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LONDON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1869.

## MASONIC CONGRESS AT PARIS.

By Bro. HYDE CLARKE.

The threatened attack of the Pope on the Freemasons at the forthcoming Ecumenical Council has deeply aroused the ire of our foreign brethren. Naturally, ourselves and the Americans care very little what the Pope and his myrmidons say for or against us, and as little for his Ecumenical Council, and what it may decree against us, as of Cardinal Cullen's denunciation of the Masonic Hall at Dublin. We meet all those things on the same footing, and thereby help to reduce them to insignificance.

Circumstances are different in France, Belgium, and some other countries, where the Pope and his partisans have for generations carried on a war against Freemasons, and where the memory of martyrs of the various tribunals of the Most Holy Inquisition has been freshly retained. Bull after Bull published against Freemasonry has attested the envenomed spite of the Pontiffs, and though they have failed in any degree to obstruct the progress of Freemasonry, they have been used by bishops and priests as means of social persecution. Dissension has been sown between husband and wife, the rites of marriage have been refused to daughters, and the dying Mason has been made to recant, that his wife's body might be laid in the same grave with his. These are not things of yesterday, but of to-day, and Masons in the presence of this warfare carry on their own campaign, and carry on hostilities against their common enemies. This warfare

again has damaged and exasperated the Pope, particularly in his homestead of Italy, and now his preserve of Spain is invaded.

The dastardly introduction of Freemasonry before the Council as something impious was meant to calumniate the institution, but it was perhaps little thought it would excite the members of the Masonic body to resistance. The protest of Masons coming in concert with those of many distinguished ecclesiastics will not be without weight, and will constitute one of the elements of reaction, which Papal intrigue has provoked.

At the last communication of the Grand Orient of France a requisition was presented which resulted in a resolution calling on the Grand Master and Council of the Order to convoke on the 8th of December next an extraordinary Convent of delegates of the lodges of the jurisdiction, of those of other rites, and of foreign lodges to draw up and vote a manifesto, which shall solemnly affirm in the face of the Ecumenical Council "the grand principles of universal human right, which are the basis and the glory" of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master has now called upon the lodges individually to vote on this measure, and it can hardly be doubted but that they will affirm it, and that the convention will be called. We may expect that, not only the lodges of the Grand Orient of France will take part in this convocation, but also those of the Supreme Council of France. Belgium we may naturally expect to take part, and the Italian lodges universally. A fair contingent may be expected from Germany and Switzerland. It is not impossible Sweden may be represented, but about Holland we are rather doubtful, though the "No Popery" feeling may be worked. It remains to be seen what our zealous brethren in Ireland may do. The new Grand Lodges of Spain, Roumania, and Greece may be expected to send their deputies. Many lodges of South America will be represented, and if there is time the authorities of the United States of North America may name delegates.

The results of this Convocation are likely to have a further bearing than upon the Pope and his Ecumenical Council, and may exercise a greater Masonic influence. We shall watch the further progress of the Convention, with some interest, for many reasons.

## GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY.

The progress which Freemasonry has made in Italy is attracting considerable attention amongst the various Masonic bodies throughout the world.

In England, however, but little interest has been displayed by the members of our Grand Lodge, and no official recognition has as yet been vouchsafed to the governing Masonic body having its head-quarters in Florence; indeed the Grand Lodge of England is looked upon by many foreign Masonic bodies as being not only cold, and unsympathetic, but we fear often uncourteous, if not un-Masonic.

Freemasonry, however, is making sound progress throughout Italy; the Grand Orient of Italy at Florence held its meeting in nine sittings beginning on the 15th of June last, when an adjustment of the relation between the whole of the Masonic bodies working in Italy, since the time of Italy being divided into several kingdoms and principalities was effected, and the organisation of the Grand Governing body was with the consent of all parties, finally settled; the materials for compiling the following, have been officially communicated to us by the Most Worshipful the Acting Grand Master Mason of Italy.

The Grand Orient, of Freemasonry, in Italy and for the Colonies and dependencies of the Italian Crown, was established in Florence in 1861. It was reconstructed in the year 1864, and further accessions of lodges and minor governing bodies were obtained in 1867, and by a definitive ordinance, after lengthened negotiations, the whole of the Masonic bodies in Italy having given in their adhesion, it became the sole Masonic governing body in the Italian Peninsula in June last, and a general assembly was held in Florence between the 15th and 20th of June, when the Illustrious Bro. General Joseph Garibaldi, 33°, "was elected the first Mason of Italy," and Honorary Grand Master for life. The second Honorary Grand Master then appointed was the Illus. Bro. Francois De Luca, 33°, Member of Parliament. The Acting Grand Master elected for three years from the 19th June 1869 is the Illustrious Bro. Colonel L. Frapolli, 33°, Member of Parliament. The first Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Mazzoni is well-known as ex. Triumver of Tuscany. The second Deputy Grand Master Bro. Francois Curzio, Member of Parliament. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Pio Aducci. The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Cesar

Correa. The Grand Registrar, Bro. Antoine Facci.

The following brethren were elected members of the Council of the Order.

General Frederic Pescetto, *M.P.*

Jean Nicotera, *M.P.*

Dominique Farini, *M.P.*

Xavier Nicolai, *M.P.*

Gherard Gherard.

Georges Asproni, *M.P.*

Americ Borgiotti.

Joachim Rasponi.

Admiral Jean Ricci, *M.P.*

Ignace Specchi, Senator.

Leopold Caccavale.

Antoine Oliva, *M.P.*

Fabius Cannella, *M.P.*

Anthelme Severini.

Alphonse Gabussi.

Dominique De Luca.

Conrad Tommasi-Crudeli.

Augustin De Pretis, *M.P.*

There are belonging to the present organisation, and working in communion 133 lodges in Italy besides 19 lodges in foreign countries. There is a Supreme Council of the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in Florence, under which there is a Consistory of 32°, a Council of the 30°, 5 conclaves, and 19 Rose Croix Chapters.

Of the 19 lodges working in foreign countries, two are in Constantinople; 4 in Smyrna and the neighbourhood; 1 in Salonica; 2 in Cairo; 3 in Alexandria (Egypt); 1 in Tripoli; 1 in Tunis; 1 in Lima, (Peru); 1 in Buneos Ayres and 3 in Montevideo.

There is an Official Bulletin of the Grand Orient, published twice a year in Florence, and *L'Avvenire Sociale*, published weekly in Palermo.

Thus it will be seen, Freemasonry has a sound footing in Italy, and we feel we are but echoing the sentiments of a great mass of our brethren in Italy, when we express a desire to see intimate official relations established between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of Italy.

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THE *London Scotsman* understands that the post of Engineer in the New Department of Post Office Telegraphs will be conferred upon Mr. R. S. Culley, the present engineer of the Electric and International Telegraph Company.

## OLD FREEMASONRY BEFORE GRAND LODGE.

By Bro. JOHN YARKER, jun., P.M.; P.M. M.K.; P.Z.; P.E.C.; &c., &c., &c.

I have read with great interest much of the correspondence appearing weekly in your pages, and to make a short article of a long subject, will at once proceed without preface to offer my protest against some of the opinions broached, and my own views thereon.

In the face of past Masonic secrecy and in the present state of Masonic archæology, no writer, however great his abilities is justified in asserting, that because documentary evidence of certain traditional beliefs have not been discovered by himself or friends, therefore, there is no truth in such traditional beliefs; we have at the present day far too much of this dogmatical writing, and the cause of the writers only is injured thereby; in other words I have *some* faith in the *morality* of those who in 1717 and after, collected the traditions of the period, however much I may disagree with the *views* they enunciated. As I have never hitherto been accused of any tendency to vanity, I think I may state without fear of such result, that during the last fifteen years I have read the bulk of what has been printed on Speculative Masonry, and the ancient and modern philosophical associations of Rosicrucians, &c., besides a goodly amount of MS. evidence, and that I am *therefore* inclined to place far more reliance upon the views of the "Ancients" than those of the "Moderns." By Speculative Masonry of last and previous century I understand, then, a system of seven or eight degrees practised at York, in London, and in France, and as a revised rite alleged to date from at least 1686; by strict operative and guild Masonry, I understand nothing more than what I find in the old MS. Constitutions; the system of the present Grand Lodge I consider is neither one or the other, but simply, what it has itself always claimed to be "*Modern Masonry*."

That the Master Masons degree should be a fabrication of 1717 is very unlikely, and there is nothing whatever to saddle such a gross imposition upon either the "Ancients" or "Moderns" beyond the fact that mention of it has not been found in the operative lodges of Scotland, and this I consider goes for very little indeed. York in 1725 alludes to the "Master" and the first

Constitutions of the 1717 G.L., lead us to believe (as was also stated by the Ancients) that such degree was conferred by the Ancient General Assemblies. Was it this degree and others of the speculative system which constituted Sir C. Wren, an "adopted brother" at St. Pauls in 1691? It sounds to sense that a Master's degree could be given only in the General Assemblies for the Master of a lodge being appointed for years, or even for life, no one in a private lodge could have conferred the dignity upon him; and it was evidently a fundamental principle of the operative Craft that all its grades were to be conferred by sign, grip, word, and ceremonial; and if such rule was followed in the case of a Master Mason it would certainly apply in the case of any other gentleman admitted by the assemblies, and in the case of any other orders or degrees such as the Rosy Cross or the Temple of which they might then be possessed. In the case of Scotland matters were very different, the Craft ceased their General Assembly, and placed the government of themselves in an hereditary Grand Master. Other evidence of a Master's degree besides that at Roslyn will I have no doubt eventually appear both in England and Scotland with the progress of Masonic Archæology.

I was at one time disposed to be very sceptical about the alleged Athelstan Constitution, but now think that there is evidence in Spain, long prior to 926 A.D., of similar Masonic Government and in Norway and other parts, of these Guild associations immediate to the time of Athelstan. That the body of stonemasons in England held an Annual General Assembly seems to admit of no manner of doubt. The constitutions of 1400 printed by Mr. J. O. Halliwell, says at page 16,

"That every Master, that ys a Mason,  
Most ben at the generale congregacyon."

and I may observe *en passant* that the first line of this quotation is in most singular coincidence with the 1500 MS. printed by Bro. Matthew Cooke, which states that the youngest son of Athelstan, became an operative mason, after having been a Master of Speculative Masonry, but neither of these MS. Constitutions allude to York, and no doubt it was intended that the General Assemblies might be held wherever occasion necessitated. It has, however, been asserted, that Sir Thomas Sackville held an assembly at York in 1561, and Bro. Godfrey Higgins seems to have received proof of this in a MS. obtained by G.M. Drake

from Pontefract Castle, where many documents were placed for security during the civil wars (Anacalypsis page 768); another valuable admission from a brother of Higgin's stamp is as to the antiquity of the degrees of the "Temple" and of "Holy Wisdom," and although he makes no mention of the Rose Croix, yet we know that it was possessed by them. There seems little reason to doubt that the ancient operative and speculative Craft Masonry of England was similar to that of the Haughfoot Lodge, rather than that of Kilwinning and of Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh; or to doubt that the English General Assemblies, were held pretty regularly during the reign of the Stuarts, and the supposition that the Civil wars tended to upset the old system and introduce the 1686 system, seems not wide of the mark, for we know that in 1663 such irregularities had occurred that that General Assembly endeavoured to enforce future obedience to one Grand Master, and enacted that no initiation should be legal unless in a lodge of five of whom two (*including the Master*) were to be operatives of the trade of Freemasonry. Had the ancient system been continued in England down to 1717, or even until 1702, as most modern writers are so anxious to persuade us that it did, we should have been in possession of such lodge minutes as they yet have in Scotland, and the proof of its having passed into a private association of a different character, is confirmed by such documents as we have, as well as by the absence of such as we ought to have had.

As there is no reason to suppose that the degree of Royal Arch can be legitimately separated from the other High Grades with which it has always been associated, so we know, thanks to Bro. Hughan's discovery of D'Assigny's work, that these degrees were practised at York in 1744, and probably very long prior thereto, but it seems probable, for various reasons, that a ceremonial revision took place in 1761 on the revival, and that while the series at York at this time was, 4°, R.A., 5° K.T., 6° Holy Wisdom, 7° Rosy Cross, in the South it was, R.A., Rosy Cross, Templar and Kadosh, and claiming from the Rosicrucians, but we require further information hereon before we can speak with precision; and this brings us to the present position of the Royal Order of Scotland, with an authentic history from 1740, its legendary history being contrary to all historical research and the views of about 1750, viz., a pure Templar origin from 1314, for what in the South

of England claimed a Rosicrucian Origin. I am informed on good authority that the first degree of this Order—H.R.M.—is the Ancient Scottish Ceremony of a Master Mason, christianised, and containing the Word, as was the case in England until Bro. Dunckerley transferred it to the Arch ceremony, the second degree—R.S.Y. C.S.S.—corresponds with the Rose Croix. This points to the selection of the two principal degrees of the Ancient Rite on the establishment of the Modern Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736, and is another proof of traditional antiquity at that time. Regarding the traditional history of the Rose Croix, I may say that any one who reads impartially the Rosicrucian works will be quite convinced of the influence, that brotherhood exercised on the Speculative Masonry of the present day.

I may say that I am aware that Sir Walter Scott, Jacobus van Lennep, Sir Richard Broun, and Dr. Burnes state that the Order of the Temple was continued in Scotland separately from the Hospital till nearly 1500, but no evidence of this has been tendered, and such charter evidence as we have access to evidently make against the view. Possibly, with the gift of the Templar estates, the Bruce compelled an equal reception from the Hospital, and we may believe that even in some commandries the Temple element may have swamped the Hospital; the election, also, of David Seaton as Grand Prior of Scotland of the Temple and Hospital, seems never to have been acknowledged at Malta, and there is little doubt that it ensued from this election that with one or two intervening names which may be discovered, Viscount Dundee was Grand Prior or Master until he fell in 1689, but whether there was a *forced* connection with Freemasonry in England (as there was doubtless a speculative and *unofficial* connection both in England and Scotland, long prior thereto), is not certain but only traditional. Prince Charles Edward Stuart after his election at Holyrood in 1745, seems to have appointed Templar Commanders of Masonic Provinces, that of Germany being the seventh, but this confers no superiority upon the present Chapter General of Scotland, the *chances* being that the Masonic element was first incorporated in England. Much has been said in Scotland regarding the ancient nobiliary proofs, those writers are probably not aware that they were officially expunged for Britain in 1545, after the reformation.

