debate about as amicable as a Kilkenny "argument." And, again, there is a department of "Masonic law," so called, in each of our "Masonic periodicals" that would require a Blackstone to expound. Barring these two little frailties, however, our writers are rather goodnatured than otherwise.

My next will reach you from Syrian shores.

La Grange, Kentucky, Dec. 31, 1867.

(To be continued.)

MUSIC.—This is certainly the finest and most ancient of all the Fine Arts. We associate its origin with Eden when it would be sweet without melancholy, happy without pain. Curiously enough the more sad and tender the theme, the sweeter the music. "Auld Robin Gray" is the very "Il Penseroso" of distress and woe, yet who that ever heard Piatti play it did not feel his nature almost changed, and for the time possessed of such thoughts as neither breath nor pen could well give utterance to? Or to wander back further than the creation—back into the dim past eternity—we can fancy music in heaven, but not painting or sculpture. It well endure for ever too—it alone, of all the arts, will survive the general doom of all things. Holy Writ says so. Human sympathy with imaginary grief is a singular phenomenon, and can only be partially explained: that it is the attribute of art, especially of the Art of Music, to clothe all it touches with an ideal beauty. Music is universal too. You cannot withdraw yourself from its influence. The music of the ocean, and the all-powerful voice of thunder, have charms for the ear that the grand organ never had—the echoes of the dell to some are richer than the tunes of any instrument, and the winds sighing among the trees—the gentle ripple of water on the pebbled shore in the twilight—the howling of the storm amid the darkness—the chime of village bells, even the very silence of night, are musical to some ears.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

MASONIC HONORS IN FOREIGN LODGES.

In a curious book belonging to the library of the late Bro. Comte de Falkenberg, 33°, and which is the regulations of the ancient Lodge of the Frères Réunis, at Tournay, is the whole system of Masonic honours according to the French and A. and A. systems. A detail may be interesting.

G.M.—Deputations of 9 br. with lights, and preceded by two D.C., who introduce the G.M. under the arch of steel to the foot of the pedestal, gavels sounding, all the brethren standing, sword in hand, and to order. The W.M. comes forward, presents the gavel, and conducts the G.M. to the throne, amidst a salute.

Deputies of the G.L.—The same. If the deputation consists of three members, three gavels are offered to them.

D.G.M. and Special Representatives of the G.M.—The same, but seven deputies.

Other G. Officers.—The same, but a deputation of five. The gavels will only be offered to G. Officers of superior rank.

G.M. and Deputations of Foreign G.L.—The same, but without gavel.

A W.M. of Lodge and Deputations.—The same.

W.M. of the Lodge itself (unless he declines to accept honours).—Deputation of seven, two D.C., arch of steel, gavels sounding, brethren standing to order.

The P.M.—Deputation of three, one D.C., arch of steel, gavels sounding, brethren standing to order.

The Wardens, introduced by the D.C. (two). Brethren standing to order till they take their seats.

Brethren possessing the higher degrees to be received according to their rank, but the gavel only to be offered to a Bro. visitor.

Rose Croix, 18th Degree.—A D.C. with a deputation of three brethren with lights, and to be introduced under the arch of steel, gavels sounding, and placed in the east, all the brethren standing and to order.

Knight of the East and West, 17th Degree, or Ecossais, 9th Degree.—A D.C. and a Bro. with a light. At his entrance two brethren will form the arch of steel, all the brethren standing and to order, except those who possess higher degrees.

Elect, 7th Degree.—The same, but no arch of steel. Members of the 18th or superior degrees will take their seats in the east, members of the lower degrees at the head of their respective columns.

Visitor holding only Craft degrees to be introduced by a D.C., all the brethren of the same or lower degrees standing to order.—R. Y.

INTERVALS OF DEGREES.

In the Lodge des Frères Réunis of Tournay the regulation was, until dispensations were granted by the lodge for passing, attendance at five ordinary meetings, and to be twenty-three years old; for raising attendance at seven more ordinary meetings, being twenty-five years old. A ballot took place on each application.—R. Y.

BRITISH MUSEUM AND FREEMASONRY.

A list of the various MSS. and works relating to the Craft in the British Museum is much wanted by

several brethren, and on behalf of such and myself I write to ask our friends in London to induce one or two, out of the many, who are capable of granting our desire, to present us with an authoritative list of all the manuscripts and books on Freemasonry in that great and valuable library.

It strikes me that the Editor of the *Freemasons' Magazine* would be at home in this work, as no doubt he is a "reader" at the British Museum.

At all events, whoever makes it his duty and pleasure to do so, cannot fail to receive the thanks of the Craft universal, and he will confer an inestimable boon on Masonic writers especially.—W. J. HUGHAN.

OUR MYTHS AND TRADITIONS.

It is, I believe, true, as an East Kent correspondent remarks, that as yet there is no printed record of my opinion respecting our myths and traditions. Nevertheless, my Masonic letter and memorandum books show that such opinion has very frequently been expressed both in writing and by word of mouth. I would on no account separate from our Freemasonry its myths and traditions. Moral and religious tales are not the less edifying because the events related have not actually occurred. No one who reads the *Freemasons' Magazine*, and who thinks, can fail to notice the excellent use made of our myths and traditions at important meetings of the Craft by zealous and eloquent brothers. All who listen to those brothers ought surely to go away better Masons, and therefore better members of society.—C. P. COOPER.

MIRACLES.

Is not the denial by a brother professing Theism of the *possibility* of miracles inconsistent with his own creed? As a Theist he must believe that what we call matter, spirit, and their properties, were created by the will of the Great Architect of the Universe. Surely, what the will of the Great Architect of the Universe has created, that same will can change and modify, in such manner, and at such time, as it pleases. Sir Isaac Newton's words, "Nisi ubi aliter agere bonum est," were not cited by me at the meeting, Rue —, because I did not consider them strictly applicable, the great philosopher being a Christian, and not a Theist simply.—C. P. COOPER.

REVELLERS.

Brother W., you liken our English Masons admitting Atheists into the lodge to revellers mixing bad wine with good. Rather liken them to revellers mixing poison with their wine.—C. P. COOPER.

THE ROSICRUCIANS OF SCOTLAND.

A considerable number of letters have reached me within the last two weeks. The English brethren are requested to communicate with Bro. J. W. Little, of the English branch. The Scots brethren will be answered in course.—S. M. Ros. Soc.

INCOMPREHENSIBILITY.

Monsieur D., your argument against the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe is founded on incomprehensibility. Now, you avow yourself a disciple of Epicurus; I pray you tell me is there no incomprehensibility in the atomism of your Athenian philosopher?—C. P. COOPER.

CIVILIZATION.

Brother F., where Christianity can get a footing, make the progress of civilization attend upon the progress of Christianity; but, where Christianity cannot get a footing, make the progress of civilization attend upon the progress of true Freemasonry.—C. P. COOPER.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

It is something quite new, and very pleasant, in our Masonic controversies, to find so able and so courteous an opponent as Bro. Hughan, and not only do I thank him for the good example he sets, but I augur well for the future of our Masonic investigations. Both he and I, have only one end in view, Truth.

I think, however, there is still a little difference, though most fraternal, between us.

As I understood his position originally, he seemed to me to question not only the name but the matter of the Royal Arch Degree. I at once give up any question as to name, which is probably modern as such, and cannot, perhaps, be dated earlier than about the beginning of the 18th century, though even on this point I should not like to pronounce a decided opinion, as we really at present are hardly in a position to decide upon this and kindred points of Masonic archæology. In fact, the question of the name is not essential to the matter in dispute.

But I ventured to contend that the substance of the Royal Arch Degree was very ancient, coeval with our earliest traditions, bearing on the face of it the marks of a high antiquity, and undoubtedly both in symbols and tradition well known to our earliest brethren, and was only the second part of the third degree.

I alluded to the theory of some very able brethren, that the Master Builders alone were entrusted originally with the secrets of the 2nd part. But I was met with this further argument, even the third degree is "not earlier than 1715," and how could the Royal Arch Degree be old? It must, therefore, be either a compilation of Ramsay, or a *rechauffée* of the "Rite de Bouillon."

To this I called attention to the fact, that there was numismatic evidence, of a very early date, to the traditions of the actual third degree! Bro. Hughan and myself now happily agree in this, leaving the words "Royal Arch" out of debate, that the substance of the fourth degree is very old, and the conclusion simply of the third degree.

Bro. Hughan is quite right in supposing that the MS. I alluded to is marked C. That, at any rate, shows distinct traces of the three separate degrees, and Bro. Findel's remarks are quite true, that we must not take it for more than it is worth, as an authoritative exponent of our rites, as the writer of it, whether Mason or non-Mason, was but ill-acquainted evidently with the whole subject, and jumbled together the several parts of a system which he imperfectly understood.

I may observe that in the catechism of 1724, of which I have a folio copy, there is most distinct allusion to "The Master," "The Masters," and "Fellows."

No doubt in primitive times a good deal of confusion may exist as to the usage of specific names;

but the earliest Constitutions point to the three degrees, and up to a very late period under the old Grand Lodge of York, while the degrees of Apprentice and Fellow Craft were conferred in the private lodge, the degree of Master was only conferred in the Grand Lodge itself.

I think, in conclusion, that such remarks and researches as Bro. Hughan is carrying on are of the utmost value and importance to our Order.

There is a mine as yet of neglected and unexplored wealth for Masonic investigators in the collections of our guilds, the public rolls of our Minsters, and numberless other sources of interesting yet minute inquiry; and so I trust that we are now in a fair way of progress at last. One word as regards Bro. Dr. Oliver's opinion. No doubt his authority is very high; but as he refers us to the Rite de Bouillon what, after all, is the Rite de Bouillon?

It is, evidently, as anyone who has looked into the question of the foreign grades will know, on the face of it, a manufactured rite. I have seen collections of all these degrees abroad, and if there is one truth connected with them, it is this, that they are all most modern, and making the three full craft degrees their basis, are developed by their authors into certain specific traditions of no value, and generally utterly meaningless. That the Rite de Bouillon is but the counterfeit of a true and ancient form I venture most earnestly to express my opinion, and can be of no authority in the question. In his earlier works Dr. Oliver never alluded to it, and most distinctly stated that the Royal Arch was purely English.—A MASONIC STUDENT.

THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED IN FREEMASONRY AS A UNIVERSAL INSTITUTION.

Dear Brother J., there are three things to be considered in Freemasonry as a universal institution. First, the religion. The religion of Freemasonry as a universal institution is natural religion. Next, the object. The object of Freemasonry as a universal institution is the amelioration of our fellow-creatures by the dissemination of a better knowledge of natural religion, and by endeavours to bring about a stricter observance of its precepts. Thirdly, the organisation. The organisation is designed for the attainment of the object. . . . Is it not, therefore, plain that in Freemasonry as a universal institution it is the religion which is essential, and that the organisation is subsidiary only? Is it not plain that without the religion there can be no real Freemasonry?—C. P. COOPER.

RENEGADES.

In true Freemasonry renegades are individuals who, having acknowledged the Great Architect of the universe, afterwards adopt Atheism or some kind of Pantheism. In some continental lodges renegades, it is said, are very numerous.—C. P. COOPER.

NATURAL RELIGION AND FREEMASONRY.

It is correct to say that where there is natural religion, there true Freemasonry is possible. But it is not correct to say that where there is natural religion there is also true Freemasonry. It does not follow because the essence of a thing exists that the thing itself exists.—C. P. COOPER.

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MASONS' MARKS.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—As my old friend and very able brother, E. W. Shaw, appeals to me, I can most fully confirm his statements, that for years he has been studiously collecting "Masons' Marks," and that he is, I believe, the first authority on the subject in our Order.

If Bro. Yarker's remarks, not meant, I think, in any hostile spirit, have the effect of bringing forth my learned brother's long-promised volume, it will be of the utmost interest and value to the Craft. I do trust that on this occasion the members of our great fraternity will show their sense of Bro. Shaw's long and unremunerative labours, by largely supporting his endeavour to lighten up the obscurity of our past history, and to offer a most valuable and striking illustration of our common Masonic archæology.

No one is more competent to do so, and no one has for many years laboured more diligently than Bro. Shaw to make his work worthy of the Order.

May it be successful.

I will only add that in 1862, as Bro. Shaw says, he opened out the subject, and that I was, and am still, most deeply indebted to his valuable assistance in the prosecution of our common study.

Yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

Swillington, Leeds, Jan. 20, 1868.

TRAMPS.

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

Respected Friend,—The subject of this my second letter to thee will be

"How thy Society treats thy wayfaring brothers (by some called tramps), and how thy wayfaring brothers treat thy Society."

To make myself clearly understood by thee, I will divide them into two classes, the "worthy" and "unworthy."

The "unworthy" (and their name is legion) as a class never ought to have been admitted into any lodge, they prowl about the country scarcely soliciting assistance from Freemasons, but rather demanding it. Their importunity and impertinence are almost unbearable, and far too often, to spare further annoyance, the pittance of one or two shillings is doled out to them. Should they find a newly-initiated member, they make such a claim upon his charity that refusal (in his inexperience) is impossible. They visit towns periodically, and should the almoner be changed between their visits, they invariably state it is their first visit to the town; but should the same almoner be in office, he is either avoided or some story cooked up to awaken his sympathy. Should he refuse relief, he is subjected to abuse, and they pass on to victimise some other member.

The "worthy" is of a very different class, and theirs, "like angels' visits, are few and far between."

They only apply when overtaken by unforeseen misfortune and are reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress; and far too often the appeal of the really deserving is treated with such callousness (begotten by being repeatedly victimised by the "unworthy") that makes them suffer the greatest privations rather than subject their veracity to be again doubted.

It would only be repeating the experience of every Freemason who has acted as almoner to enlarge on this subject. I prefer rather to give thee my ideas as to how it may be remedied, and to show how the "unworthy" may be prevented from imposing on thy society, and how the "worthy" may meet with that prompt charity which may fairly be designated the characteristic of every Freemason's heart.

The whole of England is divided into provinces. First, let there be a principal almoner appointed to each province. This can easily be done at the provincial lodge meetings. To further illustrate my meaning, I will take a province and will assimilate my language to the titles used by thy society. As the Deputy Grand Master of England is the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, perhaps that province may be considered as well organised as any other province. Let the lodge or lodges (if more than one) in each town in the province appoint an Almoner (giving into his hands sufficient money to meet the claims of the first month), to whom all applications for relief shall be referred. Let him, and him alone, administer relief; and at the end of each month lay his accounts before the lodge or lodges, as the case may be, and where there is more than one lodge in a town let the amount of relief so disbursed be refunded by the united lodges.

When a worthy member applies for relief, let him be promptly and liberally relieved. When an "unworthy" applies for relief, let him be positively denied. The Almoner having forms printed which would only require the name, date, number, and name of lodge, and number of certificate filling in, let him at once post to each Almoner in the province "that an unworthy had called upon him," thus putting all of them on their guard. The principal Almoner, upon receipt thereof, to post to the principal Almoners of the adjoining provinces, the principal Almoners in such provinces in like manner to post to each lodge Almoner in their respective provinces.

I am quite aware that this plan would cause a great deal of trouble; but after the first year there would be little or nothing for the Almoners to do, as the "unworthies" would find their occupation gone.

Further, in all cases where relief is given, let the date, amount, and by what lodge given be endorsed on the certificate. If the brothers of the lodge to which the recipient belongs refunded the amount, then let such repayment, when made, appear on the certificate; also, if no relief were given without production of the certificate, and then the certificate endorsed. This mode alone would drive several unworthies off the road, as they would be afraid to expose a certificate with so very many endorsements thereon, as it would show they had no other occupation than passing from place to place, getting relief from the Freemasons.

And I would further recommend that the Almoners have forms to fill up and post to the lodge of which

the applicant stated he is or was a member, asking the lodge to refund the amount given by him to one of its members. If it do so, well; if it did not, nor give any satisfactory reason why it declined, then let the name and number of the lodge so neglecting be sent through the provinces.

My letter to thee is already too lengthy. In conclusion, I feel certain that if these plans were tried the "worthy" would be more generously dealt with, and the "unworthy" would cease, and that thy society would be a great gainer.

I remain, thy sincere friend,

A. QUAKER.

LODGE OF GLASGOW ST. JOHN.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—In your last number I read with pleasure the very graphic report, by your representative, of the yearly Festival of the Lodge of Glasgow St. John No. 3 *bis*. But I perceive by his prefatory remarks that he is rather sceptical of our ability to prove it to be the 810th anniversary of our lodge, so with your kind permission I would desire to make a few remarks thereanent.

On reading the History of England, about A.D. 1222, the following passage occurs:—"It is related that when the Royal Commissioners presented themselves to Earl Warenne, and required to see the titles of his estates, the earl unsheathed his sword, and stretched it out before them. 'This,' said he, 'is the instrument by which I hold my lands, and by it I mean to defend them.'" So in like manner would the Brethren of St. John's do—reverently folding out our musty old parchment, that grand old charter, which is worthy to be framed in gold. This, say we, is our title to be ranked as the first lodge in Scotland, and by it we mean to support it. Too long has the anomalous position of No. 3 *bis* been held by our lodge, and although our brethren of the east by their might have thus punished our lodge for holding back from the Grand Lodge of Scotland at its formation, yet we trust that right will ultimately carry the day, and the Lodge of Glasgow St. John be placed on the roll in its Adamite position as the father of all.

Our charter, granted by Malcolm III., A.D. 1057, was sustained in the Court of Session, some time ago, as a genuine charter, in a question of privilege, and the case decided in favour of the incorporation, principally on the evidence it afforded.

The fact, also, of our number being 3½ shows that there is something extraordinary about our lodge. We are neither 3 nor 4, but 3 *bis*, a position which no other lodge that I know of holds but itself, that being, however, the best that could be got for it from those in power, when it joined the Grand Lodge. For as the then Grand Clerk, Bro. J. Linning Woodman, said, in 1850, "Whatever may be done by the old lodge hereafter, I would not recommend further agitation at present." So the then brethren of St. John's accepted of No. 3 *bis*.

Your representative is rather satirical about "the lodge of free and accepted or speculative masons announcing that in the year 1867 she held her 810th anniversary."

Now we assert no such thing, what we assert being that we are the descendants of the Glasgow St.

John's Lodge of Practical Freemasons (or, as the charter styles it, the St. John's Lodge of Free Incorporate Masons), which was chartered in 1057, and which, to suit the age, became disjoined from the Glasgow Incorporation of Masons, and lately joined the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The St. John's Lodge is to be now and from henceforth a lodge of free and accepted or speculative Masons, under the government of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, while the Incorporation of Masons still exists as a separate body, its use now, I believe, being to act as a charitable institution in behoof of decayed members, &c. The Lodge of Glasgow St. John No. 3 *bis* still numbers, however, amongst its members brethren who are also members of the Incorporation. In 1854 the office of R.W.M. was held by Bro. David Manwell, who was also at the same time Deacon of the Incorporation; and I am happy to add that while our cathedral was the occasion of the founding of St. John's, when Glasgow was "unco sma'," we still have in our lodge the same good practical masonry, for the aforesaid Bro. Manwell is the builder of the last great work which marks the progress of our city, viz., our new Harbour Dock. He was also one of the contractors for the Lock Katrine Waterworks, and so with many others; and I believe that it has been on account of St. John's being until lately so strictly practical in its membership and working that it has shone so dimly in the speculative Masonic world.

And I believe that Bro. Captain Speirs, our Prov. G.M., had good ground to stand on when he stated that he considered that the Lodge of Glasgow St. John had about a hundred years to come and go upon with any other lodge. I also consider that it does all the more honour to Bro. Captain Speirs that although he is a member of both the St. Mary's Chapel No. 1, and of the Mother Kilwinning No. 0, he yet, when the evidence of our age and priority is placed before him, boldly asserts that from that evidence he must acknowledge that the Lodge of Glasgow St. John is entitled to be ranked as the first in Scotland next to the Grand Lodge.

I should like to know upon what good grounds the Mother Kilwinning is supposed to have existed about A.D. 926. I take that to be a strong flight of imagination, as at the best I do not believe that it can show anything to carry it further back than the 12th century, when it may have been formed by a colony of foreign Masons; then, but not before. But if anything can be produced to show that the Mother Kilwinning existed before the 12th century, let us have it.

I must now now conclude at present, and would respectfully ask you to insert, for the information of all interested in our old lodges, the translation of our charter as given on pages 6 and 7 of the history of our lodge by Bro. James Cruickshank, P.M., and thereafter, with your kind permission, we might be able to say something further on a future occasion.

Yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN, P.S.W. 3 *bis*.

Glasgow, Jan. 13, 1868.

The following is a copy of the original charter:

"Malcolm the III., by the Grace of God, King of Scots, wishes health and safety to the Bishops, Princes, Earls, Barons, Ministers, and Administrators

of our law, and all good men of the nation, both Clergy, Laicks, or common people, and to all where these presents shall come, greeting. Whereas our trusty and well-beloved friends, the operative Masons in the city of Glasgow hath, by their petition humbly represented to us that the inhabitants of this city has been imposed upon by a number of unskilled and insufficient workmen, that has come to work at our Cathedral, and other parts of the city, and also has erected lodges contrary to the rules of Masonry; and being desirous of putting a stop to such unskilled and irregular brothers, most humbly pray us to grant them our royal licence and protection for stopping such irregular disorders; and we, being willing to give all due encouragement to so reasonable a petition are graciously pleased to condescend to their request, and we do by these presents ordain and grant to our petitioners to incorporate themselves together in one Incorporation, and we strictly discharge any Mason within the foresaid city to work in it, until he serves his time as an apprentice for the space of seven years, or be married to a freeman's daughter, and he or they shall be examined anent their skill and knowledge on the Mason craft by three of the ablest of the Mason trade, and if he or they be found of cunning or knowledge, to be received into the incorporation. Each shall pay twenty pounds Scots to the common funds, and three pounds to the Altar, and Clerk's and Officer's dues, which the foresaid incorporation shall always be allowed to be the judges of that and other laws made for behoof of the foresaid Incorporation. Item, that the free Incorporate Masons of Glasgow shall have a lodge for ever at the City of Glasgow, none in my dominions shall erect a lodge until they make application to the St. John's Lodge, Glasgow, and they considering their petition, and examining their character and behaviour, grant them a charter conform to their regulations. Item, that all the members of said Incorporation shall have liberty to quarry stones, lime, sand, and other materials from the ground of persons, for paying the damages of what they occupy, or damage for building of the foresaid Cathedral. But if the owners of the said lands and the foresaid workmen do not agree, each party is to choose an honest man, to value the expense of the foresaid damages. Item, and that any having power from me, maintain my peace firm and stable against all other pretenders and usurpers who encroach on me or my subjects, to disturb our peace. Item, and that you and all my subjects in this obey the magistrates in all things relating to my peace and the good of the city. Item, and that you instruct and teach apprentices, and that none take or employ any man's apprentice, when their time of apprenticeship is not completed, under the pain of paying twenty pounds, the one-half to the Incorporation, one-fourth to the Lodge, and one-fourth to Saint Thomas's Altar to say mass for their souls. Item, and I strictly charge and command that none take in hand to disturb the free operative Masons from being incorporated freemen, or to have a free lodge, to take away their good name or possession, or harass or do any injury to my Freemasons and petitioners under the peril of my highest displeasure, and we order that notice be taken that due obedience may be rendered to our pleasure herein declared. Given at our court at Fordie, the 5th day of October, 1057 years, before these wit-

nesses: Eari David my brother, Earl Duncan, Earl Gilbert of Monteith, Sir Robert of Velen, Adam of Stenhouse, and Andrew Hamilton, Bishop of Glasgow."

