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LONDON, SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1871.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is announced to be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for North Wales and Shropshire, Bro. Sir Watkin Williams, Bart., M.P. This brother is so popular in his province, both as a man and a Mason, that we have no doubt that the brethren under his jurisdiction will come well to the front with their subscriptions to the funds so greatly needed by this noble Institution.

It can scarcely be expected that the total subscriptions will equal in amount the large sums of former years. Several causes combine to operate against such a consummation, amongst which may be named the large sums drained from all available sources in aid of the various funds for the relief of the sufferers by the disastrous war, now happily brought to a conclusion; and the depressed state of many branches of trade in this country consequent on that war.

It is to be hoped that the brethren will make some extra exertions to counteract, in some measure, the causes likely to operate in a manner detrimental to our noble charities. The Boys' School, especially, is in great need of funds,

notwithstanding the large amounts that have been recently collected; the institution is still in debt to the extent of £6,000, and, unlike our other charities, it possesses no funded property, and has to be entirely maintained out of the annual income from subscriptions and donations.

If greater incentive to exertion were necessary, we need only mention the fact that, for the forthcoming election of inmates to the school there are no less than fifty-eight approved candidates on the list, while there are only vacancies for fourteen, a most convincing proof of the necessity and the usefulness of the institution.

There is at present accommodation in the school for 120 inmates, which no doubt may be considered by many as a magnificent result of the labours of those who take so deep an interest in the success of the school, and the welfare of the pupils; but the work of the Institution cannot be said to be complete, while there exist even the necessity of going through the formulary of an election, the expenses of a canvass for which often entails a serious inroad upon the already slender resources of the widowed parent. Up then, brethren, and let the work of not only this, but our other noble charities be complete, by enabling their portals to be thrown open to every worthy applicant, an end which seems easy of accomplishment, when it is considered that in the ranks of Masonry are enrolled many of the noblest and richest in the land.

## KNIGHT KADOSH—A. A. RITE.

Knight Kadosh, called also Knight of the White and Black Eagle, is the thirtieth degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the last to which any ceremonial or ritual is attached, and is acknowledged to be very important, being found in many rites and in many countries. Previously to the adoption of the A. A. Rite, the thirtieth degree formed, we believe, a part of the ceremonial of the Knights Templar. Ragon mentions the Kadosh as having been established at Jerusalem in 1118, in which case, of course, it must have belonged to the Templars.

The work from which this degree takes its name has been a considerable difficulty with all commentators. Its first appearance in the volume of the Sacred Law is where we read that "God

blessed the seventh day and sanctified it," (Gen. iii. 3). He separated and distinguished it from the days of the week, setting it apart for the purpose of a Sabbath, agreeably to the primary meaning of the word here made use of (in the Hebrew), *Kadosh* signifying "separated," or "consecrated." In the law, as delivered by Moses, we find the following precept concerning the feasts and sacred assemblages :

"Six days work shall be done; but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a holy coronation;" in the Hebrew, *milera kodesh* (Lev. xxiii. 3.)

Mr. Taylor says the word *kadesh*, as he writes it—for translators differ—signifies "holy," or "holiness," and is equivalent to the Greek *ieros*, "sacred."

In its application to this degree, we must consider it to be derived from the appointments of the priestly office.

The presiding officer of the degree is styled Most Ill. Pres. Gr. Commander. There are two Lieut. Gr. Commanders, a Grand Chancellor, a Grand Minister of State, a Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Secretary.

When the ritual is duly celebrated in ample form, three chambers are required, besides an ante-room for the reception of the candidates.

The first is, or ought to be, hung with drapery, and displays neither dais or altar. At the bottom of the apartment is seen a statue of wisdom, dimly visible by the pale light of a spirit lamp, placed over a chafing-dish.

The Grand Sacrificateur here receives the candidate and his conductor. The second chamber, which is called the "Areopagus," is hung with blue. At the farther end of the room is a table, covered with blue cloth, behind which are placed two Lieutenants, and an officer called the Orator. These three form the "Council of the Areopagus:"

The first Lieutenant, seated in the centre, presides, holding a golden sceptre, the other Lieutenant, on his right, bears the golden scales of Justice, while the Orator, who is on the left, displays a sword. On either side of the room are ranged the seats of the Knights. Three yellow candles light this chamber.

The third hall, which is called the "Senate," is hung with red. In the east is the dais, on which

is placed the throne, bearing on its canopy a double-headed eagle, crowned, and holding a poignard, in its claws. A drapery of red and black, interspersed with red crosses, descends from the wings of the eagle, and forms a pavilion. On each side of the throne are placed the standards of the cross; one, white with a green cross, bears the motto, "God wills it;" the other, black, with a shield charged on one side with a red cross, and on the other side a double-headed eagle has the motto, "Conquer or die."