I am requested to say something here respect-

ing the Order of the "Red Cross of Constantine," this article is already too long, and I cannot accede to the request for other reasons; I may however state, that at the request of eminent Masons the history of that venerable Order is being collected from authentic family documents and other sources, and the history might possibly be obtained for these pages, should their readers desire it. I now refer to the ancient, legitimate, genuine decoration, of the family of St. Constantine, or the Great, and not to the Masonic Order of the same name, for upon the Grand Mastership of the genuine order the late Duke of Sussex could have no more claim than I have to those of the Golden Fleece of Philip of Burgundy, the Star of France, or the Garter of England.

#### THE HAUGHFOOT LODGE AND SPECULATIVE MASONRY.

By R. S.

EXTRACTS FROM OLD RECORDS OF HAUGHFOOT LODGE.—*contd.*

"At Haughfoot, Tuesday, the 27th

"December, 1709.

"Being St. John's Day.

"List of the Masons belonging to that lodge according to the seniority, John Hoppringle of yt ilk, James Pringle his brother, Andrew Thomson, Sir James Scott of Gala, Thomas Scott his brother, James Pringle in Haughfoot, Robt. Lowrie in Stow, Willm. Cairncross in Sockbridge George Cairncross in Galashiels, James Frier, there, William Borthwick of Falahill, Walter Scott now in Stow, Alexr. Young Chyrmgeon, Willm. Lowrie in Stow, John Scott Chyrmgeon, Alexr. Baillie of Athestiell, John Younger writer Edinburgh, Willm. Pringle now in Dalkeith, Andrew Hardie now in Dalkeith, John Young in Stow George Gray in Faims Louend, William Craig in Torwoodlie, John Clapperton in Stow, Thomas Frier in Galashiels, John Sanderson there.

"William Borthwick of Falahill was chosen preses for the insuing year, till St. John's day next, with ye same privilidges and commission of former presses.

"James Pringle, brother to Torsonce, John Scott Chyrmgeon, and William Pringle in Dalkeith, were excused for their absence.

"John Pringle, wright, Alexr. Young, Chyrm-

geon, Alexr. Baillie of Ashisteill, John Younger, writer in Edinburgh, and Andrew Hardie being absent, and having sent no excuse to the meeting are fined each in one pund Scotts, and the Box Master ordained to call in the sd. fines.

Andrew Thomson in Galashiels is continued Box Master for the insuing year till St. John's Day next.

"The Box Master reports yt conforme to the warrant last St. John's Day he lent to James Pringle, in Haughfoot, on his personall security twentie four punds.

"The meeting allowed to the sd. James Pringle the use of the sd. £24 till this day gratis, and continued in the sd. James Pringle's hands, the sd. soume till St. John's Day next, and ordained the Box Master to take a formall bond from him for it, bearing a rent from this day.

"The former commission anent admitting of intrants in the terms it was granted, St. John's Day 1708, is continued till St. John's Day 1710.

"William Borthwick of Falahill payd. in to the Box Master one pund Scotts as his fine for absence 27 Decr. 1708.

"Sir James Scott of Gala, payd. in to the Box Master the deficiency of his entrie 13 sh., and £2 10 sh. for his fines as marked in the state debts 27 Decr. 1708.

"James Pringle of Torwoodlie, gave in his petition to be admitted apprentice and fellowcraft which was agreed to, and he accordingly admitted, and he payd. in to the Box Master for his entry six punds Scotts.

"William Cairncross yr and James Brysome gave in their petition to be admitted to the society which was agreed to as apprentices only, and they were admitted accordingly, and each of them were appointed to pay in to the Box Master for their entry one pund Scotts.

"James Brysome as youngest apprentice appointed officer for the insuing year, till St. John's Day 1710.

"The Box Master agrees to pay a rent for what money of the publick stock is found in his hand at this day, from the date hereof till St. John's Day next. And it is remitted to Torsonce to state the same with the Box Master, and subjoin the state in this book.

("Here follows again the state of the Publick Stock.)

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| Charge against Andrew Thomson, Box Master Pr Sedurent 27 Decr., 1708, found in his hands at Candlemass 1708, bearing rent from that time..... | £43 : 01 : — |
| A rent yr of to 27 Decr. 1708.....  | 2 : 04 : —   |
| Pr. received by him betwixt Candlemass and 27th Decr., 1708, as then stated...  | 10 : 14 : 9  |
| Soume in his hands 27 Decr., 1708.....  | £55 : 19 : 9 |
| Then lent pr. warrant to James Pringle ...  | 24 : — : —   |
| Resting in his hands bearing a rent from that time .....  | 31 : 19 : 9  |
| A rent yr of for a year to 27 M., 1709.....   | 1 : 15 : 3   |
| Pr received this day as before marked.....  | 06 : — : —   |
| From Torwoodlie .....   | 01 : — : —   |
| From Sir James Scott,.....  | 03 : 03 : —  |
| From William Cairncross.....  | 01 : — : —   |
| From James Bryson.....  | 01 : — : —   |
| In all in his hands this 27 Decr. 1709 for which he is to pay a rent till St. John's Day, 1710.....   | £45 : 18 : — |
| Pr in James Pringle's hands which bears a rent from this day the last year, a rent being forgotten .....                                      | 24 : — : —   |
|   | 69 : 18 : —  |

Follows a list of deficient in fines to be called in by the Box Master :—

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| John Pringle, wright absence 27 Decr. 1707 ..... | 01 : — : — |
| Alexr. Young Chyr. ....                          | 01 : — : — |
| Ashistiell .....                                 | 01 : — : — |
| John Younger.....                                | 01 : — : — |

"For absents 27 Decr. 1709.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| John Pringle, wright..... | 01 : — : — |
| Alexr. Young, Chyr. ....  | 01 : — : — |
| Ashisteill .....          | 01 : — : — |
| John Younger.....         | 01 : — : — |
| Andrew Hardie .....       | 01 : — : — |

In all..... 09 : — : —

"Haughfoot, Decr. 27th, 1710.

("A list of Masons given, 26 in number same as 1709.)\*

"James Pringle chosen preses for this day.

"Sir James Scott, John Pringle, John Younger, Alex. Young, Falahill, Ashisteill, Torwoodlie and William Pringle, fined for absence in one pund Scotts each.

"Torsonce and Walter Scott excused because

\* There is evidently a change in the writing of the records this year—and in part of 1709—also I observe two of the old Masons names struck off the list by death—although no minute is taken of the same, one in 1711 makes provision for the relief of the widows.

of their letter testifieing their necessary absence being produced.

"This day, Adam Clapperton and Patrick Sanderson were admitted into this lodge, and received the word in common form, and they are to pay 20 sh. Scotts each, conform to custom.

"Sd. day Torwoodlie chosen preses untill next meeting, and Andrew Thomson continued Treasurer.

"Sd. day Overture given in by Ashisteill that this lodge should be altered in respect its inconvenience\*

"Edinburgh 24 Jany., 1711.

"Mett John Hoppringle of that Ilk, Wm. Borthwick of Falahill, Thomas Scott brother to Gala, John Younger writer in Edinr. and Andrew Thomson in Galashiels, Masons of the Lodge of Haughfoot, and admitted Mr. John Mitchelson of Middleton† Apprentice and Fellowcraft in common form, who paid in to the Box Master six pund Scotts.

(To be continued.)

#### MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

##### THE PYRAMIDS.

Sir Henry James has given something sensible regarding the Pyramids, and their angles of inclination, &c. He shows that their builders were looking to the *stones* when constructing them—not to the stars.—W.P.B.

##### FREEMASONRY AND ITS ORIGINATORS.

It seems to me that the study of what may be called the architectural portions of our rituals, &c., shows that they were manufactured by the disciples of Palladio. At the beginning of last century the pseudo-classic was all the rage, while the spirit and grand works of our 13th and 14th century Masons were then despised! Palladio, who was born in 1518, flourished in the latter half of the 16th century, and died in 1580. His "Treatise on Architecture" served as a great text-book for our 17th and 18th century architects. The Palladian style was introduced into England by Inigo Jones (first half of 17th century), and greatly died away in the time of Sir William Chambers, who was born in 1726 and died in 1796. Had *speculative* Masonry really been practised by our cathedral builders, we, as their supposed successors, should have rather more of their spirit and ideas amongst us than we have; whereas the ideas we do have breathe the spirit extant at the

\* I presume the inconvenience would arise from the fact of members residing at considerable distances from the lodge. However this overture does not seem to be taken notice of at any other meeting following.

† Middleton is about half way between Haughfoot and Edinburgh, probably this was the reason the lodge was held in the latter place.

beginning of last century. I think that those of my brethren who understand the history, etc., of architecture will know what I mean.—W. P. BUCHAN.

#### SYMBOLISM IN ROSLYN CHAPEL.

*Inter alia*, in his remarks upon Roslyn, Billings observes,—“But whether, in this late specimen, the artist was influenced by the spirit of symbolisation which imbued Vincent de Beauvais and his followers, may be doubted. The influence of these encyclopædias in stone was dying out.” The following from Mackenzie’s Imperial Dictionary will also be useful,—“Vincent of Beauvais, a Dominican of the 13th century, regarded as the precursor of the encyclopædists, at a time when the word encyclopædia was not invented. He was reader to St. Louis, King of France, and tutor to his children. He compiled a summary of general knowledge, under the title of “*Speculum Majus*,” containing subjects of a natural, philosophical, and historical kind. As the work contains the opinions of authors who are not now extant, it possesses considerable curiosity; in general, however, it only displays the ignorance and superstition of the age in which it was written. Vincent is supposed to have died about 1264.—W.J.P.”

#### MASONIC REPORTING (p. 282).

Will “Crescent” explain what he means by “an unqualified brother,” at page 283, especially in connexion with the office of Master?—PICTUS.

#### MASONIC REPORTING.—BY CRESCENT.

I consider “Crescent” is mistaken upon this subject. Instead of considering that the Magazine should be a *faithful* “Mirror,” he would have it only to record the fair side of matters; all cancerous sores he would have plastered over, etc., whereas, if there be anything going on that is wrong in principle, there is nothing like setting it in the Mirror to put things right. A little ventilation does good, and so did that which “Crescent” refers to at foot of page 283, first column. More, read the lodge reports published since, and it will be seen that that was merely a passing gale, and that one of the principal supporters of the then victor is his then opponent, showing that a passing “spar” left no un-Masonic feelings of envy behind it. Then, as to the remarks of “Crescent” upon the antiquity of “Masonry,” he is simple indeed. As to *operative* Masonry, the antiquity of it is admitted by all; but, as to *speculative* Masonry, if he considers it to be older than a century and a half, let him prove it, and also show how old his pretended “traditions” of the Craft are? He should remember that truth is of more importance in Masonry than pandering to mushroom traditionary pseudo-Masonic notions.—OBSERVER.

#### BROS. HUGHAN, AND BUCHAN.

Bro. Hughan says (p. 289), before 1717 “Masonry was practised as a secret society, and on a different basis, to any other trade incorporations or guilds.” Will he explain this and show wherein the particular difference consisted? also, wherein consisted his “speculative Masonry” which—page 288—he says existed “before 1717?”

Bro. Buchan then, at page 287, asserts that there was no *speculative* Masonry, or Freemasonry, before 1717; but that the old Masons’ societies, as he else-

where says, were merely *similar* to those of other co-existent trades; therefore, Bro. Hughan has to prove that *speculative* Masonry existed before 1717; while Bro. Buchan has to show that other trades had secrets and words and grips as well as Masons. Come to the point.—POINTED.

#### THE RITUAL QUESTION.

The remarks of Bro. Hyde Clarke (page 289) are very *apropos*. It would be premature at present to attempt to lay down any authoritative ritual, let us exactly understand our historical position first, after which there might be some hope of our would-be ritual-reformers giving something sensible and permanent.—W.P.B.

#### SCOTCH LODGES.

As “R.W.M.” admits that he never even heard of a certain part of the O.B. which I saw administered in a Scotch lodge, he cannot be accepted as much of an authority. In reply to his remarks, I have simply to say that I spoke of what I knew, and testified to what I had seen.—J.A.H.

#### EDUCATION.

That there is great necessity for the spread of education amongst the Freemasons cannot be doubted; that there is great necessity for the spread of education amongst the masses cannot be doubted; that “more light” is needed everywhere cannot be doubted; in fact, this is being felt now almost everywhere, and the cry is over all the land,—“Send the schoolmaster abroad.” This is a matter which particularly interests Freemasons; with them all men, independent of their particular creed, who believe in God are eligible as members; they give “light” alike to the Jew and Gentile, the Saxon or the Turk; consequently, to be consistent, they ought to see that the “light” that is the *light of education* is given to all members of the rising generation apart from any sectarian creed. Independent of any religious dogma, our coming men ought to have given to them such a secular or unsectarian education as will enable them to think and judge for themselves; while religious teaching, being a thing *per se*, could be given at home or at the Sunday-schools.\* In 1738 Pope Clement XII. remarked that “a society had been formed into which persons of all religions and all sects are indiscriminately admitted.” Well, the sooner Pope Pius IX. can say that “*National schools* have been formed into which children of all religions and all sects are indiscriminately admitted,” the better. The progress of the world is bound up in that one word “Education.” By-and-bye, we trust it will assist in beating the sword into the ploughshare, and the spear into the pruning-hook!—W. P. BUCHAN.

\* I do not disparage religious education; for, while I admit that “secular education is the handmaid of religion,” I also consider that true religious education is “the beneficent source of secular enlightenment;” but if bigotry and ignorance are to be dispelled, we must impart good secular education, so as to give, as it were, eyes to the soul, by which it may be enabled to see for itself, and, using the privilege of its manhood, think and judge for itself. Then, trusting in God, we hope that whatever religion is, really the best and truest will ultimately triumph in the end. Any pretended religion afraid of such a test must have something wrong with itself.—W.P.B.



## THE ROYAL ORDER.

Bro. "Pictus" is very adroit at evading the issue between us, but, as a "canny Scot," he cannot expect your readers to be fully satisfied with a vague reference to what some other brother is going to do in proving something else equally undefined. If "Pictus" will refer to the innocent remarks of mine which first evoked his animadversions, he will see that I have committed myself to no definite opinion as to the date of the institution of the Royal Order.—J.A.H.

## THE ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

I hope before very long to publish in the pages of the *Magazine* some of the evidences I have collected in respect of the antiquity of our Order. I am encouraged to do this by the very able and fraternal letter of Bro. Hughan which appeared in your last number, and which places the whole controversy in its true light. For it is not and never should be made a question of personal views and preconceived opinions, but should rest on historical evidence and historical evidence alone! With respect to the age of the Masonic Poem, I can only repeat pace Bro. Buchan, that the most competent authorities on the age of MSS. have agreed, and still agree that its date may be safely ascribed to the end of the 14th century, from 1380 to 1400. I do not know what Bro. Buchan means by "its internal evidence shows it was not of the 14th," and it is quite clear to me that he could have read neither it nor the prose Constitutions, edited by Bro. M. Cooke, carefully, when he says that neither of them "shows any evidence of speculative Masonry among their writers."—A MASONIC STUDENT.