BRO. SPEIR'S ON THE ANTIQUITY OF SCOTS LODGES.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—The extraordinary speech of the newly-appointed Grand Master of the Province of Glasgow merits some little attention. I refer to his speech in the Lodge 3^d of Glasgow, reported in the *Magazine* of the 11th inst. I advise him (supplementing your advice as to the brief, before becoming the champion of 3^d), to look at the existing minute-books of the Canongate Kilwinning, when he will find minutes rather earlier than 1736, and reasons why the charter of 1677 is not at present in existence. Bro. Cruickshank's interesting sketch of 3^d is a very interesting sketch; but that style of production is not generally received, without dispute, in a court of law. We have many disputed documents in Masonry. When Bro. Speir's brings up, in Grand Lodge, the claims of 3^d to be the oldest lodge of Scotland, the Charter of Malcolm will appear as another. When 3^d was received into Grand Lodge in 1850, it was with great difficulty she received her present number. Lodges, 300 odd, many of them having paid thousands of pounds to the Masonic exchequer, allowed this lodge to take precedence of them, for no other reason than to get all the so-called old lodges of Scotland enrolled under one banner. The Melrose Lodge is now the only one independent of General Lodge of Scotland. When she comes in, there will be a question of her number with Mary's Chapel, and it strikes me, under the then discussion the numbers of the old lodges, judging from the proofs which I hold in my hand, will be—Mother Kilwinning, 1; Canongate Kilwinning, 2; Melrose St. John, 3; Mary's Chapel, 4; and the Lodge of Glasgow will find her number half a hundred down the roll. Numbers, except as a means of identification of lodges, is a very silly pride. If the members of a lodge have no higher boast than the effete dignity of antiquity, they had better sink their age. The Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, the *alter ego* of the Mother Kilwinning, has never founded upon her age, but upon her documents; and for honourable sons she depends upon such unknown names as Burns, Kit North, Lockhart, Aytoun, Brougham, Nicholas, Emperor of Russia, Marquis of Dalhousie, Sinclair of Roslin, &c. If Bro. Speir's wishes to follow in the footsteps of Alison, let him look to historical facts, not to age or tradition, in his study. He will find many to support him in Glasgow who do not belong to 3^d.

Yours fraternally,

P. L., C.K.L.

MERIT IN ADVERSITY.—The sight of good men struggling with adversity has ever been accounted one of the most touching and edifying of spectacles. It is one of the rewards of virtue to gain in its struggles with fortune the sympathy and respect of the worthy who behold them. Indeed without this incentive there would be even less of virtue in the world than in fact there is. To cleave to virtue simply for virtue's sake and with utter disregard of the opinions of one's fellow-men is a rarer achievement than most of us are apt to suppose. Those who have the credit of it are pretty sure to be aware of the fact and are comforted and strengthened by their appreciation of its value. Human nature being what it is, and temptation so difficult to resist, it is our bounden duty to sustain virtue in misfortune by every plaudit, every recognition of the unmerited calamity which we can devise or which truth can justify. It is a base fault in a community when, its good men being overtaken by undeserved disaster, it does not hasten to condole with, to encourage and to support them with the sweets of generous approbation.—*Round Table*.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).—We understand that a special Provincial Grand Lodge was to have been held on Wednesday last, the 22nd inst., in Hull, but we have not yet received any report of what took place.

SOMERSETSHIRE.—Masonry is making progress in this province under the Provincial Grand Master, the R.W. Bro. Alex. W. Adair, who has within the last fortnight opened and consecrated two new lodges, the Nyanza Lodge (No. 1,197), at Ilminster, and the Lodge of Agriculture (No. 1,199), at Congresbury.

SUSSEX.—It is with much pleasure that we note the great Masonic zeal of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Pelham, M.P., whose working ability is not second to his zeal and activity. It is but a month or so since he performed the ceremonies connected with the opening and consecration of the new lodge at Battle; last Saturday he assisted at the meeting of the Yarrowborough Lodge at Brighton, and afterwards dined with the members; and last week he was pleased to accept the office of Senior Warden in the Royal York Lodge in Brighton. He has also visited every lodge in his province, and is, indeed, thoroughly fulfilling the duties of his high station, as every Provincial Grand Master should do.

Bro. Sekhiari, who was initiated into Masonry at Smyrna by Bro. Hyde Clarke, D.D.G.M. Turkey, has lately died, leaving a legacy for benevolent purposes of £1,000 to the St. George's Lodge of Smyrna, working in the Greek language under the English jurisdiction. This Greek lodge in Asia was founded by Bro. Hyde Clyde, as were the Greek Lodges of Arete, at Constantinople, in Europe, and the Hellas, of Cairo, in Africa.

BRO. BUCHAN'S LODGE MUSIC.—We are glad to see from the *Record of Western India*, that this work has been adopted by several lodges. It only remains with Bro. Buchan to persevere in his endeavours to improve our rituals, to hold still the ruddy lion of Scotland, the standard of Judah in Masonry.

TURKEY.—Our Smyrna correspondent under date the 8th inst., states that the installations and banquets of the Homer (English) Lodge and of the Dekran (Tigranes) Armenian Lodge, under the English jurisdiction, have been held; the first on St. John's Day, the latter on the 6th inst. The installations were ably performed by Bro. Captain Stab, P.D.G.W. Turkey, and other P.M.'s, and concluded by hospitable banquets. The healths of the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, and of the founder of the respective lodges, Bro. Hyde Clarke, and of the D.G. officers, W.M.'s, &c., were duly commemorated. In proposing "The Health of the Deputy District Grand Master," at the Dekran Lodge, Bro. Alparian, P.M., D.G.D. Turkey, entered at some length into the services of Bro. Hyde Clarke in the promotion of Masonry in Turkey. About forty brethren sat down to banquet.

SCOTLAND.—MIDDLE WARD OF LANARKSHIRE.—An assembly, under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge, is, we understand, being organised on a scale such as will render *éclat* to the province, Hamilton being, we believe, selected as the town in which the festive proceedings are to be celebrated.

We intend commencing Book II. of Bro. Oneal Hayo's "Knight's Templar" in our next.

METROPOLITAN.

ENOCH LODGE (No. 11).—A meeting of this lodge took place on the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Dale, P.M., in the absence of the W.M., presided. One brother having been raised to the third degree, Bro. Honey, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed Master according to ancient custom. The ceremony was most admirably performed by Bro. Peter Matthews, P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Ciabatta, J.W.; Matthews, Sec.; E. J. Lewis, S.D.; Whittaker, J.D.; Palmer, I.G.; F. Ledger, Steward; and Grainger, Dir. of Cers.; who, with the Treasurer, Bro. Watson, were invested in due form. Messrs. Stock, Spokes, and Carlawa, were initiated into the Order by the new W.M. (Bro. Honey). A brother in distress was relieved from the charity fund, to which sum a handsome subscription was added. The petition of the widow of a deceased brother was recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence for relief. All Masonic business being over, the brethren retired to the banquet. Bro. Honey, W.M., presided, supported by several P.M.'s of the lodge, including Bros. H. Potter, P. Matthews, C. J. Watson, F. Ledger, J. Dale, W. F. Moutrie, and W. Greaves. After the cloth had been removed, grace was sung by Bro. George Perren. Bro. Ciabatta, Miss Fanny Holland, and Miss Eyles. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts were interspersed with music, the artistes being those before-named and Bros. Wilhelm Ganz and King.

THE ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—A meeting of this lodge took place on the 6th inst. for the purpose of installing Bro. Samuel Hodson, the W.M. elect, which impressive ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Nunn, P.M. Mr. Bennett, of Oxford-street, was duly initiated. At the conclusion of business, near one hundred brethren, comprising visitors from every important Metropolitan lodge, and almost unusual display of P.M.'s sat down to an elegant banquet. The musical illustrations by Bros. Bartleman, Dawson, and Carter, were of very high order, and greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Fairman's, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Bros. Timothy and Clegg were raised, and Bros. Barwick, Penson, Welland, and Jekyll passed. The W.M. then installed his successor, Bro. T. H. Meredith, into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. H. Cary, S.W.; C. S. Jolly, J.W.; John Noke, P.M., Treas.; R. Whiting, P.M., Sec.; H. Crabtree, S.D.; T. Wood, J.D.; W. Lewis, I.G.; Landfield, W.S.; Hopkins, Dir. of Cers.; and Ellis, Tyler. Mr. Diprose was afterwards initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. On the motion of Bro. T. S. Morris, P.M., seconded by Bro. Stuart, P.M., a well-deserved gratuity was voted to Bro. Whiting, P.M., for the indefatigability and zeal with which he had performed the duties of Secretary. A P.M. jewel was, on the motion of Bro. Stuart, P.M., seconded by Bro. Bain, P.M., voted to Bro. James Hill, I.P.M., a compliment which had been fully earned by his correct performance of all the offices of the chair. £20 was voted to Widow's Fund of the Benevolent Institution, and the same was ordered to be placed on the list of Bro. Bond, P.M., who will represent this lodge at the forthcoming festival. Numerous sums were also put on the same list by individual brethren. Bro. Whiting announced the death of Bro. Davidson, a member for thirty years of this lodge, and a letter of condolence with his daughter on her bereavement was directed to be sent to her. The trustees of the Benevolent Fund were appointed, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was followed by the usual toasts, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LODGE OF JUSTICE (No. 147).—The regular eventful night of the year, the installation, like all other seasons, arrives at its allotted time. To some it brings joy and gladness, being the time they either commence at the lowest step of office, or arrive at the summit of their ambition, the Solomonic Chair; whilst others perhaps may feel the pangs of disappointment in not having the office bestowed on them which they may have coveted. Anyhow it is in all lodges an evening of great interest, and more members and visitors attend than on ordinary occasions. The installation of this old Lodge of Justice was not any exception to the rule. The meeting, a most full one, was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford. Bro. George Chapman, W.M., occupied

the chair of K.S., and during the evening there were present, Bros. J. Patte, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. Andrews, J.W.; J. Lightfoot, P.M., Treas.; J. Bavin, P.M., Sec.; Batt, S.D.; Percival, J.D.; Bartlett, as I.G.; G. Bolton, C. H. Davis, J. Cavell, F. Walters, N. Wingfield, H. Moore, and W. Clothier, P.M.'s; C. G. Dilley, J. Cawer, P. Froud, J. Porter, D. Davies, and many others. Amongst an unusual large number of visitors who were present we noticed the local celebrities, Bros. J. T. Tibbals, W. Noak, West, Littlecott, Barrett, and others. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. J. Bavin, Sec., in a neat speech, acknowledged the great help he had received from Bro. F. Walters, P.M., who had in the kindest manner made up his books for him. He remarked he had thanked him privately, and now repeated his thanks publicly for the assistance Bro. F. Walters, P.M., had so generously rendered to him. Bro. F. Goulding was raised to the third degree, and Bro. T. White was passed to the second degree. Bro. J. Lightfoot, P.M. and Treas., then presented Bro. J. Patte, S.W. and W.M. elect, to Bro. G. Chapman, W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, a board of Installed Masters, composed of a dozen members, was then formed. Bro. J. Patte was then most ably installed into the ancient Solomonian chair according to the established rite. The board was closed and the W.M. proclaimed and saluted. The warrant, constitutions, and by-laws were severally presented to him. Having named, invested, and appointed his officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. Batt, S.W.; Percival, J.W.; J. Lightfoot, P.M. and Treas. (re-invested); J. Bavin, P.M., Sec. (re-invested); Whiffen, S.D.; Roberts, J.C.; Sadler, I.G.; J. L. Winn, P.M., Tyler. Bro. G. Chapman gave an impressive address to each officer. Then were delivered the appropriate addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, which were listened to with marked and deep attention, and when completed, those present testified their approbation by giving a most hearty applause. The Installing Master was congratulated by the P.M. for his efficient, able, and talented manner in which he performed this all-important ceremony. Now this lodge possesses amongst its members no less than five Installing Masters, viz., Bros. G. Bolton, P.M., (who has done more installations in this and other lodges, than any Mason in the neighbourhood); J. Bavin, P.M., Sec., who installed his successor; F. Walters, P.M. 73, who installed his successor, and has several times done the ceremony in other lodges where he is a member; H. Moore, P.M. 73, who installed his successor; and now must be added Bro. G. Chapman. With such an array of talent the lodge must prosper. Some few years ago it was customary for the old lodges meeting in Deptford, to have to invite brethren from London to do the installations, but now it is not necessary. Bro. G. Bolton, P.M., was one of the first to set the example to do this impressive ceremony, and he has now many followers, for all the lodges now meeting in Deptford possess amongst their members at least one who can do this ceremony. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. G. Chapman, P.M., for the able manner in which he rendered every part of the installation ceremony, and more particularly the addresses so impressively given to each officer. The newly-installed Master, Bro. J. Patte, gave proofs of his proficiency by the able manner in which he initiated a gentleman into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, which augurs well for the work he may be expected to do during his year of office. Bro. W. Andrews, the late J.W., in the most praiseworthy manner, gave up his promotion as an officer as, since his being made J.W., he had been regularly installed W.M. of the Royal Oak Lodge (No. 871), and being an installed Master, the height of his ambition, he retired from office to assist all those who might wish to have a similar honour. A notice of motion was postponed until the next lodge meeting. The labours of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed until Wednesday, February 12th. A first-class banquet followed as usual.