## SCOTUS AND J.A.H.

After the avowal of J.A.H. that he is on regimen, and can only assist at gastronomical celebrations and cannot assist in them, and after his allusion to the fact that the members of our lodges are more given to toddy than to solid banquets, I have no right to press the matter of "personal gastronomic feats" on J.A.H. He will not blame me for still standing up for the honour of auld Scotland on the several points.—SCOTUS.

## BROS. HUGHAN, BUCHAN, AND J.A.H.

After Bro. Hughan's very clear and able letter, Bro. Buchan cannot claim him as a supporter of the pure 1717 theory. In fact, Bro. Hughan completely gives it up—and Bro. Buchan at the same time—when he says so well,—“Long before the Grand Lodge of England was established, Masonry was practised as a secret society, and on a different basis to any other trade incorporations or guilds.” Even the minutes of lodges recently quoted by Bro. Hughan and others, prove incontestably how utterly hopeless and untenable is the mistaken theory Bro. Buchan has set himself with such energy and determination to uphold.—A MASONIC STUDENT.

## TOULMIN SMITH'S ENGLISH GILDS.

I beg to call the attention of Bros. Hughan, Buchan, and others engaged in the investigation of Masonic archæology to the "English Gilds" of Toulmin Smith which has just appeared. Mr. Toulmin Smith

spent many years on this work, and collected a mass of material. He was, as we know, a laborious and zealous inquirer. As yet I have had only a cursory glance at the subject, and so far the guilds or gilds of Masons figure but little in the book. Toulmin Smith had other objects than the illustration of what we know as Masonry; one special topic of his is the relationship of guilds as friendly societies and trades unions.

A very important appreciation of his labours is the distinction between social gilds and trade gilds, and this has its bearing on the question of what many call "speculative Masonry," the mediæval existence of which some doubt. Bro. Buchan is one of these, but his reduction of Orchard Halliwell's MSS. by one century, is really a matter of no moment in the investigation. Where he is doing more valuable work is by calling attention to the Scotch Burgh records. The records published by Toulmin Smith are, however, more minute in their details. Adopting wholly Bro. Hughan's views (pp. 288, 298), and partly a suggestion of Bro. Buchan's, I think it possible that "speculative" Masonry may have been connected mediævally with a social guild, and that in England Masonry had an independent descent from the social guilds, and that when it was developed in the 17th century in England and passed into Scotland, it was there, as he proposes, grafted on the trade guilds. There is much that is now dark and mysterious to be lighted up; but I think it not unattainable in the present progress of research.

Upon the subject of secrets and oaths for keeping guild secrets, Toulmin Smith contains much curious matter, all tending in my view to attest the antiquity of Masonic forms, and not, as Bro. Buchan thinks, to show they are absolutely modern.

In this I think we are safe, that Masonry in Scotland in any shape is a reflex of the institutions of England, although in many instances independently modified.

With regard to Bro. Younghusband's MSS., Bro. Buchan has taken a wrong view. I place the copy purposely at a late date, and have said 1720 to 1740, and am within limits; but, as the MSS. is now pasted or mounted, I cannot decide whether it is not older, and it is much more likely to be of the 17th century. I have, however, said distinctly that it is a transcript by an illiterate person of an older MSS., so that the contents of the MSS. are older than 1720. They conform, in fact, to one of Toulmin Smith's guild regulations, to the older MSS., and that quoted by Bro. Buchan at p. 298. The MSS. is of the latter class.—HYDE CLARKE.

## DARWIN'S THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES.

Is there any sympathy or similitude between the Darwinian theory and the old notion of the transmutation of metals?—W. P. BUCHAN.

## TRADESMEN IN LODGES.

Whatever may have been the cause, and however Bro. Buchan may doubt the fact, I repeat that within my own knowledge there was such a rule of exclusion in some lodges until our own times. If it were not for obvious reasons, I could name eminent brethren who, on this very ground, were several years before they could gain admission to the Order.—J.A.H.



## THE CARBONARI.

Some persons are very fond of taking all kinds of degrees, which may be got by paying for. Such are cautioned against including in their list the old society of the Carbonari, which is still in vigour among the Italians, including, it is supposed, their English colony. At all events they have initiates among the English. The Carbonari constitute a distinctly political society, and, as is well enough known, the poignard is the instrument of their behests. This is not metaphorical, but practical. The Carbonari are quite willing to accept recruits, who are bound to explicit obedience, and an Englishman may find himself fixed upon to commit an assassination, or to provide the funds or means for it, under the alternative of being himself assassinated.—*NOTA.*

## OLD FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Buchan should remember that "drowning" men are proverbially saved from a worse fate. However, Bro. Hughan has "drowned" the year 1717 without leaving Bro. Buchan even the customary "straw."—J.A.H.

## ITALIAN MASONRY IN TURKEY.

The English jurisdiction may be regarded as having developed Masonry in Turkey, but of late years exertions have been relaxed, now Italian Masonry has made progress. The Italian Grand Lodge of Florence has 14 lodges—2 at Constantinople, 3 at Smyrna, 1 at Magnesia, 1 at Salonika, 3 at Alexandria, 2 at Cairo, 1 at Tripoli, and 1 at Tunis.—*NOTA.*

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## THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—Those brethren who have read the Book of Constitutions—the only work emanating directly from Grand Lodge respecting Freemasonry—cannot have failed to notice its division into two parts; the first containing the *ancient* charges of a Freemason.

It might have been supposed that such a work would have contained some allusion to the origin and objects of Freemasonry; but, beyond a mere reference to the original rulers and patrons of the Order, that it had an *original* plan, is a *mystic art*, is an *ancient science*, total darkness reigns.

One of two things then is certain; either the Order really possesses a history corresponding with the characteristics alluded to, or it does not. If it does, then unquestionable historical landmarks must exist somewhere by which its pretensions to antiquity can be established. Mystic rites must be skilfully practised to make it a mystic art. General principles, having some particular aim in view, must be studied to constitute it a science. The names of the original rulers and patrons of the Order should be known; and there should be an original plan of the structure; the whole of which should be accessible to such brethren as may be desirous of such knowledge.

Many have written on these subjects, and Bro. Oliver in particular; but a perusal of their works does not satisfy the mind. They are theoretical, not demonstrative; and I have been induced to make this communication in the hope that Bro. Melville may obtain that consideration which his labour for years fully entitles him to; for, being practically acquainted with his system, I am in a position to assert that it is astounding; the result of my own investigations being a belief that ceremonies, circumstances, and events, theological, Masonical, mythological, and historical, have either been compiled from the objects delineated in the Celestial Atlas, or the objects have been made to correspond with them, in accordance with a *law which alters not*, and is remarkable for its simplicity.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE F. EVANS.

Hobart Town, Tasmania. 12th August, 1869.

## SPECULATIVE MASONRY.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—I hasten to make the *amende honorable* to Bro. Hughan. I beg to apologize for having supposed that he endorsed Bro. Buchan's views.

The following shows how very much Bro. Buchan differs from Bro. Hughan:—

"Ask for proof of speculative Masonry being practised before 1717 and you cannot get it."—Bro. Buchan, *Magazine*, Oct. 9.

"The absurd notion that there was no speculative Masonry before 1717."—Bro. Hughan, *Magazine*, Oct. 9.

I am glad to find that after all Bro. Hughan and myself are agreed in opinion. Bro. Buchan will, perhaps, be better satisfied now that Bro. Hughan has condemned the "absurd notion" which he is constantly reiterating without a shadow of *proof* that there "was no speculative Masonry before 1717."

Yours fraternally,

Oct. 9th, 1869.

J.A.H.

## UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

"In those days there was no King in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes."—Judges, 21, xxv.

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—Every student of history, either sacred or profane, is well aware of the anarchy and confusion that are sure to ensue in any state which, for the time being, has either no recognized head or where there is no controlling power; where every man is allowed "to do that which is right in his own eyes." This universally admitted truth, I believe, to be as applicable to Freemasonry as to any other state of society; and yet we appear to be bordering on this state of anarchy, even if we are not fairly plunged into it, so far as the rendering of our rites and the celebration of our ceremonies are concerned. Every Mason who, like "our ancient brethren," has travelled, whether to the east or to the west, in search of light or in the desire to impart it, must have been painfully struck with the various readings. He must have heard of what purports to be a perfect ceremony, handed down from our ancient brethren, the landmarks of which every W.M. solemnly promises to carefully preserve. Yet scarcely two lodges

work precisely alike. In the provinces you may detect at least 20 different ways of working; and here, at the fountain head, where we are supposed to be under the immediate eye of Grand Lodge, how many different modes have we?

In the *Magazine* of the 11th ult., I see a letter headed, "Broadfoot, Thompson, and Muggeridge's Ritual." We have seen and heard of Stephen Barton Wilson's Ritual; we have also of Bros. Thomas and Brett's mode of work, and lots of others less known to fame; and then many W.M.'s and their officers make a hash by compounding two or more systems into one unsystematic jumble; "each doing that which is right in his own eyes."

This anomalous state of things has been noted by brethren higher in the Craft, and commented on by abler pens than mine, for some time past; but the turning-point, I think, has at length been reached.

The Union Waterloo Lodge, doubtless, had felt the want of an authorized version of the ritual; but our Grand Officers tell us distinctly that they have not sanctioned *any* ritual, and the Grand Registrar is reported to have said that it did not matter whether the W.M. or Bro. H. was in right, or whether the ritual was Bro. Muggeridge's or any other's, as "that was not a question for them to decide." It is plain, therefore, that there is no limit to the innovations that may be made by two classes of workers—those with defective memories, and those whose imaginations outstrip their judgment. It is stated that "the great difficulty is to obtain a competent tribunal." True, but greater difficulties have been overcome when there is an earnest desire to accomplish the work.

Let Grand Lodge depute, say half-a-dozen, of the best Preceptors to meet and confer; let them report to the Board of General Purposes, who should if necessary try to aid in the amalgamation of the best points of each system; let the Board itself report to a select committee of literary brethren specially appointed by the Grand Master, and let their report be presented to Grand Lodge, when, if it met their approval and was sanctioned by the Grand Master, we should have a form of ritual to refer to; one that could be taught in all our lodges of instruction and introduced into all our provincial assemblies. If a plan like this met with the approval of Grand Lodge, there would be very little difficulty in finding P.M.'s, who are not mere parrots to repeat by rote what they have been taught, but men who would give correct grammatical sentences, and also an intelligent reason for the use of the terms employed.

Let the sister Grand Lodges be asked to co-operate with us in this movement; we are on friendly terms with them, and, though we should have much to impart to our Scotch and Irish brethren, yet we should find that we had also something to learn. I know that with certain parties it is considered quite correct to sneer at Irish and Scotch workings; but I have seen in Dublin, Belfast, Ayr, and Glasgow, work that that would have reflected credit on any officer of our own Grand Lodge. We must not imagine that we possess all the light, or that the dust of ages has not obscured some of the panes, it may be in the dormer window, of our Temple, while, from presenting another aspect to the sun and rain, those very parts in Scotland may have remained clear and bright; at any rate, if

uniformity is desirable in England, it is sadly desirable throughout the United Kingdom. To this end the letters of your correspondents, "Crux," "Crescent," and others tend; and by none others will it be more warmly welcomed than by

Yours fraternally,  
G. W. W.

#### ENGLISH MARK LODGES.

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

Dear Sir and Brother.—The closing sentence in a report of a meeting of St. Andrew's Mark Lodge (No. 22, S.C.) at Manchester, in your last number, p. 295, is, I am sure, worthy of notice and endorsement by all good Mark Masons. Much has of late appeared in your pages respecting the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters and the lodges holding warrants from Scotland, and amongst the writers on this subject is one whose opinions I generally agree with, but I fear, in the last article from his pen (pp. 284 and 285), there is much that will tend rather to open than heal the breach between the conflicting jurisdictions. Surely a little good management and forbearance on both sides would bring about the much-wished-for day, when all Mark Masters advanced in England will "acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales." With your correspondent, "Crescent," I would not suppose for a moment that the matter of fees stands in the way. Neither can I suppose that our Grand Lodge would grudge a grant of warrants free of expense to the twelve lodges now holding them from Scotland, conditionally upon the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland acknowledging our supremacy south of the Tweed. Then with regard to the seniority of lodge numbers, a plan might be adopted which would not give offence to the brethren under either jurisdiction. According to the return now before me I see that there are at present no less than eleven lodges under the English constitution in abeyance, viz., 4, 11, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, and 44. Why could not the Scotch lodges take these numbers as far as they hold out? Surely a union under the rule of a Grand Lodge so well managed as the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in London is, with a well supported Benevolent Fund to relieve the distressed, would be far preferable to the present un-Masonic state of things, and no one can deny that those who will bring about such a happy state, will deserve well of both the Grand Bodies.

Yours fraternally,

A W.M. UNDER THE ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

#### GRAND LODGE HONOURS.

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

Dear Sir and Brother.—I am much obliged to some one who has coupled my name with that of a distinguished scientific man, Bro. Dr. Richardson, *F.R.S.* (p. 291), but he appears also to have intimated that I am entitled as a contributor to your *Magazine*, to Grand Lodge honours. Although during many years, in common with Bro. Havers and many leading promoters of the Craft, I supported the *Freemasons' Magazine*, I am unaware of any contribution of mine to its pages which would entitle me to higher honours than those that I held. I cannot but be grateful to others for good opinions, but I must disclaim any concurrence on such a ground for the distinction assigned.

Yours fraternally,  
HYDE CLARKE.

#### MASONIC LIFEBOAT.

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

Dear Sir and Brother.—How is it that the "Odd-fellows" have launched Two Lifeboats, and we "poor Masons" cannot launch one?

Yours fraternally,  
12th Oct., 1869. A P.G.O. OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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### MASONIC MEMS.

PORTRAITS of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, *K.T.*, *G.C.B.*, M.W.G.M. Mason of Scotland, can now be obtained at this office, price 3s. 6d. each. Copies, with ornamental border and Masonic emblems printed in gold, on large size paper can be had, price 10s. 6d.

GRAND LODGE OF ROUMANIA.—We have reason to believe that a Grand Lodge of Roumania has been constituted, and if we understand properly, there are Provincial Grand Masters of Moldavia and Wallachia.

A NEW MASONIC TITLE.—Bro. General Garibaldi is dubbed by the Italian Masons "Premier Mason of Italy."

Bro. JOHN HENDERSON, of Woolwich, whose name was mentioned in the reports of the Union Waterloo (No. 13), and the Nelson (No. 700), is the Senior P.M. and Treas. of the former lodge and Secretary of the latter.

### METROPOLITAN.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).—This numerous and influential lodge held the first meeting of the present session on Tuesday, the 5th inst., in their lodge-room, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present: Bros. Joseph Tanner, W.M.; F. J. Cex, S.W.; Smithly, J.W.; Bond, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Wynne, P.M., Sec.; Youle, S.D.; Reynolds, J.D.; Hastelow, Dir. of Cers.; Prince, I.G.; and a numbers of P.M.'s, as Bros. S. May, E. Farthing, sen., T. Beard, Henry and W. W. Wynne. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Norris, W.M. 21, P.G. Steward; T. Wescombe, Prov. G. Sec. Kent; B. P. Todd, P.M. 27; Storr, P.M. 453, &c. Mr. Marmaduke Lintt was initiated, and the lodge was closed, there being no other business, after which the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was enlivened with some very good songs.

LODGE OF FAITH, No. 141.—This lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the W.M., Bro. G. Hyde, in the chair, supported by P.M.'s Harris, I.P.M.; Gottheil, Stewart, Hopwood, Anslow, Hope, &c. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Moulton was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Davis was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. An election then took place for W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Hill, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. Carter, Treas.; and Longstaff, Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Anslow, P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., who briefly returned thanks. The visitors were Bros. Mortlock, P.M. 174; Lacy, 174; and several other brethren.

THE OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—This lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., the W.M., Bro. George King, in the chair, the following business being upon the summons: To ballot for and initiate Mr. James C. Willett, wine merchant, 54, Gloucester-street, Pimlico; to ballot for, as joining members, Bro. Mott, late New Concord, 813, proposed by Bro. Emmens, P.M. & Sec., and seconded by Bro. Masterman, S.W.; Bro. Probyn, of Whittington Lodge, 865, proposed by Bro. Stacy and seconded by Bro. Emmens, P.M.; Bro. Hodges, late New Concord Lodge, 813, proposed by Bro. Emmens, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Stacy; and to raise Bro. Hughes. Punctually at 5.30 the W.M. took the chair, supported by the following officers, members, and visitors, viz.:—Bros. Corbyn, P.M., as S.W. (in the absence of Bro. Masterman); Morrin, J.W.; Holland, S.D.; Lawson, J.D.; Silk, I.G.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Emmens, P.G. Purst. &

Sec.; Garton, P.M.; Laughlin, P.M. & Chap.; Jackson, P.M.; Dixon, P.M., and several other brethren. Among the visitors present were Bros. Elmsworth, W.M. Oak Lodge; Main, P.M. 813; Bryan (late Old Concord); Woodham, 101; Fowler, 194; Sinclair, 813; Gabb, 813; and Salisbury, 813. The lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes were read and signed, when the several propositions were made and duly balloted for. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees respectively, when Bro. Hughes was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Afterwards the lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Mr. J. Willett was initiated in due form, both ceremonies being worked by Bro. King with his known accuracy. After some propositions for joining and for initiations at the next meeting had been received, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was to the satisfaction of every one present. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and Bro. the Rev. J.W. Laughlin, Chap., addressed the initiate with great eloquence on the principles and beauties of the Order, and the brethren retired at an early hour, having spent a very agreeable evening.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—This lodge resumed its regular meeting on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The W.M. having taken the chair, supported by P.M.'s E. Van Diephenheim, B. W. Aaron, E. P. Albert, L. Alexander, A. M. Levy, Bro. Berkowitz, Chaplain, &c. The minutes of the former lodge being read and confirmed, Bro. Payne was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Samuel Levy and Hartog, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren about sixty in number, adjourned to a very excellent banquet. After the usual toasts, loyal and Masonic, the W.M. proposed the toast or the Benevolent Fund attached to this lodge, its object being to assist brethren who have been contributing members for three consecutive years. He was pleased to say that by donations and subscriptions that fund amounted at present to £1,000, although large sums had been given to brethren, who, unfortunately, had become reduced in circumstances. Bro. P. Beyfus, P.M., and President of the Benevolent Fund, returned thanks. He stated he was pleased to see so large an amount connected with that fund, and he hoped that it would be a very long time before any brother would have to apply to it for relief. Bro. M. Van Diephenheim proposed the "Health of the W.M.," who suitably returned thanks. The W.M. then rose and said, the next toast was one the Lodge of Joppa was proud of—namely, its reception of visitors. He regretted there were not more present, but, if deficient in quantity it was made up in quality, and he hoped the brethren would drink that toast in a manner that would show to those brethren, although holding so high a position in the Provincial Grand Lodge, they were pleased with the reception they had met with, as it was meant in the spirit of true Masonry. Bro. Hill, stated he felt flattered by the remarks of the W.M., and he thanked him for his hospitality, and he was proud to inform the brethren that the W.M. was one of his pupils. The visitors were: Bros. Hills, P. Prov. G.J.D. Kent; White, P.G. Sec., Kent; R. Old, P.M., 890, P. Prov. G. Sec. Durham; B. Lazarus, 561, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, &c. The "Health of the Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. M. Van Diephenheim, I.P.M., and H. M. Levy, P.M. That of the officers by Davis, S.W.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed, and at 5.40 p.m. Bros. Taylor and Haynes, after the usual ceremonies had been gone through, were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Arkel and Younger were then presented, and, after the usual preliminaries, were passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge having been resumed in the first degree, a letter was read by the W.M. from the widow of the late Bro. Holland, upon which Bro. Hosgood proposed and Bro. E. Roberts seconded that the W.M. should visit the case and report thereon, which was carried unanimously. A letter was then read from the widow of the late Bro. Allatson, who had been a subscribing member to this lodge for 18 years, thanking Bro. C. Hosgood for the kind memoir of her late husband (in the FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE of the 25th ult.), and such letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, provided by the manager of the Cannon-street Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The harmony of the evening was greatly promoted by the

vocal abilities of our much respected Bro. James Harvey (C.C. of Cripplegate), who was in most excellent voice. He was also ably supported by Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Sec. The members present were Bros. E. King, W.M.; E. Robert, J.W.; W. Goodyer, P.M. & Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M. & Sec.; C. Hosgood, P.M.; W. R. Baker, James Harvey, Bright, Cobu, Haynes, Davis, Newman, McKiernan, Dickenson, Dixon, Raff, Taylor, Arkel, Younger, Brookman, Kent, and several others.

**STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).**—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at six o'clock p.m.; the W.M., Bro. Edward Hughes, in the chair. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last (emergency) meeting were confirmed. Bros. Coley and Wilson were examined and entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the second degree, when these brothers were passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Warsop passed his examination in a very creditable manner, and the lodge having been opened in the third degree, he was duly raised so the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then closed down to the second and first degrees, and the petition to Supreme Grand Chapter for permission to hold a chapter of the R.A. Masons, under the sanction of the Stability Lodge, was read and signed by the W.M., Wardens, &c., in open lodge. On the motion of Bro. Samuel, seconded by Bro. James, S.W., two guineas were voted to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, to be placed on Bro. Taylor's list. Nothing further being offered, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. Visitors present:—Bros. Heath, Prov. S.G.W. (Herts); Fielder, P.M. Panmure, 715; and Bro. Coghlan, Caveac Lodge, 176.

**HORNSEY LODGE (No. 890).**—On Friday, the 1st inst., the opening meeting for the season 1869-70 of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. P. M. Webb presided, and, after the usual routine business had been disposed of, Mr. Louis Francis Middleton was balloted for and unanimously elected. Bros. Burke, Essett, Whelpdale, and Cowderoy were passed, and the initiate was introduced to ancient Freemasonry. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to a banquet served in Bro. Clemow's well-known style. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. H. Hollingsworth, P.M. 487 & 1106; F. H. Godsell, J.D. Caveac, 176; W. Murdoch, Joppa; J. Burch; P.M. Confidence, 193; J. A. Isaacs, Prosperity, 63; J. E. Gell, P.M. Wellington, 348; K. Clemow, Jubilee, 72; M. Flanagan, 96, &c. The next meeting will be held, as above, on the 5th of November.

**MARQUESS OF DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 1,159).**—A meeting of emergency was held on the 6th inst., at the Freemasons Hall. The W.M. Bro. Capt. H. Barber and the P.M. Bro. Sir James Fergusson, *Bart.*, being absent, Bro. Hyde Clarke, P. Dep. D.G.M., Turkey officiated; Bro. Lord Wm. Hay, S.W.; Bro. R. N. Fowler, *M.P.* as J.W., (in the absence of Bro. E. B. Eastwick, *M.P.*, C.B.); Dadolhaie Naorjee, S.D.; Bro. Louttil, J.D. The ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation, and for Bro. Capt. Vinnard and Bro. Capt. Chanter as joining members. Mr. Emanuel Deutsch, of the oriental department of the British Museum, and Capt. Arthur Tulloch, Madras Staff Corps were initiated. The members adjourned to banquet in the tavern. The P.M. jewel for Bro. Sir James Fergusson, *Bart.*, Governor of South Australia was exhibited.

**PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1,178).**—On Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at the Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, this lodge was opened by Bro. F. H. Ebsworth, W.M., who initiated M. Gustav Ellis, and passed Bros. Rambert, Smith, and Green, (1,194). The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Alfred Avery, P.M. 619. Bro. James W. Avery, S.W. and W.M. elect, having been presented by Bro. Ebsworth, was installed as Master of the lodge for the next twelvemonths by Bro. A. Avery. Bro. Josiah Green was invested as S.W.; Bros. H. Bartlett, J.W.; Dr. Dixon, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M. Sec.; D. Rose, S.D.; G. J. Grace, J.D.; J. W. Dudley, I.G.; J. H. Harmsworth, Dir. of Cers.; J. H. Fudge, W. Steward, and W. Y. Laving, Tyler. A handsome P.M. jewel was presented to Bro. Ebsworth by the new W.M. in a very flattering speech, and the I.P.M. returned thanks in suitable terms. A vote of thanks was also given and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Walters, the untiring Secretary. The lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet followed. Bros. A. Avery, Saul Wells, F. Deering, H. Massey (all of No. 619), Newsom, W.M. 1,223; C. J. Hogg, S.W. 1,275, and H. Muggenridge, P.M. 192 & 715, were among the visitors.

**VILLIERS LODGE (No. 1,194).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Northumberland Arms, Isleworth, the lodge was opened by Bro. E. Clark, I.P.M., who, after the minutes of the former regular and emergency meetings and the report of the audit committee had been read by Bro. Dodd, declared Bro. J. T. Trickett, of 954 duly elected a joining member. He then initiated Messrs. V. Beadle Bedolfe, *M.D.*, Charles G. Forsyth, George Luke Ridge, and Thos. Anthony Woodbridge. Bro. Little, by desire of the presiding officer, then took the chair, and Bro. E. Clark presented to him Bro. J. Trickett, C.E., W.M. elect, to receive the benefits of installation. The brethren were admitted and saluted the newly-installed Master in all the degrees. At the conclusion of this portion of the installation, Bro. Trickett invested Bros. W. Dodd, S.W.; Henry Allman, J.W.; R. W. Little P.M., Sec.; E. T. Osbaldeston, S.D.; F. J. Lancaster, J.D.; T. Smale, I.G.; R. A. Steel, Dir. of Cers. W. Harvey, Senior Steward; Major H. W. Palmer, Jun. Std.; Gilbert, Tyler. At the election of Treasurer, the choice of the brethren fell on Bro. E. Clark, P.M. A vote of thanks to Bro. R. Gurney, for the zealous discharge of his duties as Treasurer, was carried. Bro. E. Clark proposed, and Bro. E. T. Osbaldeston seconded, that Bro. H. G. Buss be made a honorary member of the lodge. This motion also was carried unanimously, and the lodge closed. A magnificent banquet, followed.

**HERVEY LODGE (No. 1,260).**—A meeting of this lodge took place at the George Hotel, Walham-green, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bros. King, jun., W.M.; King, S.W.; P. H. Jones, J.W.; H. Weaver, S.D.; W. Garner, Hon. Sec.; E. Garner, I.G.; H. Parker, Org.; C. T. Speight, Tyler. Among the brethren were: Bros. Dr. Godrich, Thomas; Webb, Way and several others. The visitors were: Bros. Avery, 511, Hickey, 527. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read, and upon Bro. Thomas giving proofs of his proficiency he was entrusted and retired; the lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Thomas was passed as F.C. Bro. Webb then gave proofs of his proficiency in the second degree and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Webb raised. Lodge was then resumed, and after one or two propositions the lodge was closed, and the brethren then adjourned to a banquet served in Bro. Webb's usual style. The brethren separated at rather a late hour, after spending a very happy evening, enlivened by some capital singing and a brilliant recital on the pianoforte by Bro. H. Parker.

**STAR LODGE (No. 1,265).**—On the 1st inst., the first meeting since the consecration of this lodge was held at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G. Purst, W.M., presided. Bros. W. Ough, G.P.; E. S. Stidolph, 291; T. Perridge, S.W., 79; H. Crabtree, 87; J. W. T. Barrett, J.W. 871, and Richard Tanner, W.M. 177, were balloted for and elected as joining members; and Messrs. Thomas Darke, Thomas Whiteman, and Thomas Hobson were balloted for as candidates for admission to Freemasonry. The S.W. named in the warrant not being able to attend, the W.M. stated as that officer was travelling, and would most likely be so employed during his year of office, he should appoint Bro. W. Ough, G.P., as S.W. *pro tem*. This he did, and invested him with the S.W. collar and jewel. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. R. Tanner, W.M. 177, as J.D. Messrs. T. Whiteman and T. Hobson were afterwards admitted to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. E. Palmer was elected a country member of the lodge, and Bro. Walters proposed that a Lodge of Instruction, under this lodge's warrant, be held at the Marquis of Granby every Saturday evening. The motion was seconded by Bro. Whittle and carried. As this was the first working night of the lodge there was no further business to be gone through, and the W.M. closed the lodge.

## PROVINCIAL.

### DURHAM.

**DURHAM.**—*Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).*—On Tuesday evening the 5th inst., a regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet. The W.M. Bro. C. Rowlandson presided. Among the members of the lodge present were: Bros. W. Stoker, P.M.; W. Brignall, P.M.; W. R. Fitzgerald, P.M.; W. A. Malcolm, P.M.; W. Brignall, jun., (W.M. No. 1,274); T. Sarsfield, S.W.; Rev. G. R. Rulman,

J.W.; J. Rami, Treas., and about twenty-five others. The visitors present were: Bros. G. Ratcliffe, S.W. and Sec. Nos. 840, 979, 993, and J. J. G. Strong, No. 1,121. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and duly confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. P. Reed, W. C. Allan and W. Turner, all of whom were declared to be duly elected. The candidates being in attendance, were regularly introduced and initiated into the mysteries restricted to the first degree. Bro. C. Millwood was a candidate for the honours of the M.M. degree, and having complied with the requisite preliminary he was raised in due form. The lodge was then closed in the several degrees, remaining open in the first, when certain propositions having been made, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned for a short time to refreshment. An emergency lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, the 12th inst., for the purpose of considering an offer made by a tradesman in the town, to purchase the Masonic Hall by private contract, the brethren being about to quit the same, for a more commodious hall which is now nearly ready for their reception. After the offer had been well considered, it was eventually decided to accept the same, and the legal adviser to the trustees, was intrusted to facilitate the completion of the purchase, with as little delay as possible.