SAINT JAMES'S UNION CHAPTER (No. 189).—This lodge met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 11th inst. The installation of W.M. for the ensuing year was performed in a very excellent manner by Bro. Stoner, P.M. Bro. J. W. Hamilton, the installed W.M., fulfilled the after duties of the evening very satisfactorily. The business performed was the initiations of Mr. Benjamin Colls and Mr. Andrew Shelley. Bros. Herzig, Heath, and Long were passed to the F.C. degree; and Bros. Strauss, Puik, and Rumble were raised to the third degree. The banquet which succeeded was served up in Bro. Charles Gosden's usual style.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—The brethren of this lodge met on the 6th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Hoffenbach, Joseph, Hickman, Wagstaff, and Naurice were passed to the degree of F.C.; and Bros. Davis, Lowenstein, and Cohen raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Both these ceremonies were most admirably performed by Bro. A. Eskell, W.M., while Bro. Van Noorden presided over the harmonium with his well-known skill. Bro. M. Van Diepenheim was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, receiving the obligation of his exalted office from Bro. Abrahams, P.M. of the Lodge of Montefiore (No. 1,017). The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony about half-past eleven o'clock.

LODGE OF CONFIDENCE (No. 193).—This lodge assembled on the 13th inst., under Bro. Theodore Foulger, their recently-installed W.M., who, in the most able manner, passed Bros. Reed and Philpot to the degree of F.C., and raised Bros. Bishop and Lawrence to the degree of M.M. When the command to retire from labour to refreshment was given, Bro. Samuel Webb, I.P.M., presided for the W.M., who was compelled to be absent.

PROVINCIAL.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

WHITEHAVEN.—*Installation of the W.M. of Lodge No. 872.*—The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated at Whitehaven, on Friday the 10th inst., when one of the most numerous attended and in every respect successful assemblies of members of the Masonic Craft that has occurred in this town for some time took place. The proceedings commenced with the installation of Bro. Morton as W.M. of the Lewis Lodge 872. The Lodge was opened by acting W.M. Bro. Hughes and other officers, shortly after which Deputy Prov. G. Master Whitwell, of Kendal, and G. Prov. Sec. Simpson were announced. Bro. Greaves, F.D. Prov. G.M. was requested to take the chair as Installing Master, and a Board of Installing Masters having been formed, the installation of Bro. Morton was proceeded with. Having been duly installed, the W.M. invested the officers for the year as follows:—Bros. W. G. Hughes, P.M.; H. Fisher, Treas.; Rev. T. R. Holme, S.W.; J. Spittal, J.W.; W. Losh, Ponsonby, Chap.; J. Dixon, S.D.; W. W. Whittle, J.D.; R. Foster, I.G.; G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. This concluded the business of the lodge, which was closed, in the usual form, by the newly installed W.M. and other officers. Immediately after the lodge had been closed, the brethren repaired to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous dinner was provided by Bro. Capt. Hagan, of the Indian King Hotel, in his usual able and liberal style. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, followed by some excellent speeches and songs, the brethren separated, well pleased with the entertainment provided for them.

DEVONSHIRE.

PLYMOUTH.—*St. John's Lodge.*—This lodge assembled at the Hulse Masonic Temple on the 26th ult., serving for the festival of St. John the Evangelist. The change of date must be considered circumstantial from necessity, or necessitous from circumstances. It was not allowed to pass without an appeal to authority, and this sanctioned a change which did not make an infraction upon the full period of duty, as required by the constitutions. To absent brethren, whose business calls them upon the great waters, and who consequently have not the advantage of a notice of change of festival, a disappointment may arise. He who holds a by-law may not have a by-leave, and may lay a greater stress upon a day than is confined to it.

The lodge formed in the evening instead of the afternoon, as heretofore usual, and proceeded to the business of its summons, namely, the installation of its new Master, Bro. J. B. W. Williams, who had met unanimous election. There were present, Bros. G. G. Nicholls, W.M.; J. B. Gover, P.M., P. Prov. G. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; J. Head, P.M.; Isaac Watts, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas.; Jenkin Thomas, P.M., P. Prov. Supt. of Works; F. P. Holmes, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. J. Hamby, P.M.; J. Ferris, P.M.; John Evans, P.M.; J. Downe, J. Richards, L. D. Westcott, Wainwright, Haynes, Hoskins, Skelton, Farthing, Crook, Martin, G. Richards, Knowsley, G. T. Fay, Hurrell, Stribling, Lavers, Tremayne, Austin, Seldon, Ellis, Bennett, Gullett, Bowman, Halloway, Smith, and others.

The proceedings were commenced by Bro. Nicholls, W.M., who congratulated the lodge upon its unanimous choice. It was one that secured his own especial approbation, and he was happy in the knowledge that his opinion of the esteemed brother now to be installed must be supported by every member who had the pleasure of Bro. William's acquaintance. To extend to any eulogy of character, after what had already passed, would be superfluous, and he could not do better than call upon Bro. Gover to assist him in leading the new Master to his chair, and invest him in due and ample form, so that he might be enabled to carry out the requirements for which he was now solicited to become responsible. The lodge was therefore passed to the several degrees of the Order up to the fourth, when Bro. Williams was formally introduced; and having received from Bro. Gover and others, the Past Masters' present, the customary charges, and met the more impressive obligations required, partook of the cup of congratulation on his association with the elders of the lodge. The numerous assembly was afterwards admitted, according to Masonic rank, and acknowledged their new Master with the salutations usual upon this festive occasion, and conformable to ancient custom.

Bro. Williams then proceeded to name the officers of his choice, remarking that the brethren must consider themselves as much the selection of the Past Masters as himself, for in no one instance could it be said there arose in dissent the slightest preponderance. A perfect unanimity of feeling prevailed, and this was to him a source of the highest comfort, since it relieved him from a weight which might otherwise have proved burdensome, if not oppressive.

The selection is as follows:—Bros. J. Richards, S.W.; L. D. Westcott, J.W.; the Rev. J. W. St. Aubyn, Chap.; F. P. Holmes, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Treas.; J. Rowe Brewer, P.M., Sec.; Andrews, S.D.; Knowsley, J.D.; G. T. Fey, Org.; Ellis, Dir. of Cers.; Bennett, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Skelton, S.S.; Berry, J.S.; and T. Smith, Tyler.

After the investment of the respective officers, who received their charges from Bro. Gover, the lodge had the pleasure of hearing a very appropriate and instructive oration from Bro. Haynes. Every part of his discourse was truthful to the Order, and if any arose with more than common interest it was that which embraced woman, whose excellence in the scale of enhanced society was never more forcibly nor felicitously advocated. The talented brother's oratorical display came home and told home; and was in fair keeping with his artistic excellence, of which all who had witnessed it knew was of the highest class.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., this lodge partook of its annual banquet at the house of Bro. Watts, known as the Globe Hotel, in Bedford-street. It was served at an advanced hour. The W. Master was supported on his right by Bros. R. J. Radford, Isaac Latimer; W. Bell, W.M. Lodge Harmony; J. Fox, W.M. Lodge Fortitude; J. Fisher, St. Aubyn's Lodge; Murch, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org., Friendship Lodge; Jew, Lodge Fortitude, and others whose Provincial rank is well known in the locality. On his left were Bros. Past Masters Jenkin Thomas, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, 1845; J. Evans, 1847; Isaac Watts, 1848; J. Ferries, 1849; J. B. Gover, 1859; J. Dupré, 1860; F. P. Holmes, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, 1861; J. S. Phillips, 1863; J. J. Hambly, 1865; J. Head, 1866; and G. G. Nicholls, 1867.

The benedictions were rendered by the Rev. J. W. St. Aubyn, who graced the chair of the lodge by taking the office of Chaplain during its occupation by Bro. Williams, the W.M. On the removal of the cloth, Her Majesty's gracious name was given, as the patroness of the Masonic Charities, and the Anthem followed in fraternal and faithful earnestness. The name of the M.W. the G.M., the Earl of Zetland, came next, and the R.W., the D. Prov. G. Master, who is a Grand Officer, responded. Then followed the name of the Rev. and R.W. the P.G.M. of the province, John Huyshe, M.A., P.G.C. There need be but one manifestation among Masons upon the mention of this excellent and venerated brother, whose recovery from late severe indisposition was a joy to all who had the privileged happiness of his notice. The W. Bros. Radford, Taity, and S. Latimer responded on behalf of the sister lodges, and their addresses were attentively received. The name of the W.B. Williams, Master, was given by the R.W. L. P. Metham, Esq., D. Prov. G.M., and the W. brother suitably acknowledged the high honour in the favoured compliment paid him. The P.M., G. C. Nicholls, was next noticed, and such was the lodge's esteem for this truly deserving brother that, in addition to the free outlay which had marked it during his year of office, it could not allow him

to vacate the chair without the present of a life Governorship. The Past Masters and other officers followed in fraternal succession, to whom were allowed due time for very happy responses.

The R.W. the D. Prov. G.M. embraced the occasion to expatiate on the advantages of the several Masonic charities, and particularly on the one in which he now felt direct interest by accepting the stewardship at the end of the current month. This respected brother spoke at some length in his usual energetic style, and freely acknowledged the support that had attended his appeal to the several lodges which he had visited, and by the members of which he had been received with the utmost Masonic courtesy. He hoped to witness the lodges in the province subscribers to all the charities. He knew how far they had lately been called upon, and how faithfully they had answered every call; and he could fairly anticipate the future by a remembrance of the past.

Bro. Hambly, P.M., as if fearful that the guests might fancy the craftsmen of his lodge deficient in material to their means, for the necessary charitable ornamentation of the Temple, considered much had been done during the present and past years, and more than he expected, from the many indirect calls upon its treasury. A preference had of late been shown towards the Annuity. In an old lodge like St. John's, there could not but arise a call for the support of aged members, and there were two or three who merited all that could possibly be done for them. Life-membership had leaned towards this branch of the Masonic charities. The winter of nature is severe; the winter of life more so. The first will be succeeded by its spring, summer, and autumn; but the second has no budding, green, or yellow leaf. All left it is the sear and withered, and this for a very brief period—until its dust shall mingle with its parent dust, and the spirit pass to her higher resting. The Girls and Boys' Schools, however, are of the greatest importance. The education therein afforded was, from its sound moral basis, acknowledged. It brought the creature nearer to the Creator, and prepared him for closer contact. It was of vital consideration, and would receive the support it merited. With such exalted Craftsmen in the "labour of love," as those who dignify our province, the best results must follow; and from the active part taken by Bro. Phillips, P.M., in behalf of a child, the offspring of a recently departed and esteemed brother, in the prime of life, the hope arises of such consideration becoming sufficient and speedy.

There was much pleasantness during the evening. The return of thanks on the part of the ladies was reserved for a bachelor. Why this is made usual there is no time to inquire; but perhaps it may be to stimulate some dormant excellence in these hesitating brethren, and calculated to make them happier. The task was, however, fraternally met, and favourably accomplished.

For the very good dinner, dessert, and wine, much praise was due. The excellent host, who is one of the more skilful workers in the higher degrees of the Order, was shorn of his laurels, or so supposed, by the W.B. Gover, who declared that the female conspicuously appeared in all that had pleased during the feast; and he was, therefore, disposed to think the "Qui meruit" the lady hostess. This, however, happened to be the opinion of the lady's cheerful partner himself, who lost nothing in the shape of expected praise, for he readily acknowledged that it was to her, and her active female assistants, all the honour belonged; and thus he happily united the well-known motto with the additional words, "Palnam ferat."

So pleased were all the brethren, that, if another similar evening were soon to follow, there would not be found one to regret it.

LANCASHIRE (EAST.)

KIRKDALE.—*Prince of Wales Lodge* (No. 1035.)

Installation of Bro. J. F. Newell, W.M. elect.

This lodge was opened, on the 31st ult., at 2.30. p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Sutcliffe, and that portion of the minutes referring to the W.M. were read and confirmed.

The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M., Bro. Sutcliffe, vacated the chair to Bro. Hamer, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. of West Lancashire, who proceeded to instal Bro. Newell W.M. elect.

The lodge was then opened in the third degree, when all the brethren under the rank of P.M. were desired to retire. The

Lodge was then opened to a P.M. degree. Bro. Newell was then admitted and installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The ceremony of installation was very impressively and ably performed by the esteemed and venerable P.M., Bro. Hamer, Prov. G. Treas. of West Lancashire in full, after which the P.M.'s degree was closed down to the third degree, when all Master Masons were admitted.

Bro. Newell was then declared W.M. of 1035 for the first time.

The lodge was then closed down to the second degree by Bro. Newell, W.M.

The fellow Crafts present were then admitted, and Bro. Newell was then declared W.M. of 1035 for the second time.

The lodge was then closed down to the first degree, when the entered apprentices present were admitted, and Bro. Newell was declared W.M. of 1035 for the third time.

The working tools in each degree were ably explained by Bro. Hamer, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. of West Lancashire.

The W.M. then proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were invested: Bros. Suttcliffe, P.M.; Boyers, J.W.; Warbrick, Sec.; F. Jones, J.D.; Williams, S.W.; Winstanley, Treas.; Draper, S.D.; Cawer, I.G.; Lovelady and Birnie as Stewards. Bro. Davis was then appointed Tyler for the ensuing year.

Bro. Hamer, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. of West Lancashire, very ably addressed the brethren present upon their duties one to another.

Bro. Foggard proposed and Bro. Suttcliffe, I.P.M., seconded, and was carried unanimously, that the best thanks of this lodge be given to Bro. Hamer, Prov. G. Treas. of West Lancashire, and be recorded in the minutes of the lodge for the kindness, affability, and courtesy on all occasions when required; also for the manner the ceremony and installation had been proceeded with and completed, and also for the able manner in which the various officers had been charged with the responsibilities attached to their various offices.

The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when the brethren sat down (fifty-nine in number) to a banquet. The W.M. was supported on his left by Bros. Suttcliffe, I.P.M.; Foyard, P.M. 1136; Jobbs, W.M. 594; and on his right by Bros. Rev. Dunkley, P. Prov. G. Chap. of West Lancashire; Heyes, P.M. 1035 and 594; Hamer, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. of West Lancashire; and Bunting, W.M. 673; and after partaking of an excellent dinner, the cloth was then drawn, and the W.M. proposed "The health of Her Majesty the Queen," enlarging upon her domestic virtues as a mother, and also as a queen and ruler, which was duly honoured.

The various Masonic toasts were duly given, drank, honoured, and responded to.

The toast of the evening to the W.M. being duly given and responded to by the brethren.

The W.M., rising to respond, said that he thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been responded to, and said that, seeing the honourable and onerous position he had been placed in, that he would endeavour to discharge those duties efficiently, not only with honour to himself, but with credit to the lodge of 1035; and that by punctual attendance to his duties, with the assistance and co-operation of his officers, the lodge would be kept at that standard of character it had hitherto borne in West Lancashire, and trusted that when his year of office terminated, that the lodge would be second to none in West Lancashire, and that he would hand the chair down to his successor pure and unalloyed as he had received it.

The next toast was "The P.M.," which was drank and responded to by Bro. Suttcliffe.

The next toast was "The P.M.'s of 1035," coupling with it the names of Bros. Foggard P.M., and Heyes, P.M., which was drank with a bumper and carried with Masonic honours.

Bro. Foggard, P.M., said, in replying, that the W.M. had eulogised his services to 1035; but he felt in rendering any assistance that the lodge required, he was only doing a duty. He would continue to feel the greatest pleasure in forwarding the interests of 1035, and that by working together with that brotherly feeling which at all times should characterise true and accepted Masons we should all be bound together, and work for the general good of the lodge.

Bro. Heyes, P.M., very ably replied to the toast, and stated that he felt proud to be amongst his brethren at the social table, and from the manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed, he must say, and truly so, that he never saw it done more efficiently, although he had been a Mason for

the last nineteen years, and that from the knowledge he possessed of the working of the officers who had that day been appointed, he felt sure they would work together, and be equal to any lodge in the division of West Lancashire.

The next toast was "The Officers of Lodge 1035," which was most enthusiastically drunk.

The Rev. Bro. H. Williams, S.W., replied and said that he hoped that, by proper attention to the duties assigned to them, they would continue to merit the approbation of the brethren.

The brethren, after spending a very agreeable evening, which had been enlivened by songs and recitations, were then called from refreshment to labour, in resuming which the lodge was closed in time, form, and with solemn prayer.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

TREDEGAR.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1098.)

The installation of Bro. Samuel G. Homfray as W.M. of this lodge was performed on the 9th inst. by Bro. John Middleton, P.G.J.W., Monmouth, and P. Prov. G.S. of Lincoln, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Henry Bridges, D. Prov. G.M., Somerset, and P.G.S.B. of England.

The lodge was opened at the Temperance Hall, where the following appointments were made: Bros. S. G. Homfray, W.M.; Robert Bond, I.P.M.; B. S. Fisher, S.W.; Charles Homfray, J.W.; Rev. W. M. Jenkins, Chap.; C. E. Sloper, Treas.; W. Campbell, Sec.; B. Davis, S.D.; E. Phillips, J.D.; E. Horlick, D.C.; John Lewis, D.W.; B. E. Griffiths, Organist; H. Butterfield, I.G.; H. Fowler and Lionel Gravenor, Stewards; J. Don Levy, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where the banquet was served up in the large room by Bro. Host Spencer. Bro. S. G. Homfray, the W.M., presided, supported by the Wardens in the vice chairs. Between seventy and eighty brethren sat down, amongst whom were Bros. J. Maund, P.M. 818, P.G.S.W.; J. Middleton, P.M. 298, 633, and 1098, and P.G.J.W.; Rev. Samuel Fox, P.G. Chap.; W. Pickford, P.M. 471, and P.G.T.; R. B. Evans, P.M. and P. Prov. D.C.; R. Bond, P.M. 683 and 1098, and P.G. Assist. Dir. of Oers.; John Griffiths, P.M., and P.G. Supt. of Works; Charles H. Oliver, W.M. 471.

After the cloth was removed the following toasts were given: "The Queen and the Craft." The W.M. also coupled with it the name of the Crown Prince of Prussia, who is a Mason. "The M.W. the G.M., the Earl of Zetland, and the Grand Lodge of England." The W.M. expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Bridges, who had promised to attend to perform the installation ceremony.

The W.M., in giving the health of the R.W. the P.G.M. Bro. Rolls, and the Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire, wished the speedy restoration of Bro. Rolls to his usual health.

Bro. Maund, in responding, gave the welcome intelligence which he had received from the son of the P.G.M. on the previous evening, viz., that the health of Bro. Rolls had recently improved.

Bro. Waters, in very complimentary terms, gave "The health of the W.M. 1098, Bro. S. G. Homfray."

Bro. Homfray returned thanks. He certainly felt proud of being elected Master of the lodge of his native town. It was a post to which he had aspired ever since his initiation into Masonry. He assured them that no exertion on his part should he wanted to promote the welfare of the lodge. He should apply himself assiduously to the discharge of the responsible duties which devolved upon him.

By the W.M., "The health of the installing Master, Bro. Middleton, who, in the absence of Bro. Bridges had so ably performed the ceremony."

The toast was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Middleton.

By Bro. Rev. Samuel Fox, "The I.P.M., Bro. Bond,"

Bro. Bond acknowledged the compliment. As one of the founders of the lodge, he naturally felt proud of its present prosperous condition. He might mention that although it had only been established two years it numbered forty members.

By Bro. Maund, "The lodges of the Province," coupling with the toast the name of St. George's Lodge."

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Homfray, W.M. Tredegar, Pierce, P.M., Abergavenny, Thomas Williams, W.M. elect of the Isca Lodge, and C. H. Oliver, W.M., Silurian Lodge.

Bro. J. Middleton proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupling with the toast the health of Bros. Liddell, Dr. Tydd, and Hamp-

den, with especial reference to the high position in Masonry of the two first-mentioned brethren.

The toast was most cordially received.

Bro. Liddell acknowledged the toast in an appropriate speech.

Bro. Dr. Tydd, endorsing his brother's remarks, complimented the lodge on its efficient working.

Bro. Hampden also returned thanks.

Bro. Liddell again rose to apologise for the absence of several brother officers who were prevented from attending.

Bro. C. Homfray gave "The Ladies," in a speech which elicited considerable merriment.

Bro. Dr. Hughes, as the youngest Mason, made a humorous response.

Then came good Bro. Pickford with his old toast of "The Masonic Charities," of which he spoke fervently and well. The boys' and girls' schools, he said, were more efficient and extensively useful than ever, and more than ever challenged their liberality. He earnestly urged the brethren to subscribe.

The W.M., in giving "The Officers of St. George's Lodge," referred to a project which he was anxious to see carried out, and which he was prepared to support to the utmost of his power, viz., the erection of a Masonic Hall at Tredegar. Bro. William Adams, C.E., of Newport, had kindly drawn out a plan and elevation, which would be handed round for the inspection of the brethren, and he was sanguine that the work could be carried out. After which Bro. Fisher, S.W., returned thanks.

The brethren separated at an early hour.

NORTHUMBELAND.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—*Lodge de Lorraine* (No. 541).—On Friday, the 20th ult., the members of this lodge held their annual festival to celebrate the installation of their W.M., John Stokoe. At the time appointed for the installation, the lodge-room was well filled by the members and visiting brethren, particularly P.M.'s, amongst whom in the dais we noticed Bros. E. D. Davis, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; Thomas Anderson, P.G., Treas.; Jensen, Saniter, Ludwig, Thomas Smith, A. Clapham, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Hotlam, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Pulman, P.D.G.S.W.; Turkey, Winter, &c. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. B. Smailes, and after the minutes were confirmed, he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Davis, who performed the installation ceremony in an impressive manner. Bro. Stokoe having signified his assent to the ancient charges, was installed in the chair of K.S. in the usual manner. He appointed as his officers the following: Bros. B. Smailes, I.P.M.; W. G. Laws, S.W.; Hubert Laws, J.W.; H. Modlin, Sec.; T. Anderson, P.M., Treas.; Blenkinsopp, S.D.; G. Laws, J.D.; W. Howard, I.G.; Trotter, Tyler; C. G. Anderson and G. Taylor, Stewards. The installing Master then delivered the usual charges to the W.M. officers and brethren, and the lodge was duly closed. The festival was afterwards held at Bro. R. Brown's, Turk's Head Hotel, Grey-street, when upwards of forty of the brethren sat down to a *recherché* dinner, set out in that unexceptionable style for which Bro. Brown is noted. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, including the health of the W.M., ably proposed by Bro. E. D. Davis, and feelingly replied to by the W.M. The toast of "The installing Master," met with an enthusiastic reception: and the W.M., in proposing "The present Officers," pointed out as an evidence of the harmonious working of the lodge, and of the zeal and ability of the officers that at the installation that day every officer had gained but a single step in promotion; their merits having been all so equally good, and each had previously done his individual work so well. The pleasures of the festival were much enhanced by the vocal abilities of several members of the lodge, prominent amongst whom were Bros. Penman, R. Watson, Hindhaugh, Donnison, Blenkinsopp, and the W.M., who sang several Masonic glees at intervals during the evening in an excellent manner. The "Masonic Charities" were proposed in a speech by Bro. E. D. Davis, who called upon the brethren most earnestly to support them by contributing liberally to the subscription lists of our noble charitable institutions. The Tyler's toast having at last been given, the brethren separated, highly delighted with the whole proceedings of the festival, and with the energy and care exercised to bring it to such a successful termination.

NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

ANGLESEA LODGE (No. 1113).

In our impression of the 30th November last, we gave an account of an emergency meeting of this promising and prosperous lodge;—we now return to it, on the occasion of the installation of the W.M. The election took place on the 20th of November, when by the unanimous vote of the brethren present, the Bro. William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Prov. G. Reg., the S.W., was elected to fill the Master's chair for the year ensuing. Bro. William Bulkeley Hughes was unfortunately absent upon the occasion, having to be in his place in Parliament during the unusual autumnal session. His duties in the lodge were very ably performed by a visitor, Bro. Captain Charles E. Pearse, R.N. The installation took place on the 18th of December, and Bro. William Swanborough, P. Prov. G.D., one of the P.M.'s of the old St. David's Lodge, Bangor, performed the ceremony in his accustomed highly efficient manner, and he received the thanks of the lodge for his important services. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Coles Fourdrinier, I.P.M. and Sec.; William Hughes, S.W.; Rev. R. H. Williams, J.W.; Captain Hampton and Alexander, Deacons; Phillips, I.G.; E. R. Thomas, Organist; I. Griffiths and Thomas Fanning Evans, Stewards.