#### LANCASHIRE (EAST).

**HULME, MANCHESTER Blair Lodge (No. 815).**—On the 8th inst., this lodge held the festival of St. John the Evangelist. Bro. James Redford, was installed by the I.P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing Masonic year. Afterwards a banquet was held, at which were present of the Prov. G. Lodge of East Lancashire:—Bros. Hine, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Wike, Prov. S.G.W.; Figgins, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Kennedy, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Dill, Prov. G. Purst; and Bro. Binckes, P.M., the able Secretary of the Boys' School, London. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The I.P.M. was presented with a P.M. jewel by the newly installed W.M., in the name of the officers of the lodge, and in recognition of the many valuable services rendered to the Blair Lodge. Able speeches were made by Bros. Wike, Hine, and Binckes, drawing attention to the Masonic Charities and the good they were doing. The brethren separated in peace and harmony, after an agreeable evening.

#### LANCASHIRE (WEST).

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1,051).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday, the 4th inst. The chair was occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Moore, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Bro. Hall being S.W., and Bro. J. Hatch, 281, J.W.; Bros. J. Ingal, 281, as S.D.; Broadhurst, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Watson, Tyler; Coulan, E.A.; and Bro. Dr. de Vitrié. The lodge was opened and general business transacted, and Bro. Coulan, E.A., having been found worthy, was passed to the degree of F.C. by the acting W.M., the working tools of the degree being presented by the S.W. Bro. Dr. Moore announced that he had accepted the office of Steward to the Charity for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. Their being no further work before the lodge, it was closed in the usual manner.

#### LIVERPOOL.

##### *Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division.*

The annual provincial grand lodge of the western division of Lancashire was held on the 5th inst. at the Adelphi Hotel, when upwards of 200 brethren assembled. The provincial grand officers present were—Bros. Sir Thomas G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M.; the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., S.G.W.; H. S. Allpass, G. Sec.; T. Wylie, G. Reg.; C. Sherlock, P.P.G. Reg.; A. C. Mott, S.G.D.; H. G. Vernon, M.A., G. Chaplain; T. Armstrong, J.G.D.; W. Laidlaw, P.G.S.; J. W. J. Fowler, G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, G.O.; H. Bulley, P.J.G.W. Cheshire; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W., Cheshire; R. Wylie, P.G.A.O.D., of C.; Marsh, P.G.P.; G. W. Broadbridge, P.G.S.; B. W. Rowson, P.G.S.; Joseph Mawdesley, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Molineux, P.P.G.O.; S. White, P.G.S.B.; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B., of England; F. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. Boys' School; John Bowes, P.P.G. Reg., Cumberland and Wastmoreland; James Hamer, P.G. Treas. All the lodges in the province were represented with four exceptions, and in some instances the individual lodge attendance was very numerous.

The Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, the G. Sec., read the minutes of the previous annual Provincial Grand Lodge held at

Wigan, and the special Prov. G. Lodge meeting held at Rufford on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of St. Mary's Church. He also announced that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, Lord de Tabley, Schneider, and several other brethren in the province.—Bro. Hamer, P.G. Treas., presented his accounts, and in receiving them the R.W. Prov. G.M. said the financial statement appeared to be very satisfactory, and they had been properly audited. The accounts showed that there was a balance at the bank of £820 2s. 5d., and £117 3s. 10d. remained in hand.—The financial statement was adopted.—Bro. Hamer, who has held the office for nine years, was elected Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year, and in acknowledging the renewed compliment Bro. Hamer signified his intention of resigning at the close of the current year.—The following brethren were then appointed provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D. Prov. G.M.; Bros. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Prov. S.G.W.; Schneider, Prov. G.J.W.; Vernor, Prov. G. Chaplain; Wylie, Prov. G. Reg.; H. S. Allpass, Prov. G. Sec.; A. C. Mott, Prov. S.G.D.; H. B. White, Prov. J.G.D.; Dr. Moore, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; R. Wylie, Prov. G.D.C.; Marsh, Prov. G. Assist. D.C.; S. White, P.G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, Prov. G.O.; Laidlaw, P.G. Purs.; Wearing, Pickering, Broadbridge, Ibbes, Rowson, and Fowler, Prov. G. Stewards. Bros. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected G. Tyler, and W. H. Ball Assist. G. Tyler.—A number of applications for relief of distressed masons were submitted, and votes of money were made to each of the applicants.—The G. Sec. reported that warrants for the consecration of three new lodges had been issued during the year, and congratulated the brethren upon the continued harmony and progress which the different lodges had exhibited.—Bro. Wylie moved that the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the fund of benevolence to the annuitant fund of the aged freemasons and widows of masons, and that the vote should be made in the name of S.G.W. This proposition was unanimously agreed to.—The Prov. G. Lodge was then resolved into the court of governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution, when Bro. A. C. Mott read the minutes of the general and other committee meetings held during the year which were unanimously adopted. The other proceedings of the court were merely of a formal character, the officers of the past year being unanimously reappointed. After the Prov. G. Lodge had been again resumed, Bro. Binckes made a statement as to the condition and prospects of the boys' school. On the motion of Bro. Banister, seconded by Bro. Younghusband, 100 guineas were voted from the fund of benevolence for the benefit of the institution, and it was agreed that the gift should be made in the names of the Prov. S.G.W. and the Prov. J.G.W. After Bro. Binckes had acknowledged the handsome and spontaneous donation, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form. It should be mentioned that Bros. Haswell, Wilson, T. Armstrong, and T. J. Hughes kindly gave their services as musical brethren. Bro. Skeaf, Prov. G.O., not only played the accompaniments, but also furnished a new anthem (his own composition), called "Behold how good and pleasant," which is marked by a fine flowing harmony and most artistic arrangement, and will doubtless attain no means popularity.

The brethren afterwards banquetted at the Adelphi Hotel, when Bro. Sir T. G. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M., presided. The list embraced 15 toasts, which were proposed in an efficient manner and cordially responded to. In the course of the evening the Prov. G.M. announced that he would hold his next annual meeting at Southport. A well-selected programme of music was performed by the above-named musical brethren, and the brethren separated after spending a most pleasant evening.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

**LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 6th inst., the W.M., Bro. Kelly, D. Prov. G.M., in the chair, and all the officers except the treasurer (who was absent owing to a family bereavement), and the J.D. being in their places. Several visitors from the sister lodge (No. 523) were present, including the W.M., Bro. Toller, P.G. Reg., and the Rev. Bro. H. E. Von Stürmer, of Worcester. The list of business included an initiation, a passing, and two raisings, but, one only of these candidates was present—Bro. Roper—who having passed a satisfactory examination as a F.C., was duly raised to the third degree. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Weare, P.M., and Treas. of the lodge, on the decease of

his wife, and which the secretary was requested to convey to him. A letter was read from the R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl Howe, *G.C.H.*, relative to his contemplated retirement on account of ill-health and advanced years, and expressing his lordship's opinion as to the brother best qualified to succeed him in the rule of the province. This was ordered to be entered in the minutes, and to be acknowledged by the secretary in suitable terms, expressive of the thanks of the lodge for his lordship's communication, and of the unanimous concurrence of the assembled brethren in his opinion, which gave them the liveliest satisfaction. A gentleman having been proposed as a candidate for Freemasonry, and the desirability of a Masonic hall taking place in the town in the course of the coming winter having been discussed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

#### YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

**HULL.**—*Kingston Lodge* (Ns. 1,010).—This lodge met for the first time this season on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Bro. Ll. W. Longstaff, P.M., W.M., presided, and the lodge was numerous attended. Amongst those present were Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., D. Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire; Bro. M. C. Peck, and the W.M.'s of the Humber and Minerva Lodges. The business of the lodge having been disposed of, the W.M., assisted by Bro. C. Copland, I.P.M., passed Bros. Morrell, Baylis, and Howard to the degree of F.C. The lodge having been closed down to the first degree, the W.M. gave an exceedingly full and interesting account of a visit he recently paid to a lodge in Paris, which was attentively heard, and for which he received the thanks of the lodge. It was announced that the next regular meeting of the lodge would be held on Thursday, the 4th, instead of Wednesday, the 3rd of November; a dispensation for the change of day having been applied for, as the meeting of the Yorkshire Musical Society would take place on the latter date. The brethren afterwards partook of the usual refreshment, and passed a very pleasant evening.

#### SCOTLAND.

##### GLASGOW.

**GLASGOW.**—*Lodge of Glasgow, St. John* (No. 3 bis).—A meeting of this ancient lodge was held on the 5th inst.; Bro. Baird, R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. McMillan, S.W., Bro. McAulay, J.W., and a large number of the brethren were present. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and passed, also of an emergency meeting at which two gentlemen were initiated, &c. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Walter M. Neilson, now entered the lodge, to whom the R.W.M. vacated the chair. Bro. Neilson, however, after a few complimentary remarks, allowed the R.W.M. to resume his former position, while he supported him on the right. Bro. Gavin Park, P.M., in reference to the portion of minute regarding the proposed new hall for the lodge, explained the position of affairs, while the R.W.M. produced a plan showing how the proposed premises could be adapted, and made high in the ceiling, and be properly ventilated, and more suitable for the growing requirements of the lodge than what they occupied at present. After some discussion upon the pros. and cons. of the matter, Bro. Buchan proposed a motion to the effect that the upper flat of north property, 213, Buchanan-street, be bought by the lodge, and altered and fitted up as a Masonic hall, and that shares be taken up by the members and other parties interested in the welfare of the lodge; also that donations be received towards that object, so that the lodge may have a hall of its own suitable for its dignity and position. The said motion was seconded by Bro. E. F. Bamber, Sec. An amendment was proposed by Bro. Milhar, and seconded by Bro. D. Walker, that the shares scheme should be left out. Both amendment and motion were put to the meeting, when the lodge by a large majority agreed to the motion. Bro. Neilson, D.P.G.M., thereafter made a few remarks in support of the scheme. The expense will be about a thousand pounds, and as the lodge numbers so many architects, builders, and other influential brethren amongst its members, it is to be hoped that they will get up such a hall as will be worthy of themselves, their mother lodge (the senior lodge of the province), and of Glasgow. About £300 in shares have already been taken up (up to the 6th instant), as also some donations received.

#### CHANNEL ISLANDS.

##### JERSEY.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. COL. ED. C. MALET DE CARTERET AS R.W. PROV. G.M. OF JERSEY, AND INAUGURATION OF THE JERSEY WATER WORKS.

We may briefly premise for general information that the question of providing the town of St. Helier with a plentiful supply of good wholesome water has long been a matter of anxious consideration. With this object the "Jersey Waterworks Company" was formed. The promoters, therefore, determined to inaugurate the important undertaking by a grand public display, so as to give *éclat* to the whole proceedings, and for that purpose they fixed the day of the R.W.P.G. Master's installation for the inauguration of the waterworks. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Bailiff, the civil authorities, and the clergy, with the principal merchants and gentry of the island, responded to the invitation to join the day's proceedings. The P.G.M. and the brethren cordially assented to honour the event.

##### THE INSTALLATION.

The Prov. G. Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Temple, and was opened soon after 10 o'clock a.m. by W. Bro. Wm. Adams, P.P.G.S.W., assisted by Bros. P. W. Benham, P.P.G.S.W., as J.W., and J. O. Lesueur, W.M. 491, as J.W. There were also present P. Prov. G. officers and P.M.'s viz.:—J. Le Cronier, M.D., P.D.G.M.; J. T. du Jardin, P.S.W.; Ed. D. Le Coutuer, P.S.W.; M. Tracy, P.M. 244; C. H. Mann, P.M., P.S.D.; Ph. Binet, P.M. 491, P. Reg.; A. Schmitt, P.M. 590, P. Sec.; Frs. Marett, P. Super. of Works; C. Kingsworth, P. J.W.; J. Moss, P.M. 245; C. Lesueur, P.J.W.; J. G. Scott, P.M. 491; T. W. Danell, P.J.W.; S. Jewell, P.S.W.; J. Blampied, P. Dir. of Cer.; G. J. Renouf, P.M. 1,003; W. R. Cumming, P.S.D.; G. Rogers, P.M. 1,003, P. Pursv.; R. Binet, P.M. 1,003; Ph. Harite, P. Purv.; J. Fauvel, P.M. 245, P.S.D.; J. N. Westaway, P.M. 877, P. Reg.; H. L. Manuel, P.M. 590, Prov. Dir. of Cer.; Ph. W. Lequesne, P.M. 958, Prov. Assist. D. of C.; F. Prosser, P. Purv.; C. Donaldson, P.M. 244, P.S.D.; R. Randall, P. Sword B.; Ed. J. Bellingham, P.M. 1,003, P.S.D.; J. Oatley, P.M. 590; Gilbert, P.M. 491; Dr. Fothergill Smith, P.M. 877; Ed. Lott, P.M. 245, P. Org. Visitors: Bros. L. Guillot, 30°, Ven. de la Parfaite Union (Rennes); Weil, S.W.; Dubois de Pacé, Or., Ollivier, Rousseau, A. Davignaud, Guerault (of St. Malo), A. Grout, 18°, Mallet, Choin, 18°; A. Marianne, of "La Renaissance," Paris; J. Gallienne, P.D.G.M.; J. Gardner, W.M. 84; Guilbert, P.P.G.S.W.; Parker, Clarke, Glencrop, Millington, J. F. Draper, P.M. 243 (Guernsey); J. Grimmond, P.M. 245, P.P.G.S.W., W.M. 34; J. R. B. Hastings, P.M. 34. Ph. Corbet, P.M. 478; J. J. Wilson, P.M. of R. Burns' Lodge; Major W. Young, 311, J.R.; J. M. Stickland, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D. The whole of the lodges were represented, viz.: Yarrowborough, 244, by Bro. Fowler, W.M.; Mechanics', 245, by Bro. S. R. Dawe, W.M.; Royal Sussex, 491, by Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, W.M.; La Césarée, 590, by Bro. A. Viel, W.M.; Royal Alfred, 877, by Bro. Ed. D. Le Coutuer, W.M.; St. Aubin's, 958, by Bro. Ph. W. Lequesne, I.P.M.; Prince of Wales, 1,003, by Bro. S. R. Giles, W.M.; and over 200 brethren of the several lodges.