Perhaps not the least interesting event of the evening was the re-appointment of Bro. Michael Dyer (an old Waterloo veteran, whose breast was covered with medals and clasps for varied services) as the Tyler—the old soldier's salute with his drawn sword and short but pithy thanks were much appreciated and applauded.

We have said above, "this promising and prosperous lodge;" we will let the concluding paragraph of the report of the permanent committee come to aid us in our statement, viz.: "Your committee cannot conclude this their first report without shortly alluding to the progress and position of the lodge, commencing on the 6th of July, 1866, with eight members, it may now fairly boast of having on its register no less than thirty-three subscribing members, besides three honorary members, and during this its first season, out of the above number of thirty-three, no less than sixteen 'have seen the light' in this lodge. This result cannot but be deemed highly satisfactory—but your committee, whilst sincerely congratulating the lodge upon its position and highly satisfactory condition, and whilst wishing to urge all the members to exert themselves to maintain the present flourishing condition of the lodge, desire most particularly to call the attention of each brother to the fact that it is not by mere numbers that any lodge is efficiently and satisfactorily maintained, and that therefore the greatest care will be requisite in recommending for admission such gentlemen only as are likely to reflect honour upon their proposers and upon the lodge in an equal degree, and prove good members of our ancient and honourable fraternity." Bro. Gen. Hughes received his Grand Lodge Certificate in open lodge.

The W.M. proposed for the acceptance of the lodge a very handsome harmonium, in rosewood case, which was accepted amidst much applause, and the thanks of the lodge were duly recorded to the W.M. for his thoughtful, very handsome, and most useful gift.

Bro. William Bulkeley Hughes, the W.M., then rose and said: "Brethren, after thanking you for the honour done me by placing me in the chair, my first duty, and believe me it is a most gratifying and acceptable one it is, to ask you to join with me in tendering to our dear Bro. Fourdrinier, the first Past Master of this lodge, our dutiful and warm acknowledgments, for the kind, urbane, indeed affectionate manner in which he has conducted the duties and business of this lodge since its establishment. It is well known to us all that through his valuable assistance we are mainly if not entirely indebted for the position we hold among the lodges of the kingdom. To him nearly one-half of the brethren owe their first impressions of Masonry. Having such a highly gifted Freemason as the first Master of our lodge is an honour of which I am, as I am sure you all are, proud. Look at the emblems of merit which adorn his breast, one of which was presented to him by the best and sincerest Grand Master of England—the late Duke of Sussex. Brethren I ask you not only whether we can withhold our deepest and most grateful thanks to the Immediate Past Master, but can we much longer delay conveying our sense of the obligation the members of this lodge are under to him in a more substantial form, and which at a future time I shall take occasion to bring before your notice. I shall conclude this.

imperfect though sincere tribute of my gratitude for the Masonic kindness I and all of us have experienced from the Immediate Past Master by moving that it be resolved that the best thanks of this lodge are due, and are hereby offered to Bro. John Coles Fourdrinier, the I.P.M. for the anxious and untiring interest he has taken in the establishment of this lodge, his constant attention and attendance, and the very enlightened and impressive as well as beautiful way in which he has performed the onerous duties and ceremonies of the lodge during the first year of its existence;" which motion being seconded by the Senior Warden, Bro. William Hughes, was carried amid much applause in the affirmative.

Bro. Fourdrinier, P.M., returned his thanks for the kindness of the brethren in his warm hearted, earnest, and emphatic manner.

There were ballots for one joining member and one candidate for initiation, and though this was the Master's day, the retiring Master found time before the installation to pass Bros. W. H. A. Hughes and George Higgins to the second, and to raise Bros. Thomas Fanning Evans, Azariah Hughes, and William Evans to the third degree. Several notices of motion, one for altering the day of meeting to the Tuesday after the Monday of or before Full Moon, were disposed of, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren partook of an elegant banquet served up by Mrs. Crewdson in her usual excellent style.

On the 7th inst., being an emergency meeting under the altered day for that purpose, there was a large assemblage of brethren, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Benjamin Rose, of Frondeg, near Amlwch, Solicitor, was duly initiated into the order, and Bro. John Williams received his third degree. The lodge being then resumed in the first degree, and the W.M. having requested Bro. Fourdrinier, P.M., to retire for a few minutes, addressed the brethren and said "he had a subject to bring forward which he had much at heart;—the brethren were greatly indebted to the I.P.M., Bro. John Coles Fourdrinier, not only for the admirable way in which he had performed the duties of the chair, and for his kindness and urbanity to the brethren; but also for the time, labour, and expense he had devoted to the interests of the lodge, in its formation and in everything that could conduce to its welfare. It was to him they owed its present flourishing condition. They were likewise indebted to him for undertaking the important and onerous duties of Secretary, and for his continued attendance, notwithstanding his removal to London, and he thought it was incumbent on them to make some substantial acknowledgment of the valuable and indeed indispensable services of their dear, and he might say beloved, Bro. Fourdrinier. He therefore begged to propose a resolution, in the full assurance that it would meet with a hearty response from the brethren, and he would himself head the list with £20". The remarks of the W.M. were received with repeated applause. He then proposed the following resolution: "That some recognition of the regard and gratitude of the brethren be made to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. John Coles Fourdrinier, for the remarkable zeal and efficiency with which he had discharged the duties of the chair, and other offices during the past year, for the active and laborious part he had taken in the establishment of this lodge, and for his eminent services to the craft in general in this portion of the province; and that a fund be created for the purpose of presenting him with a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden's Jewel, accompanied by a purpose of money.

This proposition was received with well marked demonstrations of satisfaction.

Brother Henry Pritchard seconded the resolution in a few appropriate observations.

Bros. Higgins, Rice, Roberts, and W. H. A. Hughes warmly supported the proposition, which, on being put to the lodge, was carried unanimously.

Bro. W. Hughes, S.W., circulated a paper in the lodge, and the sum of forty guineas was immediately set down.

Bro. T. C. Roden, P.M., said that although he, as an honorary member, had not voted upon the resolution they had just passed, he begged permission to say a few words: firstly, to thank them for the distinguished honour they had conferred on him in electing him an honorary member of the lodge; and secondly to express his gratification at what had just taken place. Bro. Fourdrinier was an old, able, and experienced Mason, one of those earnest men upon whom materially depended the good working and the prosperity of the Craft. It was evident that that lodge could not have been established and

worked without his assistance, and that, as the Worshipful Master had truly said, his services had been and still were indispensable. They have therefore done wisely and well in resolving to make this recognition of those services; because Bro. Fourdrinier was justly entitled to it, and because it would have been a slur upon the lodge to have neglected to do that which was about to be done. When the Master of a lodge merely performed the duties of his office, he held that there was no necessity for presenting him with a testimonial; but when such extraordinary services were rendered at such personal sacrifices as had been made by Bro. Fourdrinier, it would be neither just nor creditable to allow them to pass unnoticed and unrewarded.

Bro. Fourdrinier, I.P.M., was then recalled, and, on being apprised by the W.M., in a few feeling and affectionate words, of the proceedings which had taken place in his absence from the lodge, was too much affected to give expression to his thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

CARDIFF.—*Bute Lodge*, (No. 960).—The installation of Bro. Philip Bird, as W.M. for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall, Bute Docks, on the 30th. ult. The ceremony was very ably performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, assisted by his Deputy, Bro. E. J. Morris (of Swansea). There was a very numerous attendance of brethren of the mystic craft, the most distinguished visitor from a distance being Bro. Dr. Samuel Bryant, P. Prov. S.G.W. Bristol, Grand Commander Knight Templar Prov. Bristol and Gloucester, &c., who also represented the Grand Master as consecrating officer of the Bute Lodge some five years since. Besides the brethren before named, the board of Installed Masters consisted of Bros. John C. Thorp, P. Prov. S.G.W. Oxon.; W. H. Martin, P. Prov. S.G.D.; John Willans, P. Prov. G.S.B.; T. B. Bell, Prov. G.S.D., all Past Masters of the Bute Lodge. Bro. D. Williams, W.M. Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea; Bros. C. H. Oliver, W.M. of the Silurian, and Thomas Williams, W.M. of the Isca Lodges, Newport; Bros. Thomas Hodge, P. Prov. G.S.W., E. J. Thomas, Prov. G.D.C., Past Masters of the Glamorgan Lodge, Cardiff. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers, viz.:—Bros. T. B. Bell, I.P.M.; Rev. E. Jones, Prov. G. Chap., S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; W. H. Martin, Treas.; F. Were, Sec.; S. Weitchert, Dir. of Cers.; R. Evans, S.D.; S. Daniel, J.D.; W. Coleman, I.G.; W. E. Vaughan and W. Davies, Stewards. Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to the Royal Hotel, St. Mary-street, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Bro. Bacon. The W.M. was supported by the distinguished visitors before enumerated, and about sixty other brethren. The mother lodge (Glamorgan) although not numerous, was well represented by Bros. Samuel Nash, S.W.; T. Hodge, E. J. Thomas, S. D. Jenkins, Jos. Elliott, T. James, and a few other leading members. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given and responded to, and one of the most interesting proceedings of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Thorpe of a chaste and elegant P.M.'s jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Charles Thorp, P.M. 340 and 960, P. Prov. G.S.D. Oxon, by the brethren of the Bute Lodge 960, Cardiff, as an affectionate memorial of their friendship and esteem, and for his unwearied and disinterested labours on behalf of the lodge of which he was the founder, and first installed Master, 30th Dec., A.L. 5871."

WARWICKSHIRE.

BIRMINGHAM.—*Fletcher Lodge* (No. 1031).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There was a small attendance of brethren, only sixteen being present, and two visitors, Bros. John Bragg, W.M. 730, and P.G.P., and H. Needham 175. The lodge was opened at six p.m., and the preliminary business having been gone through, Bro. M. H. Wright proved his efficiency in the former degree, retired and was re-admitted, properly prepared, and passed to the degree of F.C., after which the W.M. delivered the lecture in the second degree. Great credit was due to the W.M. for the perfect knowledge he has acquired of his duties, and the excellent manner in which he

performed the ceremony of passing, and the clear, distinct, and impressive way in which he delivered the lecture on this, the first occasion of his performing the important duties of W.M. A brother from India then applied for and received assistance. Bro. J. Bragg, supported by Bro. T. Partridge, P.M., appealed to the lodge on behalf of a well known and highly respected brother, who was formerly in good circumstances, but had become much reduced by events over which he had no control. It was stated that a committee had been formed for the purpose of raising a sum of money to purchase an annuity; the sum of thirteen guineas was at once subscribed by the brethren present, which will no doubt be greatly increased when the motion is known to the other members of the lodge who were absent on this occasion. We hope all the lodges will respond to the call in a liberal manner, in order that the committee may be enabled to carry out their object, and thereby give their aged brother the assistance he deserves, and at the same time prove to the world that the word brother among Masons is something more than a name.—[We alluded to this very deserving case in "Masonic Mems." of last week.]—ED. F. M.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

SCARBOROUGH.—*Old Globe Lodge* (No. 200).—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the brethren of this old and prosperous lodge held their usual monthly meeting. George Simpson was initiated (by dispensation) as a serving brother by Bro. H. A. Williamson, W.M. Bro. Harcourt Johnstone, the W.M. elect was then presented, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; assisted by Bro. Rooke, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W. After the investiture of Bro. Williamson as I.P.M., the board of Installed Masters was closed and the brethren readmitted. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following brethren as officers:—Bros. W. Peacock, S.W.; R. H. Peacock, J.W.; J. W. Woodall, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Martin, P.M., Sec.; T. Raper, S.D.; D. Fletcher, J.D.; Groves, I.G.; Bro. the Rev. D. Alexander was appointed Chaplain. The next business was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel in gold and enamel, together with a beautifully illuminated address to Bro. H. A. Williamson, the W.M. for the past year, as a mark of approval from the brethren for the efficient manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted during his term of office. The presentation of the testimonial was intrusted by the brethren to Bro. Rooke, P.M., who in the course of his remarks observed: "It gives me very great pleasure to be deputed by the brethren to present this testimonial to Bro. Williamson, as I am quite certain it has been richly earned. I remember that at the time I entered the lodge Bro. Williamson was the Secretary, which office he filled for three years, that it was he who first encouraged me in my upward course in Masonry by telling me I might depend, the more I went into it, the more I should like it, and the more beauty I should see in it. I am perfectly certain no Master has ever worked harder to promote the prosperity and well-being of the lodge; and I trust the presentation of this testimonial will act as an incentive to younger Masons to make themselves thoroughly efficient in the working of the lodge, and that in years to come Bro. Williamson's children, and his children's children will point with pride to this testimonial and say, 'See how my father or my grandfather made himself respected in the Old Globe Lodge, let us go and do likewise.'" After a few more highly eulogistic remarks Bro. Rooke presented the jewel and address, of which the following is a copy:—"To Brother H. A. Williamson, Worshipful Master of the Old Globe Lodge 200, of Free and Accepted Masons, Scarborough, for the year 1867." "We the undersigned brethren of the Old Globe Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, have much pleasure in presenting you with this testimonial and the accompanying Past Masters jewel, as an expression of our appreciation of the attention, courtesy, and upright conduct displayed by you during your year of office as Worshipful Master of this lodge." Here follow the signatures. Bro. Williamsen replied in the following terms: "Worshipful Master, Brother Past Master Rooke, officers and brethren; In attempting to thank you for this proof of your good will to me, I feel that no words I can command are sufficiently expressive. I cannot but ask myself what I have done to merit such a high mark of approbation, and the only candid answer I can give is simply—nothing. I certainly have tried to discharge the duties of my high office with fidelity, but I am very much afraid that my failings have been many; and if our lodge has been well worked, I cannot but feel that it is due

in a great measure to the zeal of my officers and the great support afforded me by the members in general, for I can honestly say no master ever had more efficient officers, or was more unanimously supported by the brethren. I would particularly embrace this opportunity of thanking the Past Masters for the advice and assistance they have one and all afforded me. I scarcely know, brethren, of which I feel most proud, the jewel or the address that so much enhances its value, but I am inclined to think the latter, because it contains the hearty expression of your esteem and approbation, which I assure you, are very dear to me. I trust that although my term of office is expired that my term of usefulness will continue, as I can assure you it will be a pleasure to me to serve my mother lodge by all the means in my power. I can only again most warmly thank you for these gifts, and assure you they will be very highly prized by me. Let me in conclusion, brethren, wish each of you health and prosperity in your worldly affairs, and increased success in all that appertains to our lodge; let us all live in that harmony which ought to characterise Freemasons, and strive to act up to the tenets of our noble Order, so that when we are summoned from this sublunary scene we may ascend to that bright lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever." A vote was passed that the sum of one guinea be given from the funds of the lodge to three of the local charities, and a further sum of one guinea to the fund of the Masonic life-boat. The W.M. invited all the visiting brethren to stay and partake of refreshment. The lodge was then closed in harmony and solemn prayer at 9 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, when an excellent repast was prepared for them, under the management of Bro. Chapman. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, after which the health of the newly installed Master was enthusiastically proposed by Bro. Woodall, P.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren with the regular, and also musical honours. Bro. Johnstone, in a very warm manner, returned thanks for the honour done him in electing him to the office of W.M., and assured the brethren that it would be his endeavour to make himself fully competent to perform his duties and preserve the interests committed to his care. The health of the visiting brethren was proposed by Bro. Rooke, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Bower, P.M. 660, P.G.S.W., and Bro. Farthing, P.M. 643. After which the health of the P.M.'s and the officers, past and present, were severally proposed and responded to. The Tylers, and the parting toasts were then proposed, and the brethren separated.

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

HUDDERSFIELD.—*Lodge of Truth* (No. 521).—A very large and interesting meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at which Bro. Bentley Shaw, D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, was present. There were five initiations and two passings, all of which were done in an able manner. Two initiations and one passing being taken by Bro. E. Woodhouse, W.M., and the remaining ceremonies by four P.M.'s. The W.M. afterwards gave the charge to the newly-initiated brethren. The ordinary business for the evening having been disposed of, the D. Prov. G.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge of Truth, presented a portrait, P.M.'s jewel, and apron to Bro. W. C. Marsh, P.M., in his usual impressive manner. After having recounted, especially for the information of the younger brethren, the great and various services rendered by Bro. Marsh to the Lodge of Truth, during its earlier years, and when difficulties had to be overcome, the D. Prov. G.M. expressed his conviction that these gifts were worthily merited. Having attached the jewel the D. Prov. G.M. addressed the recipient to the following effect:—"Bro. Marsh, it is with feelings of extreme pleasure that I have come here this evening to present to you these magnificent presents, at once an honour to yourself and the members of the Lodge of Truth. Although your business engagements require that you should be at so great a distance from your mother lodge, as to render it impossible for you to visit her at other than long intervals, yet I trust when ever you look upon that jewel you will feel solace and consolation in knowing that your exertions for her prosperity have been duly appreciated. Let that jewel ever remind you of the respect and affection entertained for you by your brethren, treasure it as a proof that Freemasonry is something more than a name, guard it as a bond of brotherly affection, and as age creeps on, you will have the comforting conviction, that your labours for the welfare of the Craft you have loved so well have not been in vain."

SCOTLAND.

MIDDLE WARD OF LANARKSHIRE.

MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

That Freemasonry is flourishing in this great seat of Metallurgical industry was apparent to us when attending, on the 14th inst., at Coatbridge, the quarterly communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall belonging to the St. James' Old Markland Lodge, No. 177. The brethren, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, assembled in strong numbers, the snug little hall of 177 being almost inconveniently full. In the absence of the Prov. G.M. (the R.W. Bro. James Murray, M.P.), the R.W. Bro. Major Barbor, Depute Prov. G.M., officiated as acting Prov. G.M., supported by Bro. Captain Colt, of Gartsherrie, R.W.M. of 177, the several Prov. Grand Office-bearers, and many brethren of distinction in this province, which has very aptly been termed the "Staffordshire of Scotland."

The business generally, including the installation of the Prov. Grand office-bearers, very ably performed by the acting Prov. G.M., partook much of the routine character that distinguishes our local "Masonic parliaments;" there was, however, on the present occasion, one exception, an agreeable incident which it affords us much pleasure to record, namely, the restitution to his full Masonic privileges of a very old P.M. of the lodge, St. James' Old Markland, 177—a brother who is known as the "Father of the Lodge." It behoves us not, we consider, here to enter into the particulars of the occurrence which gave rise to this restitution; suffice it to say, the subject was fully ventilated at the meeting, and was handled by the acting Prov. G.M. in the true spirit of Masonic charity and justice to both parties. With the view of arriving at the expressed wish of a majority of the members of the lodge, the matter was referred to a committee; appointed jointly by the brother referred to, and the brother, also a P.M. and highly esteemed member of the same lodge, to whom the alleged offence had been given, to decide whether, under the circumstances, the former brother was entitled to forfeit his Masonic privileges; the result of the proceedings of the committee was—as above stated—that the former brother was considered entitled to be restored to his Masonic privileges as a full member of the lodge.

After the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge were concluded, a meeting of the Lodge St. James', Old Markland, was held, and was visited by a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the present popular R.W.M., Bro. Captain Colt, of Gartsherrie, supported by Bro. Hugh Symington, of Coatbridge, the captain's immediate and highly-esteemed predecessor. In the course of the proceedings, the result of the committee's deliberations, as just stated, was communicated to the lodge, and received by the brethren assembled right heartily; and upon the brother referred to entering the lodge he was congratulated most cordially, and received the right hand of good fellowship. No true Mason present, and witnessing this incident, could but endorse those appropriate lines by the Psalmist, sang in some lodges during one of our most impressive ceremonials;

"Behold, how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are,
In unity to dwell!"

We cannot conclude this brief notice without remarking that it says much for the high estimation in which the Order is held in this important mining and manufacturing district of Scotland, that though known in popular parlance as the "black" country, the Masonic sun here shines with effulgence, shedding its benign influences and "light" on all around to great advantage. Many of the leading landed proprietors, coal and iron masters, manufacturers, and others holding important positions in connection with the public works of the district, are either office-bearers of the lodges in the several towns in the province, or otherwise take an active part in all appertaining to the good of Freemasonry in general, and in this province in particular.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

GUERNSEY.

DOYLE'S LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP (No. 84).—The 8th inst. being the 2nd Wednesday in the month, was the regular night for the

holding of this lodge. The lodge was opened in the 1st degree shortly after seven o'clock, when the following members were present:—Bros. Gallienne, D. Prov. G.M.; W. H. Mortice, W.M., in the chair. Bros. J. B. Gardner, S.W.; J. S. Glencross, J.W.; T. Millington, S.D.; P. L. M. Nicolle, as J.D.; J. H. Parker, I.G.; Sarchet, Sec.; and Manger, Tyler; W. H. Muretz, W. H. Smithard, P.M.; J. B. F. Lucas, Thomas Abott, Cohen, W. Churchouse, P.M.; Thomas Stainer, John Turton, W. H. Stickland, P.M.; Carleton, J. H. Guilbert, P.M.; W. A. Willcocks, P.M.; E. W. Hutchinson, P.M. and Treas.; the Grand Secretary, and G. Sparrow, P.M. Visitors: Bros. T. Churchouse, late 289; G. H. Smythson, W.M. 168, and T. A. Horner, 862. The business mentioned in the summonses was the passing to the 2nd degree of Bros. Le Maitre and Lucas. Bro. Le Maitre, however, was scarcely expected to be present, as it was known to be doubtful whether his professional duties afloat would allow of his being in the island at the time. The minutes of the preceding lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Lucas was examined in the usual manner as to his proficiency in the science of Freemasonry, and having answered the questions put to him in a very satisfactory manner, was entrusted and left the lodge for preparation. On his readmittance (the lodge having in the meantime been opened in the 2nd degree), Bro. Lucas was duly passed to the degree of F.C. The new W.M. went through the ceremony in a most creditable and correct manner, much to the gratification of all present, and by many of whom he was complimented on the composed and excellent way in which he officiated on his first occasion of presiding over the lodge. The lecture on the tracing board was delivered to Bro. Lucas by the D.P.G.M. Bro. T. Churchouse, late 289, with his accustomed kindness presided at the harmonium. The Treasurer read his annual statement of accounts, from which it appeared that the lodge was in a flourishing condition, both as to its finances and the number of members. A donation of two sovereigns was voted to a brother in need residing in England, who at one time frequently visited Germany, was known and respected here, and who was initiated into Freemasonry in Doyle's Lodge. An annual subscription of £1 was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the same sum to the like Institution for Girls, and £2 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows. Bro. Major Fielden who has just acquired by purchase the adjacent Island of Herma, so famous for its granite quarries and its shell beach, was proposed as a joining member by the D. Prov. G.M., and seconded by Bro. Smithard, P.M. The lodge was now closed in due form in the 2nd degree, and then in the first, when the brethren retired to the refreshment room.

ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN.