The lodge having been raised from the first to the third degree, the Dir. of Cers. introduced the French deputations from Rennes, headed by W. Bro. L. Guillot; from St. Malo, by Bro. A. Grout, Ora.; from Guernsey Doyle's L. 84, by W. Bros. J. Gallienne and J. Gardner, W.M.; from Loyalty L. 243, by W. Bro. J. F. Draper, P.M.; from Justice L. 34 J.R. by J. Grimmond, W.M., who having been cordially saluted with all Masonic honours, were conducted to the right and left of the chair of the Prov. G.M.

The Installing Master now stated the chief object for which the Prov. G. Lodge had been summoned. A deputation composed of P.M.'s C. H. Mann, C. Kingsworth, J. G. Scott, A. Schmitt, Dr. J. Le Cronier, P. W. Lequesne, G. J. Renouf, together with Bro. P.M. H. L. Manuel, Dir. of C., retired to the ante-room, and returned to the lodge in procession, escorting Bro. Col. Ed. C. Malet de Carteret, who was received with great enthusiasm, and presented by Bro. Du Jardin to the Installing Master to receive the benefit of Installation.

The patent from the M.W.G.M. was exhibited, and after the reading of its contents by the Assist. Sec., Bro. M. Tracy, the ceremony of Installation was proceeded with, being most ably performed by the presiding officer, admirably assisted by his



two Wardens. The Installing Master then proclaimed the R.W. Bro. Col. Ed. C. Matet de Carteret as Prov. Grand Master for the Province of Jersey, when all Masonic honours were paid to him. The same officer heartily congratulated the Prov. G.M. upon his accession to the high office. The Prov. G.M., in a feeling speech, expressed his sense of the honour that had been conferred upon him, and thanked the brethren for their attendance. He said he was fully determined to do his duty to the Craft as far as it was in his power, and he hoped that the province would hereafter occupy its due position among the provinces of the land.

The Prov. G.M. announced to the brethren, that it was with peculiar pleasure he appointed as his Deputy, W. Bro. J. Le Cronier, M.D., for he believed, that there was no one who would hesitate to bear testimony to the uniform courtesy with which he had carried out the Masonic duties of his several offices. On that account he felt, that in appointing him his Deputy, he was appointing a brother who might be said to be held in the highest possible esteem that a man can attain. The patent was then handed to the secretary and read; Bro. Dr. Le Cronier was installed by W. Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, duly proclaimed Prov. D.G.M. and saluted accordingly. The brethren next proceeded to the election of a brother to fill the office of P.G. Treas. for the year, when Bro. P. W. Benham was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected to fill that important and responsible office. The following appointments of Prov. G. Officers were then made, and such as were present were duly invested: Bros Ed. D. Le Courteur, S.W.; J. G. Scott, J.W.; Rev. F. A. Rey, Chap.; P. W. Benham, Treas.; Wm. Adams, Reg.; A. Schmitt, Sec.; J. O. Le Sueur, J.D.; Fothergill, M.D. S.D.; Ph. Le Sueur, Supt. of Works; H. L. Manuel, Dir. of Cers.; Ph. W. Le Quesne, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Thomas, P.M., Sword Bearer; M. Tracy, Assist. Sec.; Ed. Lott, Org.; Colonel Miller, Purst. Stewards:—Bros. F. Baker, (Serj. Major, R.A.) 244; Ph. Blampied, 245; R. Barrow, (Serj. R.A.) 491; A. Viet, W.M. 590; Fred. Cooke, J.W. 877; Alex. Low, M.D. 958; Toms, Tyler. Letters received from Bros A.'Guépin, M.D. Ven. of Lodge Mars et les Arts, (Nantes), M. Villiers, M.D. Ven. of Lodge Nature et Philanthropie, (Lorient), highly congratulating the province on the appointment of such a worthy brother to the post of P.G.M., expressing their Masonic sympathies with the Jersey lodges, at the same time deeply regretting their inability to send deputations at this particular moment.

Bro. J. T. du Jardin proposed, seconded by Bro. P. W. Benham, "that the committee of the late Prov. G.L. be requested to draw up a code of by-laws for the government of the Province."

Bro. S. Jewell, seconded by Bro. C. Le Sueur, made an amendment to the effect:—

"That the Masters and I.P.M.'s of all Lodges should be the Committee."

The Prov. G.M. put the amendment, which was lost, and the original motion carried.

The Prov. G.L. was then adjourned, and a procession of the brethren was marshalled under their respective banners, headed by the band of the town regiment; it proceeded to the church of St. Helier, shortly before one o'clock. A choir, composed of ladies and gentlemen connected with St. Simon's district church and who had kindly come forward and volunteered their services, conducted by Bro. E. Lott, then sang a psalm. Prayers were read by the very Rev. W. C. Le Breton, M.A., Dean of Jersey, and an admirable sermon preached by the P.G. Chap., the Rev. Bro. F. A. Rey.

At the conclusion of the service, a collection was made on behalf of the General Dispensary and the Parochial Visiting Society, amounting to £8 4s. 6d.

Having left the church, the brethren proceeded processionally to the site of the "Water Works." The streets of the town through which the *cortège* was to pass were crowded with spectators, and the march along St. Aubin's-road, presented as grand and imposing an aspect as ever had been witnessed. After a walk of nearly two miles, the procession reached the site of the proposed water works at Millbrook-mill. Here the Masonic body was met by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, the very Rev. the Dean, the Bailif, and the directors of the company. Then the ceremony of inaugurating "the Water Works" was proceeded with. The Lieut. Governor turned the first sod, and on returning to the platform, his Excellency declared the sod was turned and the stono laid, the P.G.M. adding, that the latter had been well and duly laid.

After the ceremony, the procession was reformed in inverse order and returned to the Temple, where the labours of the day were resumed.

It was moved by the P.G.M. seconded by his Deputy and carried by acclamation:—

"That a cordial vote of thanks be conveyed to the very Rev. W. C. Le Breton, M.A., Dean of Jersey, for his very great kindness in assisting at this day's special service in the town church on the occasion of the installation of the R.W. the P.G.M. of Jersey, Bro. Col. Ed. C. Malet de Carteret, for the good feeling he has shown towards the Craft in there voluntarily reading the Litany."

The P.G.M. then moved, seconded by the S.W.,

"That the best thanks are due, and are hereby given to the W. Bros. H. L. Manuel, Dir. of Cers.; Ph. W. Le Quesne, Assist. Dir. of Cers., and the hon. Stewards, for their judicious manner in which they have organised the procession." Carried unanimously.

The business of the day being ended, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer at half-past five o'clock.

At seven o'clock 119 of the brethren sat down to a sumptuous dinner at the Pomme d'Or Hotel. The R.W. the Prov. G. Master occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by Bro. Dr. Le Cronier and on the left by Advocate Gallienne. Near these gentlemen sat the deputations from Brittany, Normandy, and Guernsey, and the brethren holding high office in the province. The vice-presidents were Bro. Adams, the installing officer, and Bros. E. D. Le Couteur, Prov. S.W., and J. G. Scott, Prov. J.W.

The dinner reflected the greatest credit on Mme. Boisset.

After the removal of the cloth the healths of her Majesty the Queen, of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family, and of the M.W. the G.M. of England and the members of all the Grand Lodges in the world, were proposed by the R.W.P.G.M., and received with due honours.

Bro. Adams in neat and eulogistic terms proposed the health of the Prov. G. Master.

The R.W. E. C. Malet De Carteret, in a brief but fervid speech, thanked the brethren for their confidence in him. He referred with emotion to the unanimity with which the lodges of the island had recommended his appointment to the important and responsible office into which he had this day been installed. He assured the brethren that they might depend on his earnest and continuous efforts to promote all that related to masonry, and, assisted by his excellent Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, the D. Prov. G.M., he humbly trusted that he might not altogether disappoint the hopes that were so generously entertained in connection with the Grand Mastership.

Bro. A. Schmitt, in proposing the next toast, addressed the meeting as follows: At the present time it is with diffidence that I address you, in presence of the talent that surrounds me; but what I experience no fear in saying is, that I am the faithful interpreter of the affectionate sentiments of the brethren who have entrusted me with this agreeable mission. We are honoured by the presence of deputations from the lodges "Le Parfaite Union," of Rennes, of St. Malo, of "Doyle's" Lodge, of Guernsey, and of the Irish "Justice" Lodge; and we deem ourselves fortunate, and are glad, at their fraternal invasion of our Province. Yes! beloved visiting brethren, we feel our hearts palpitating with joy and gladness at seeing you in our midst; for that which was to have been the *fête* of the installation of our new beloved Chief will be the *fête* of international Masonry. Thanks then, to you, brethren, who have come to assist us on this occasion, to cause it to shine with increased lustre. It is because you know what Masonry is, whose task is not ended because it is infinite, as is the struggle between good and evil, between right and might, between light and darkness! Yes, beloved brethren, you are in our midst, because you know what Masonry is,—that *cultus*, that religion *par excellence* which repels all intolerance, superstition, and fanaticism;—because, moreover, you know that it is the *cultus* of humanity and devotedness to one's brethren and the neighbour, ever marching at the head of civilization and progress, and having as its basis that immortal triangular motto: "Liberty, Equality, Eraternity." That, beloved brethren, is what you know, and these are your sentiments. Hence it is that you have come to share both our labours and our pleasures. Accept, therefore, this expression of our fraternal gratitude. I need not assure you that you will ever find in this province a fraternal reception and the most cordial hospitality; for we shall ever remember the warm reception we met with at Rennes, at



St. Malo, at Guernsey. In you, therefore, brethren, we hail the harbingers of a new era of prosperity, happiness, and concord. May the holy bonds of brotherhood by which we are already united, henceforth remain indissoluble. Brethren of this Province, I give the toast of "Our visiting brethren!" And I request that you will unite with me to evince enthusiastically, by the threefold battery, the joy and happiness we experience at their presence in our midst.

"Our Visiting Brethren."

This toast was received with enthusiasm.

The W. Bro. L. Guillot, representative of the French lodges, acknowledged the toast and thanked the brethren for their fraternal welcome. He rejoiced at what he might call the special international alliance between the lodges of Brittany and Normandy and the islands, and he congratulated the masons of Jersey on the admirable choice that had been made in the nomination of their Grand Master.

Bro. Gallienne P.D.G.M., (of Guernsey), Sec. of the French Lodges, and Bro. Grimmond, W.M. of the Irish Lodge, also responded to the toast.

Bro. Guillot then proposed "Prosperity to the Lodges of the Channel Islands."

Bro. Du Jardin P.M. answered, and expressed his conviction which was that of every mason, that under the enlightened administration of Bro. Malet De Carteret, the lodges of the island would increase and prosper, and work successfully not only for masonic but also for the general good.

Bro. Gallienne proposed in complimentary terms the health of the officers invested to-day, and referred to their personal and masonic qualities.

The Bro. Dr. Le Cronier D.G.M. responded and assured the brethren that nothing would be neglected on his part and that of the other officers to justify the confidence of the R.W.G.M. and the kind opinion of the brethren.

Bro. Henry Luce Manuel proposed at the request of the G.M. "Concord, Charity, and Universal Fraternity." This, he said, was a toast essentially masonic. With respect to Concord it was an agreeable fact, to which they all could bear witness, that the province of Jersey was an exemplar of the good feeling that ought to exist between all men, particularly Masons. As to Charity, it was a virtue that blessed, as had been truly said by an immortal poet, both him that gave and him that received. It was a virtue for which all should pray. Then Universal Fraternity; was it not one of the high aims and lofty objects of Masonry? When he saw to-day at this fraternal *fête*, and in such a comparatively small locality, so many nationalities represented, he was gratified in his conviction that the spirit which animated all present would one day animate all classes, and peoples, and races. He believed, although we, personally, were not likely to see the day, that the day would nevertheless come, and sooner, too, than expected when the whole earth would take up in universal chorus the anthem that one eventful morn rang from the Heavens and echoed through the skies, and the burden of which was "Peace on earth and good will amongst men." He called on the brethren to endeavour to accelerate the coming of that time. They would do so if they acted on the principle of the toast he had had the pleasure to propose.

The toast was received with all honours.

"The Stewards" was proposed by Bro. P. Binet. He expressed the pleasure felt by all at the admirable manner in which the stewards had performed the duties entrusted to them. It had evidently been with them a labour of love, and the success that was desired had been achieved.

In the course of the evening the brethren were favoured with excellent songs.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the National Anthem was sung and three times three hearty cheers were given for the Queen. The R.W. the P.G.W. then left the chair, and the brethren again saluted him with the highest honours, and the day's proceedings begun with joy, and continued in order, closed in truly fraternal harmony and concord.

LODGE LA CESAREE (No. 590).—A special meeting of this lodge was called on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Temple, to receive the French deputations of Lodge La Parfaite Union (Rennes), headed by our Ven. Bro. L. Guillot, 30° (who has been re-elected for the twenty-fifth time to the Mastership of his Lodge); of La Bienfaisante, St. Malo, represented by Bro. A. Grout, 18°; and of Guernsey, represented by our esteemed Bro. J. Gallienne, P. Prov. D.G.M. There was a very

numerous attendance of members and visitors—above eighty. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. Viel, W.M., assisted by Bros. G. J. Renouf, P.M., S.W.; J. Grigg, J.W.; J. Oatley, I.P.M.; A. Schmitt, P.M., Sec.; J. Th. du Jardin, J. Durell, H. L. Manuel, and Ph. Binet, P.M.'s; E. D. Le Couteur, W.M. 877; N. Le Goupillot, Treas.; Ph. Starek. Among the visitors we observed Bros. J. F. Draper, P.M. 243; D. A. Low, J.W. 958; Choin, 18°; Ph. Blampied, 245; M. Gallichan, P.M. 491; Ph. W. Le Quesne, P.M. 958; J. G. Scott, P.M. 491; R. Binet, P.M. 1,003; P. W. Benham, P.M. 244; C. H. Mann, P.M. 244; Gilbert, P.M. 491; E. Lott, P.M. 245. The deputations having arrived, were received by the P.M., Deacons, and Dir. of Cer., and by them conducted into the lodge, where the W.M. and the brethren upstanding hailed them with honours due to the representatives of our French sister lodges. The W.M. then addressed the visitors, saying that he was proud to have the honour of cordially welcoming and receiving them. The president of the deputation briefly and feelingly returned his thanks for the hearty and fraternal welcome they received. Ph. J. Le Gros and Ph. Howard being candidates for initiation, and well known to the whole Jersey community as to respectability and moral character, were balloted for and unanimously admitted. The ballot was also taken for Bro. A. Davignaud, of Lodge La Parfaite Union (Rennes), and was declared unanimous in favour of his admission as a joining member. Ph. Le Gros being in attendance, was duly initiated into the Order. At the request of the Secretary, our Ven. Bro. L. Guillot delivered an improvised address, in which he enlarged on the beauties of Masonic principles, and enjoined on the brethren the duty of carrying out those principles before the world, and in every station of life. The charge was an admirable exposition of the tenets which should guide and actuate the members of our grand universal family at all times—and it was most enthusiastically applauded. Moved by Bro. J. Th. du Jardin and the Secretary, and resolved by acclamation—"That Bro. L. Guillot, Ven. de la Parfaite Union, Or. de Rennes, should be nominated as a hon. member *ad vitam* of this lodge." The Secretary proposed, with emotion, a candidate for initiation, a dear friend of his, Mr. Ph. Binet, jun., a worthy son of his highly esteemed parent. No other business presenting itself, the lodge was closed at nine o'clock, and the brethren retired to the banqueting room to partake of the usual frugal refreshment, and where they spent a most delightful evening, seldom surpassed, in social and fraternal feeling. The brethren will never forget the agreeable impressions which the events of the evening produced on their minds.

## INDIA.

### BOOMBAY.

EASTERN STAR LODGE (No. 1,189 E.C.)—The regular monthly meeting of Lodge Eastern Star (No. 1,189) was held in the Freemasons' Hall, rear of the Sir Jamsetjee J. Hospital in Bombay, on Monday, the 16th August, 1869, when there were present:—W. Bros. Sorabjee Frommurze, W.M.; Thomas Diver, P.M.; Bros. Pestonjee Bazonjee, S.W.; Muncherjee Frommurze, J.W.; Sorabjee Jijibhai, Treas.; Cursetjee Rultonjee, Sec.; Nowrojee Pestonjee, S.D.; Jamsetjee J. Pantaki, J.D.; Jamsetjee Rustemjee, Dir. of Cer.; Jamsetjee J. Eduljee, Steward; Dinshaw D. Mistry I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. The W. Bro. the Honourable J. Gibbs, D. District G. M.; W. Bros. Andrew Hay, J. P. Cornforth, Avron, Beard, Thwaites, and the whole of the district lodge, and about one hundred members and visitors.

The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the summons convening the meeting was read.

The minutes of the last regular meetings were read and confirmed.

The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and Bros. Jamsetjee Nusserwanjee Dady and Jehanghir H. Dadysetna were regularly introduced, and raised to the high and sublime degree of Master Mason. The ceremony of raising was performed most ably and impressively by the Worshipful Master.

The lodge was then successively lowered to the first degree.

The W.M. then said: "Brethren, the next and the most pleasing business before the lodge is the presentation of an address, a P.M.'s jewel, and purse to our beloved and highly respected Bro. Diver, and I have now very great pleasure in reading the address. I may add that I am very proud as the

Master of this lodge in presiding on this very interesting occasion, and as the D. District G.M., W. Bro. Gibbs, is present, I request him to present these testimonials on behalf of the lodge.

“ADDRESS.

“To Worshipful Bro. Thomas Diver, M.O., P.D.G.S.W.; Past Master of Lodge St. George 549; Concord 757 and Eastern Star 1,189, E.C., &c., &c.—Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,—We the undersigned office-bearers and members of Lodge Eastern Star No. 1,189, do ourselves the very great pleasure in presenting you with the accompanying Past Master's jewel as a mark of our gratitude for the most valuable services you have rendered to this lodge ever since it came into existence. Were it not for your indefatigable zeal and assiduous attention in promoting the welfare of this lodge as its founder and patron, we feel confident it could never have arrived at that stage of advancement which it has attained. We are aware of the formidable difficulties that had to be overcome when the lodge sprung into existence, and it was solely owing to your influence and support, that these difficulties were successfully encountered. Rest assured, Worshipful Sir, that as long as Lodge Eastern Star, shall continue to shine in the Masonic world, your name will remain indissolubly attached to it, as that of a generous patron and benign benefactor. As a slight token of our appreciation of your valuable assistance in behalf of this lodge, we beg most respectfully to offer in addition to the jewel voted by the lodge, the humble tribute of a purse which we beg of you to accept and dispose of in a manner that you may feel most agreeable to yourself, and we trust you will accept it purely, as a token of our admiration and gratitude.

“With fraternal regards,

“We remain, Dear Sir and W. Bro.,

“Yours faithfully and fraternally,

“(Signed), SORABJEE FROMMURZE, W.M.

“PESTONJEE BAZONJEE, S.W.

“MUNCHERJEE FROMMURZE, J.W.

“And about 50 members of Lodge

“Eastern Star.

“Freemasons' Hall, rear of the Sir Jamsetjee J. Hospital, Bombay, Mazagon, 16th August, 1869.”

Proposed by W. Bro. Sorabjee Frommurze, and seconded by Bro. Pestonjee Bazonjee, that a vote of thanks be recorded to W. Bro. Gibbs, for the willingness and readiness with which he conducted the ceremony of presenting the jewel, &c.

Three special cases of Parsee widows and orphans were brought forward, and a monthly donation of Rs.5 for one year certain was granted to each of the applicants.

There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at about 8.15 p.m.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Chapter* (No. 710).—The quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at noon. Among those present were Comps. Dr. Hopkins, Z.; J. Heath, H.; J. Marks, J.; Pridham, E.; Glanfield, N.; Niner, Prin. Soj.; G. Heath, Treas. The chapter having been opened in regular form, and the companions admitted, Bro. Stafford was introduced, properly prepared, and exalted to this supreme degree by the M.E.Z., who also gave the first and second lectures, that of the chair being given by J. Some routine business was disposed of, an explanation of the cause of absence of the Chaplain afforded, a candidate proposed, and the chapter was closed at two o'clock.

### INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—The usual meeting of this chapter was held at the George Hotel, Aldermanbury, on the 12th inst., under that well-known preceptor, Comp. J. Brett. The lectures of the exaltation were given respectively by Comps. Litteaur, Dr. Self, and Dr. Woodman. The officers were Comps. Taylor, N.; Smith, P.S.; Green, Assist. S.; and Hamilton, candidate. Among the members present were Comps. Cubitt, Roberts, Gotthiel, Boyd, States, and Hosgood. The exaltation ceremony and several of the sections were very creditably rendered by the principals and officers, demonstrating by their great improvement that they have not laboured in vain,

which reflects no small credit on their preceptor. We are enabled to state that Comp. Boyd has been appointed by the M.E.G.Z., the Earl of Zealand, as the 1st M.E.Z. of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, of which Comp. States is to be Scribe E.; this will be a guarantee for good working and faithful records being kept. We wish the principals and officers every success in their good work. The consecration ceremony will be worked on the 14th of November next.

## MARK MASONRY.

### METROPOLITAN.

THISTLE LODGE, (No. 8).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Bro. T. Meggy, P.G.M.O., who officiated as W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Mann; Bros. H. G. Lake, S.W.; J. W. Dawson, J.W.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.S.B., P.M., and Sec.; F. Binckes, G. Sec., and P.M.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.D., and P.M.; R. Watts, P.G.S.B.; L. Harvey, J.D.; E. Hart, Org.; J. W. Boord, Baber, Henley, Mortlock, Sendey, Marshall, Lowder, Baker, and Taffs. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed, and ballots taken for eight candidates. The following being in attendance were then regularly advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons, viz., Bros. Charles Lacy, W.M. (174), a trusty “Sincerity” man; George Kelly, P.G. Stew., and P.M. (63), a zealous veteran in the Craft; Morton Edwards, of “St. Lukes,” Chelsea (144), and R. P. Wilkinson, P.M. (95). The elections for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Bros. H. G. Lake, well known as P.M. of 186, and P.Z. 820 was chosen as Master; Bro. J. W. Figg, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

SOUTHWARK LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 22).—This prosperous old lodge held a second emergency meeting on Saturday last, the 9th inst., at the Queen's Arms, Weston-street, Bermondsey. Bro. H. Massey, W.M., G. Steward, opened the lodge, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. F. Waters, P.M., P.G.P.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., G. Assist. Dir. of Cers.; A. D. Loewenstark, P.G.P., S.W., and Treas.; G. W. Wheeler, J. W. Avery, S. Harman, and M. A. Loewenstark, P.G. Steward, Sec. The only business that presented itself was to ballot for several candidates, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. John Thomas Trickett, of the St. Aubyn's Lodge, No. 954, Devonport, being in attendance, was ably and impressively advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason by the I.P.M., Bro. T. J. Sabine. The lodge was then closed till Saturday, Dec. 18.

SAMSON AND LION LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 86).—The regular meeting of this small but good Mark lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, on Wednesday last, the 6th instant. Bro. Mezer A. Loewenstark, P.M. and P.G. Steward (in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Boucey), opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. A. D. Loewenstark, P.G.P., as S.W., H. Rosenthal, as J.W. and C. Swan, P.G.S.B., as Sec. The minutes of the last lodge meeting, whereby the annual subscription is reduced from one guinea to half a guinea, were read and unanimously confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. George Moore, of the Montefiore Lodge, and was unanimous in his favour, but he being out of town, he was unable to be present. For the same reason several other candidates were prevented from being advanced, and it is the intention of the W.M. to call a lodge of emergency for Wednesday, Nov. 3, when it is expected that seven or eight may take the degree. The meeting nights, it was resolved, should be on the first Wednesday in January, February, April, and October, that is, substituting “February” for “July.” Three candidates were proposed for advancement, and one joining member. There being no further business, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

### DEVONSHIRE.

TOTNES.—*Pleiades Lodge* (No. 26).—An adjourned meeting was held at six o'clock p.m., at the Masonic Rooms, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. — Bowden, W.M., the chair was, at his request, taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, I.P.M. Bro. John Heath was in his place as S.W. Bro. Pridham occupied the chair of J.W. Several candidates were expected, but only one presented himself, and he was too

late, the lodge being closed and the brethren having dispersed. There was no business except a proposition by the W.M. for an alteration in the by-laws as regards the day of meeting.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—*Hove Lodge* (No. 21).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel, on Thursday, the 7th inst. None of the candidates were in attendance, the lodge was therefore closed after some propositions had been made. A lodge of instruction was then opened, and the ceremony of advancement was worked by the W.M. and his officers, for practice and improvement, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The next meeting of this lodge will be held in November, for which occasion there will be, it is understood, at least six candidates for advancement.

#### WEST YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX.—*Fearnley Lodge* (No. 58).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., in the Masonic Temple recently erected by the Halifax brethren. There was a good attendance of members, and the following officers were in their places:—Bros. J. Stott, W.M.; J. Firth, S.W.; A. Lupton, J.W.; W. F. Wilkinson, M.O.; W. Tasker, J.O.; F. Whittaker, Reg.; W. Cooke, P.M., Sec.; A. Roberts, S.D.; G. Jennings, J.D.; E. M. Wavell, Dir. of Cer.; W. Dewhurst, Steward; J. Greenwood, P.M., Tyler. The other members present were:—Bros. Bales, P.M., Normanton, P.M., G. Jackson, Laidler, Knowles, Dolan, S. Firth, Woollons, F. Crossley, Waddington, and visiting Bro. Lorke, of Prince Edward Lodge No. 14. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. J. R. Ellis, surgeon, Mirfield, and Bro. G. E. Kent, of Over Hall Academy, Mirfield, which proved unanimous in their favour. This being the meeting for electing W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. Firth, S.W., was chosen to fill that office; Bro. Fleming was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Greenwood, P.M., re-appointed Tyler. Bros. W. Hemingway, Ellis, and Kent were then respectively advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, and the lodge was called from labour to refreshment to enable the brethren from a distance to catch the train. Supper being over, the brethren returned to the lodge room to close the lodge, and then adjourned to the dining room to spend a social hour together.

#### REVIEWS.

*Notes on the Order of the Temple and St. John, and on the Jerusalem Encampment, Manchester.* Collected by Bro. JOHN YARKER, jun., P.M.; P.M. Mark; P.Z.; P.E.C.; T.Pr.; R. & Co., &c. Manchester. 1869.

(Continued from page 297).

We now continue our extracts from Bro. Yarker's work. At page 14, he mentions some interesting incidents, showing a connection between certain Craft lodges and with "the Priestly Order."

"Lodge No. 39, of the Duke of Athol's Grand Lodge, united with the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 87, before the union of the "Ancient" and "Modern" Craft Grand Lodges in 1813, and the Jerusalem Encampment has a bible with the following inscription in gilt, surrounded with Masonic Symbols, "Fox Lodge, No. 99;" on the fly leaf the inscription, "The gift of Bro. William Jennings to the Fox Lodge, A.D. 1768." On the following leaf, "This Bible formerly belonged to the Lodge of Fortitude, 87, and for the future it is ordered that it shall belong to the Tabernacle of the Priestly Order, for the use of the same and the first pillar;"—of which degree more hereafter.

"The first proceeding of the Founders of the Jerusalem Encampment was the formation of a code of by-laws, twelve in number, and which are entered in the first minute book with the signature of every member admitted down to 1816. These alone are a curiosities in their way, and no doubt suited to the position of the Order in Manchester at that period.

"The next record we have of the Encampment is the minute of the first meeting, which is here copied entire:—

"Transactions and minutes of the R.E. No. 15. Now held at Manchester.

"On the memorable 17th day of October, A.D. 1786. A.C.K. 1754. A.L. 5790.

"We, S. John Hassall, R.G.C., S. Joseph Carter, S.G.C., and S. James Ashton, J.G.C., being properly delegated and authorised by G.G.C. of the G.R.E. of ALL England, held at York, together with the following brethren, all S.K.T.—that is, John Watson, Richard Hunt, Patrick Lawlor, John Hardman, and James Cooper—proceeded to open the G.R.E. aforesaid, in which was opened and read the warrant of the R.E. No. 15, when the said R.E. was by a most surprising feat of C.C. legally and solemnly constituted as the First and Premier R.E. of S.K.T. in all Lancashire, and the G.C. thereof installed and invested; and after, receiving the proper charges, and all due honours paid to the G.G.C., the same was closed within the limited time and during the pleasure of the G.G.C. when the R.E., No. 15, was opened an encounter passed through, and after all proper defensive precautions taken the same was closed, and the K. retired in good order.

"JOHN HASSALL, R.G.C.

"JOSEPH CARTER, S.G.C.

"JAMES ASHTON, J.G.C."

(To be continued.)