CHAPTER OF HOPE (No. 206).—*Installation Meeting.*—The regular convocation of this old chapter was holden on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich. The chapter was opened by Comps. G. Edgington, M.E.Z.; J. C. Peckham, H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J.; and there were present, Comps. S. Noble, P.Z., Treas.; Hogg, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. Halsey, M.E.Z. 507; A. D. Loewenstark, H. 185. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The by-laws, as revised, were agreed to be referred back to the committee appointed to alter them. Comp. H. A. Collington took his chair as J. Comp. F. Walters, P.Z. 73, Mount Lebanon Chapter, was then invited to do all the three installations of the Principals. Accordingly a board of Installed Principals was duly formed. Comp. J. C. Peckham was installed M.E.Z.; H. A. Collington, H.; and J. Hesler, J. The board of Installed Principals was then closed. Comp. W. Noak was appointed, robed, and invested with the collar and jewel of his office of S.N. Comp. Hogg, S.E. (re-invested); S. Noble, P.Z., Treas. (re-invested for the fifteenth time). Comp. J. H. H. Doughney, P.S., who appointed Comps. A. H. Tattershall, 1st A.S.; T. Perridge, 2nd A.S.; Johnson, P.Z., Janitor (re-invested). The Installing Principal gave a suitable address to each officer as he robed and invested them. One brother was proposed for exaltation at the next chapter meeting. The convocation was duly closed, and the usual good banquet followed. At the close of the banquet the M.E.Z. requested the companions to charge their glasses bumpers with champagne, for he had a toast to bring under their notice, which was "The Health of their Visiting Companion F. Walters, P.Z.," who had so kindly consented to do the ceremonies of

installations, and who had rendered them in such an able proficient, talented, and impressive manner, which must and was pleasing to all who had been present. They all felt obliged to him for doing so, and tendered him their best and warmest thanks. Comp. S. Noble, P.Z., also reiterated all the M.E.Z. had said, and supposed, like a dutiful child, Comp. F. Walters, P.Z., had come to his parent chapter, as nearly twelve years ago he had been exalted in that room they were then meeting in, and expressed a hope that he would often times come amongst them, and regretted they had unintentionally, in press of business, neglected giving him a vote of thanks, which he could assure him would be done the next time they met, and it would also be entered on the chapter minute book. Comp. G. Edgington, P.Z., in a similar strain, expressed the satisfaction they all felt in seeing him amongst them once more. Comp. F. Walters, P.Z., in a suitable speech, expressed his thanks for the warm, kind, and fraternal reception he had met with, and assured them whenever he could render them any help with the work, he would be delighted to do so. He regretted his inability to stay any longer, and as that was the fourth night he had been in Masonry that week, and had two more nights to follow, he, with regret, must wish them all good night, and a happy new year. He then left. The usual happy evening was spent.

MARK MASONRY.

METROPOLITAN.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 24).—The regula, meeting of this well-established Mark lodge was held at the George Hotel, Aldermanbury, on Monday, the 6th inst. Bro. R. W. Little, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Turner, S.W.; H. C. Levander, J.V.; H. P. Allender, M.O.; T. Wescombe, S.O. and Treas.; F. Walters, G.P., P.M., Sec.; J. McKiernan; H. Parker, Org., and others. The visitors were Bros. A. D. Loewenstark, P.G.S., P.M., and Treas. 22, P.M. and Treas. 86; H. Massey, J.O. 22. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. J. J. Farnham, W.M. Sirius Lodge, as a joining member, and it was declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission. Apologies were received from the numerous candidates, excusing and regretting their non-attendance which precluded them from being advanced. This being the election night for officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, the by-laws were read out aloud. The ballot for W.M. was unanimous in favour Bro. W. Turner, G.S., S.W., occupying that honourable post. The ballot for Treasurer resulted in the unanimous re-election of Bro. T. Wescombe. A show of hands resulted in the unanimous re-election of Bro. W. J. Laing as the Tyler for the ensuing year. It was proposed, seconded, and carried *nem con.*, that a three guinea Past Master's jewel be presented from the lodge funds to Bro. R. W. Little as a testimony of respect and gratitude for the able, efficient, and talented manner in which he had performed his duties as the W.M. of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. R. W. Little, W.M., returned thanks in an appropriate speech for this mark of their approbation. One brother was proposed for advancement at the next lodge meeting. An audit committee was elected and appointed. Business being ended, the lodge was duly closed until Monday, May 4th.

MASONIC FESTIVITIES.

SHEFFIELD.

MASONIC BALL.

This annual gathering took place on the 10th instant, in the Cutlers' Hall, and, if possible, passed off with even more success than has attended any of its predecessors.

This is saying much, for the balls which have been given under the auspices of the Masonic brethren, there have always been such exceedingly pleasant reunions as to make their recurrence a thing to be looked for and desired. The arrangements of the committee too, have generally been carried out with such spirit and liberality as to leave scarcely anything to be desired, and those who had the management of this ball admirably sustained the reputation the Masonic balls have obtained in that town and district.

There were about 300 persons present, including several gentlemen holding high position in the Masonic Order, some of whom were strangers to the brethren here, except by repute, and the ball was honoured by the distinguished presence of the Earl and Countess Fitzwilliam, Viscount and Viscountess Milton, Ladies Alice and Mary Fitzwilliam, Mr. and Lady B. Doync. With the party from Wentworth were Mr. Cecil Foljambe and another gentleman. Earl Fitzwilliam wore the usual emblem of a Knight of the Garter. The band, which was a very excellent one, was under the direction of Mr. C. Harvey, and amongst its members were several of the principal performers in Mr. Hall's well-known and magnificent band at Manchester.

Dancing commenced about 10 o'clock; and the company sat down, shortly after midnight, to a supper provided by Mr. Bland of the Brunswick Hotel.

We may mention that in the afternoon a Rose Croix Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on which occasion, owing to the absence of the Rev. P. Browne, M.W.S., Bro. W. White, P.M.W.S., acted as the M.W.S. Several distinguished guests were present, amongst whom were Bros. Lieut.-Col. Haworth, Deputy-Lieutenant and J.P., Malton; and B. Shaw, Huddersfield, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

CARMARTHEN.

MASONIC BANQUET.

The annual banquet of the Carmarthen brethren was held at the Old Ivy Bush Hotel, on Monday, the 30th ult. The chair was occupied by the new W.M., Bro. W. Davies, and the vice by the S.W., Bro. A. B. G. Brooke. Besides the two gentlemen mentioned, the following officers were elected: Bros. J. W. Thomas, as J.W.; T. Protheroe, S.D.; B. Davies, J.D.; Wm. Evans, J.G.; W. A. Thomas, S.S.; and T. W. A. Thompson, J.S. During the evening Bro. W. Davies was duly installed W.M.

REVIEWS.

The British, Irish, and Colonial Masonic Calendar for the Year 1868, containing Lists of Lodges, R.A. Chapters, &c., in England, Scotland, and Ireland, Canada, and the other Colonies; with an Epitome of Continental and American Grand Lodges. Edited by Bros. J. D. PORTEUS, 18°, and JAMES STEVENSON. Glasgow: W. Porteus. 1868.

We have noticed this Almanack in previous years as one of the most useful Masonic publications, and in drawing now the attention of our readers to its tenth issue, it gives us much pleasure to remark that, under its new and able management, extensive improvements have been introduced. Besides various useful additions made under the head of general information, we find that the lists of British and Foreign Lodges, as well as the "Masonic Memorabilia," have been thoroughly revised, and, in the compilers' own words, "weeded of all non-historical items, and enriched by the addition of several more important and historical notes." The Masonic data relating to the United Kingdom, occupying 157 closely-printed pages, are thus made as exhaustive as possible, and, by a judicious alphabetical arrangement, the reference is greatly facilitated.

The information respecting foreign countries and the British colonies has also been considerably improved and extended. Under the heads of France, Netherlands, and Italy some interesting tabulated statistics have been introduced, showing the number of Masonic bodies of various rites belonging to the province of each Grand Lodge, and with regard to France especially, the number of lodges working in each of the eight principal towns is given in full. The administrative effects which the political events of 1866 have wrought upon the con-

stitution of the German Grand Lodges, have been duly adverted to and explained; besides, we find under the head of "Germany," a list of the Committee and Corresponding Members of the German Masons' Union, an association of a very progressive character, and the proceedings of which have been reported from time to time in the columns of the *Freemasons' Magazine*. Next year's publication of the "British, Irish, and Colonial Masonic Calendar" is to undergo a further transformation. It is to appear under the title of "Universal Masonic Calendar, Pocket-book, and Diary," and in the polyglot address prefixed to this year's issue, we are promised complete lists of the subordinate lodges belonging to the respective provinces of all foreign Grand Lodges. It will give us pleasure to announce the successful carrying out of this plan. In the meantime, we feel it incumbent upon us to congratulate the editors of this Almanack on the very exhaustive character and excellent style in which this year's issue has been got up, forming, as it does, both the cheapest and most complete of all Masonic almanacks published throughout the world.

MEETINGS OF THE LEARNED SOCIETIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1st, 1868.

MONDAY, 27th.—Geographical Society, at 8-30, at Burlington House. Sir R. J. Murchison, Bart., Pres., in the chair. Paper to be read—Account of the Livingstone Search Expedition, by E. D. Young, Esq.

TUESDAY, 28th.—Institution of Civil Engineers, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, 29th.—Society of Arts, at 8.

METROPOLITAN LODGE MEETINGS, ETC., FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1st, 1868.

MONDAY, January 27th.—Lodge:—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, 4, Freemasons' Hall. Castle Lodge of Harmony, 26, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. Old King's Arms, 28, Freemasons' Hall. Pythagorean, 79, Lecture Hall, Royal Hill, Greenwich. Unity, 183, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. British Oak, 831, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Bancroft-place, Mile-end. Tower Hamlets Engineers, 902, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.

TUESDAY, January 28th.—Lodges:—Tuscan, 14, Freemasons' Hall. Moira, 92, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. Faith, 141, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Prudent Brethren, 145, Freemasons' Hall. Industry, 186, Freemasons' Hall. Israel, 205, Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars. Prince of Wales, 259, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. Southern Star, 1, 158, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth. Urban, 1, 196, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.

WEDNESDAY, January 29th.—Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. Lodge:—Temperance in the East, 898, Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

THURSDAY, January 30th.—Gen. Com. Female School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge:—Neptune, 22, Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars.

FRIDAY, January 31st.—House Com. Boys' School, at 3.

SATURDAY, February 1st.—Gen. Com. Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge:—St. Thomas's, 142, Radley's Hotel, Bridge-street, Blackfriars. Leigh, 957, Freemasons' Hall.

MASONIC LIFEBOAT FUND.

Contributions received:—Elias De Derham Lodge, No. 580, £3 3s.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE AND BRO. S. MAY

On Tuesday the 21st inst. an adjourned meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern of the Masonic and theatrical friends of the above-named gentleman.

Bro. John Udall, P.G.D., was unanimously called to the chair.

Bro. Thomas Beard, the hon. secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were put for confirmation, after which letters were read from various members of the theatrical profession, offering their assistance and service, both in pecuniary and professional manner. A communication was read from Mr. Burgess, of the Christy's Minstrels, fixing Monday, the 17th February as the day appointed for the morning performance at St. James' Hall, when the entire receipts will be devoted to Bro. May's testimonial. Several donations were announced, and among others a cheque for £25 from one of the most distinguished members of the theatrical body, accompanied by a letter, alike honourable to the donor and to the recipient; but, as the writer, from motives of delicacy, desired his name to be withheld, it is our duty to respect his wishes by observing that Masonic virtue—silence. Propositions were made for organizing theatrical performances at one or more of our Metropolitan theatres, and after other matters of detail had been gone into the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at 5 o'clock, p.m.

TURKISH BATHS FOR BRIGHTON.

We see in the list of names of directors and others, published in connection with the establishment of this much needed and certain-to-be profitable undertaking, so many that are eminent as Freemasons and well known not only in the province of Sussex but beyond it, that we feel the utmost confidence in recommending others, who may feel inclined to do so, to do what we have felt it a duty to do, to afford tangible support to the undertaking, and thereby in a practical way indorse the high opinions entertained of it by the many eminent provincial brethren, who have come forward to carry out such an important sanitary institution in a sound commercial way.

A reference to the names of the directors and the several officers of the company is sufficient as a guarantee for the able and honest conduct of the company's affairs, and from Masonic and long personal knowledge of the chairman, and of the managing director, as also of Bro. W. R. Wood and others of the board of directors, &c., all Past Masters; as also of the architect, Bro. H. N. Goulty, of Brighton and London, a member of the Yarborough (Sussex) Mount Lebanon, and other lodges, and of Bro. T. J. Sabine, the present Master of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, we feel justified in thus prominently bringing the undertaking before our readers. We have just learned that tenders have been received for erecting the necessary buildings.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ERRATA.—In the letter "Masons' Marks," in last week's MAGAZINE, in the 12th line, p. 51, insert the words, "and, in the absence of Plans of our *Medieval Buildings*, which were not made on paper or parchment."

M. M.—The names should not be furnished for publication by the Secretary or any other member of the lodge. A writer has no right, except by the request of, or by permission of, the W.M., to furnish any report of the business transacted in the lodge.—Ed. F. M.

J. K. (Falmouth).—The proceedings you have mentioned are undoubtedly wrong, especially upon the part of the two officers. Your remedy is to lay the facts before the Prov. G.M., who, no doubt, will assist you in every way.

THE BRITANNIC, as also Mount Lebanon reports of meeting, with several others to hand, will appear in our next.