#### LITERATURE, SCIENCE, MUSIC, DRAMA, AND THE FINE ARTS.

There is some expectation that Bro. Emanuel Deutsch, of the British Museum, whose article on the Talmud, in the *Quarterly Review*, went through so many editions, is about to visit the East, with the hope of extending his Phœnician investigations.

Mr. F. C. Burnand has written a new drama, which will be produced at the Queen's as soon as the run of "Turn of the Tide" is over.

Among recent literary announcements is a Concordance of the Works of Tennyson, containing one hundred and twenty five thousand references.

The London correspondent of the *Elgin Courier* is responsible for the statement that Mrs. Leigh's children are commencing an action for damages against *Macmillan Magazine*.

Mr. Froude has completed his History of England, from the fall of Wolsey to the defeat of the Spanish Armada, and will publish this month the two concluding volumes, making twelve in all.

The St. James's Theatre is to open during the present month under the management of Mrs. John Wood, recently of the Princess's. Among the members of the new company are Miss Herbert, Miss Henrade, and Miss Susan Pyne.

Perhaps the most mysterious of the new books announced is an alleged Autobiography of Edward Wortley Montagu, the scapegrace son of the celebrated Lady Mary. This, which the publisher assures the world will be "the most remarkably book that has been given" to the world for many years," is, according to Mr. Newby's advertisement, "to introduce kings and princes, politicians and poets, men of law, and men of letters"—among whom will be Pope, "whose absurd love adventure with Lady Mary (will we learn) be described at length."

Mr. Thomas Walker, a gentleman connected with the *Daily News* has been appointed editor of the *London Gazette*.

## Poetry.

### THE MASONIC BROTHERS ON THE PRAIRIE OF THE FAR WEST.

By Mrs. L. A. CZARNECKI.

The sun was gone, and darkness hung, brooding o'er the prairie plain,  
The wild horse and lordly deer were bounding along the same train,  
The panther and the puma howling and roaring with fierce menace,  
The ground re-echoing with the thunder of their maddening chase,  
The light fast fading, whose clear brightness had kept them at bay,  
Now they were grimly scenting, and pursuing in quest of prey;  
On the pine and lemon trees birds were singing a wailing refrain,  
Others replying in a hooting, twittering, and mocking strain;  
The royal palm at every breath of wind waving its majestic head,  
With a sighing groan, as of one who mourns for the mighty dead,  
The limitless sea of grass, swelling like the waves of the ocean,  
Swaying to and fro like a thing of strange life and motion,  
The moan of a hundred water streams broke on the startled ear,  
Filling the mind with profound terror and a nameless fear,  
Such was the sight on the boundless prairie of the far west,  
A night to try courage and strain it to the greatest test.  
What is man before those works of nature gorgeous and grand,  
Trembling before his Maker's face he feels he does lowly stand,  
At a glance he sees his weakness in view of such a power,  
In adoration his head in sublime worship bows lower.

A traveller's form emerged from a thicket in that desert land,  
Exhausted with hunger and fatigue, he fell on the heated sand;  
Despoiled of his arms, horseless, and lost on the prairie plain,  
Only his faithful dog which clung to him and would ever remain;  
Overcome with grief, wounded, and helpless, no succour seemed there,  
His heart was sinking with weakness, horror, and sheer despair,  
He had seen life in various phases, was learned in ancient lore,  
Had visited far cities and stood on many a foreign shore,  
One of the highest of an Order, a brother of the mystic tie,  
Whose ringing watchwords are Peace, Progress, and Fraternity;  
Virtue and truth were the rules of his great Masonic career,  
They were the plumb-line of his deeds, before God he knew no fear.

But to perish in that forest by a fearful and lonely death  
Was trying to one even of his sincere and loving faith—  
In the language of scripture he cried with an exceeding bitter cry,  
"My God! hast thou forsaken and left me in this desert to die?"

The night was waning, the starry beams fading at the approaching day,  
The wild beasts had flown to covert, sated with their feast of prey,  
The silence of death reigned now over this measureless wilderness,  
Mournful sighs of wind were stealing through the boughs of the cypress.

An awful hush, icing the heart, was felt on that prairie,  
Unbroken, save for the screaming of the eagle of the sierra,  
Round an expiring fire, lay a band of Indians in heavy sleep,  
He who was their chief sat buried in thought, sad and deep,  
Neither of their country, nor blood; he had wrought them a generous action,  
They prayed him to be their leader, loved him with devoted affection.  
He had borne a bitter wrong in the false world of civilised life,  
Had flown for a time to these forests, away from the heartless strife.

His soul was heaving with pain and emotion very long suppressed,  
He tried to school himself to submission and be at rest;  
Hark! what cry is that—thrilling the ear with a booming sound?  
He started, as a panting dog rushed up with a sweeping bound,  
And, with imploring, piteous eyes, mutely pleading to the chief  
To follow him, not delay, give one he dearly loved, relief.

With one call to his Indian braves, he seized his horse's reins,  
Mounted the gallant steed, the hot blood coursing through his veins;  
"Forward," he cried, and on they silent rode, the dog the patient guide.

Whate'er that chief was called to do, he knew his men were true and tried.

Marching swiftly for an hour, the dog flew off into a grassy glade,  
Where lying low upon the ground, a weak and wounded man was laid;

Dismounting from his horse, the chief advanced, and in a soothing voice,

"Fear not," he said, "I will thee help, and to do it I rejoice."

A cordial to his lips he gave, then skilfully his wound he drest,

A couch of branches made, they gently lifted him to rest;

The wounded man looked in wonder when to him a sign was given

By the chief, who now stood o'er him, and whose eyes were on him riven.

He stretched his hand, received the grip, spoke low the sacred word;

Those two were brothers by a lasting bond where'er 'tis known and heard.

The joy that laden sufferer felt was consoling strange and sweet,  
His life he owed to one who, as a brother, he could truly greet;  
Borne to the camp, with kindness he was tended day and night,  
Till strength returned again, and things looked beautiful and bright.

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Much was provided for the traveller that day on his journey to start,

Long they conversed with each other, those two friends so soon to part.

"Come with me, my brother, and enter the stirring world again,  
Thou hast told me thy story, on thee there rests not a stain."

"My gratitude is fervent, my duty is to uphold thee through all.  
I entreat abandon this life, with thee I shall stand or fall."

"The world judged wrong, my friend, now I heed neither its praise or blame,

Not on the failings of others will I build up my honour or fame;  
To these men I teach truth, and dwell where few have ever trod,

My life is not in vain, drawing me near and nearer to my God.  
Fare thee well, O! brother, think of me in thy daily prayer,

How we met upon the Level and parted on the Square."

### LIST OF LODGE, &c., MEETINGS FOR WEEK ENDING 23RD OCTOBER, 1869.

(Abbreviations.—F.M.H., Freemasons' Hall; M.H., Masonic Hall; M.T., Masonic Temple; Tav., Tavern; Ho., Hotel; R., Rooms; L., Lodge; St., Street; Sq., Square).

#### METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

##### Monday, Oct. 18th.

Quar. Gen. Meeting Boys' School, at 12.—LODGES.—Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.; Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.; Tranquility, Radley's, Bridge-st., Blackfriars; Panmure, Balham Ho., Balham; Whittington, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.; City of London, Guildhall Coffee-house, Gresham-st.; Royal Albert, F.M.H.; Eclectic, F.M.H.

##### Tuesday, Oct. 19th.

Board of Gen. Purposes at 3.—LODGES.—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Ho., Southwark; Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.; Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.—CHAPTERS.—Enoch, F.M.H.; Mount Sinai, Anderson's Ho., Fleet-st.; Industry, F.M.H.

##### Wednesday, Oct. 20th.

Gen. Com. of Grand Chapter, at 3; Lodge of Benevolence, at 7 precisely.—United Mariners, George Ho., Aldermanbury; St. George's, Trafalgar Ho., Greenwich; Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tav., Crutched Friars; Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich; Nelson, Ma. Ha., William-st., Woolwich; Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.

*Thursday, Oct. 21st.*

House Com. Female School; at 4.—**LODGES.**—Gihon, Guildhall Coffee-house, Gresham-st.; Constitutional, City Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.; Temperance, White Swan Tav., High-st., Deptford; Manchester, 179, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.; South Norwood, Goat House Ho., South Norwood.

*Friday, Oct. 22nd.*

House Com. Boys' School.—**LODGES.**—Universal, F.M.H.; Fitz Roy, Head Qrs. of the Hon. Artil. Co.; Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-st., St. Luke's.

**METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

*Monday, Oct. 18th.*

Prosperity, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd., Deptford; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Montcombe-st., Belgrave-sq.; Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars; St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-st.; Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; Westbourne, Running Horse, Duke-st., Grosvenor-sq.; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Tower Hamlet's Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial-rd. East; Eastern Star, Royal Ho., Mile-end-rd.

*Tuesday, Oct. 19th.*

Strong Man, White Horse, Little Britain; Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metropolitan District Railway, Victoria Station; Domestic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Cumberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's-wood; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane; Rose of Denmark, Metropolitan Chap. of Instruction, George Ho., Aldermanbury; Robert Burns, Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's-lane.

*Wednesday, Oct. 20th.*

Confidence, Sugar Loaf, Great St. Helens; Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse; United Strength, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Edinboro', Castle Tav., Peckham Rye; Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange Ho., Greenwich.—**CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.**—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.

*Thursday, Oct. 21st.*

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd.; Globe, No. 10, Old Bond-st.; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-sq.; Tranquillity, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, St. Mary Axe; Whittington, Crown Ho., 41, Holborn; Royal Oak Royal Oak Tav., Deptford.—**CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.**—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

*Friday, Oct. 22nd.*

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.; St. Luke's, Pier Ho., Cheyne-walk, Chelsea; Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford; Stability, Guildhall Tav., 33, Gresham-st.; Union's (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), Freemasons' Hall; United Pilgrims, Horns' Tavern, Kennington; Wellington, Lord Duncan Tav., Broadway, Deptford; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Lily, Greyhound Ho., Richmond; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes, Surrey; Victoria Metropolitan Lo. of Instruction, George Ho., Aldermanbury.

*Saturday, Oct. 23rd.*

**CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.**—Mount Sinai, Union Tav., Air-st. Regent-st.

## PROVINCIAL.

## DORSET.

WIMBORNE MINSTER.—*Mon.*, Lodge: St. Cuthberga, Crown Inn.—*SHERBORNE*—*Mon.*, Lodge: Benevolence, Town Ha.—*POOLE*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Amity, M.H.—*DORCHES-TER*—*Wed.*, Chapter: Faith and Unanimity, M.H.—*SHAFTESBURY*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Friendship and Sincerity, Grosvenor Arms Ho.—*SWANAGE*—*Sat.*, Lodge: De Moulham, Mowlem Institute.

## LANCASHIRE (EAST).

HEATON NORRIS.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Egerton, Chapel House Inn.—*MANCHESTER*—*Mon.*, Lodge: St. George, F.M.H.—*OLDHAM*—*Mon.*, Lodge: Tador, Red Lion Ho., Mumps.—*DENTON*—*Mon.*, Chapter: Faith, Nottingham Castle Inn.—*ARDWICK* (near Manchester)—*Wed.*, Lodge: De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Inn, Tipping-st.—*BOLTON*—*Wed.*, Lodge: St. John, Commercial Hotel, Moor-lane.—*BRADFORD* (near Manchester)—*Tues.*, Lodge: Townley Parker, Grey Moore Inn, Ashton Old-road.—*BURY*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street.—*CLITHEROE*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Limestone Rock, Swan Ho.—*COLNE*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Royal Lancashire, Swan Ho.—*MANCHESTER*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Yarborough, F.M.H.—*NEWCHURCH*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn.—*OLDHAM*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Friendship, Angel Ho.—*OPESHAW*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Faith, New Inn.—*SALFORD*—*Wed.*, Lodge: St. John, F.M.H., Islington-sq.—*TODMOR-DEX*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Harmony, Ma. Ha.—*RADCLIFFE*—*Wed.*, Chapter: Beauty, Bull's Head Inn.—*ACCRINGTON*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Bank Terrace, Hargreave's Arms Ho.—*BLACKBURN*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Fidelity, White Bull Ho., Church-st.—*BURY*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Relief, Hare and Hounds, Bolton-st.—*CLAYTON-LE-DALE*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn.—*HASLINGDEN*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Commerce, Commercial Inn.—*SALFORD*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Richmond, Spread Eagle Ho.—*SMALLBRIDGE*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Probity and Freedom, Bull's Head Inn.—*STONECLOUGH*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Charity, Grapes Inn.—*COLNE*—*Thurs.*, Chapter: Cana, Swan Ho.—*MANCHESTER*—*Thurs.*, Chapter: Affability, F.M.H.—*SALFORD*—*Thurs.*, Chapter: St. John, F.M.H., Islington-sq.

## LANCASHIRE (WEST).

BLACKPOOL.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Clifton, Clifton Arms and Pier Ho.—*SOUTHPORT*—*Mon.*, Lodge: Unity, Ma. Ha.—*LIVER-POOL*—*Mon.*, Chapter: Jerusalem, Ma. Te., Hope-st.—*BARROW-IN-FURNESS*—*Tues.*, Lodge: Hindpool, Queen's Ho.—*CROSTON*—*Tues.*, Lodge: Hesketh, Grapes Inn.—*ST.*, *HELEN'S*—*Tues.*, Lodge: St. Helen's Lodge of Loyalty, Fleece Ho.—*ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn.—*KIRKDALE*—*Wed.*, Lodges: Walton, Queen's Arms Ho.—*LIVERPOOL*—*Everton*, Ma. Te.—*LYTHAM*—*Triumph*, Market Ho.—*ORMSKIRK*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Har- mony, Wheat-sheaf Inn.—*LIVERPOOL*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Ancient Union, Ma. Te.—*WHITTLE SPRINGS* (near Chorley). *Thurs.*, Lodge: Townley Parker.—*FLEETWOOD*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Hesketh, Fleetwood Arms Ho.—*PRESTON*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Concord, King's Arms Ho.—*LIVERPOOL*—*Fri.*, Chapter: Sefion, Ma. Te., 22, Hope-st.

## WARWICKSHIRE.

COVENTRY.—*Mon.*, Lodge: Trinity, Castle Ho.—*BIRMING- HAM*—*Mon.*, Lodges: Bedford, Ma. Ro., Newhall-st. *Tues.*, Light, Hen and Chicken Ho.—*WARWICK*—*Tues.*, Lodge: Unity, Warwick Arms Ho.—*BIRMINGHAM*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Grosvenor, Ma. Ro., Newhall-st.—*ALCESTER*—*Wed.*, Lodge: Apollo, Swan Ho.—*NUNEATON*—*Thurs.*, Lodge: Abbey, Newdegate Arms.

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