The hall of the Senate is illuminated by eighty-one lights, which are displayed in a chandelier of nine branches. Here is placed the mysterious ladder, which is symbolic of virtue and science, one of the supports of which is dedicated to the love of God, and the other to the love of our neighbours. The steps represent justice, candour, truth, wisdom, patience, and prudence; the platform is the *ne plus ultra*; the descending steps are, grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy.

The Knights wear a broad, black sash, suspended from the left shoulder, ornamented and edged with silver fringe; on it is embroidered the Teutonic Cross in crimson and other emblems. The jewel is a naked poignard of silver, with a Teutonic Cross of red enamel, in the centre of which are the figures 30.

We may here observe that in the practice, especially of our French brethren, this is the last degree which has its teachings embroidered in the cubical stone, which is divided into eighty-one points—the square of nine, and the pyramid bearing the initials N.P.U., that is, *ne plus ultra*, which is variously applied to this and the eighteenth degrees.

We cannot but think this degree is of high antiquity, and the admixture of the military and religious ceremonies is more conspicuous in this than in any other degree. In its present form it bears evident traces of its Teutonic origin; and most probably it was devised by the German Knights. One standard used in this rite bears a green cross, which designated that nation in the Holy Land; the motto is the same as was borne by the pilgrims in the first crusade; the red cross belonged to the Templars, and was assumed by the two other Orders on the extermination of the Templars.—*Pomeroy's Democrat*.

## THE SCOTTISH RITE IN CALIFORNIA.

The following is from the Address of Ill. Bro. Washington Ayer, S.P.R.S. 32°, and Grand Minister of State of the M.P. Grand Consistory of California, delivered at the Grand Annual Communication, held in San Francisco, on Wednesday, the 11th day of January, 1871.

Daily we are reminded of the rapid flight of time; the earth moves on with unerring exactness in its orbits, bringing light and darkness upon its surface and seed time and harvest, when the husbandmen is well rewarded for his labour, and the season is full of the rich melodies of life, and joy surrounds him.

Change is the immutable law of Nature, and ever-varied scenes are placed upon the portraiture of life; and though our labours may be great, time and patience will overcome all our difficulties.

Such has been our experience in establishing the Scottish Rite upon a sure and steadfast foundation; the moving panorama has not been of uniform precision and beauty—alternate light and darkness have overshadowed us, and our hearts have grown sad in many disappointments, until the season has at last arrived for the harvest, and our hearts are full of hope and joy.

The Rite has been of slow growth in California, yet I am sure it has taken root in good soil, and will in future flourish; and I feel I can congratulate our brethren to day upon the organization of this Grand Consistory, to which all subordinate bodies may apply for advice and instruction. It embraces all the most excellent tenets of Masonry, and all that is good in Masonic lore; and while its interests are now placed in our keeping, we have an important work to perform, and must exercise a wise and discriminating care in the use of authority.

The history of the introduction of the Scottish Rite Masonry upon the Pacific Coast, is brief. On the 4th of August, 1866, the S.G.I.G., Ill. Bro. E. H. Shaw, an active member of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, called together several brothers, known to be eminent Masons and good men, throughout the State, and, after having communi-

cated the degrees from the 3rd to the 32°, organized the California Lodge of Perfection, No. 1. Most of the members of this body being engaged in business which occupied much of their time, and being members of several other Masonic bodies, found more time would be required to learn the work than they would be able to give, and consequently have preserved a great inactivity.

The whole number of bodies established in California is 12, as follows: California Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, San Francisco; Pacific Lodge of Perfection, No. 2, Marysville; Palestine Lodge of Perfection, No. 3, Sacramento; Bethlehem Lodge of Perfection, No. 4, Grass Valley; Kilwinning Lodge of Perfection, No. 5, Placerville; Yerba Buena Lodge of Perfection No. 6, San Francisco; Hartley Lodge of Perfection, No. 7, Stockton; Naval Lodge of Perfection, No. 8, Vallejo; Khurum Lodge of Perfection, No. 9, Petaluma.

COUNCIL P. OF JERUSALEM.—Damascus, No. 1, Sacramento; Mount Moriah, No. 2, Grass Valley; Libanus, No. 3, Placerville; Yerba Buena, No. 4, San Francisco.

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX.—Alpha, No. 1, Sacramento; Calvary, No. 2, Grass Valley; St. Paul, No. 3, Placerville; Yerba Buena, No. 4, San Francisco.

COUNCIL KTS. KADOSH.—Godfrey de St. Omar, No. 1, San Francisco; Jaques de Molay, No. 2, Sacramento.

There are now about 245 affiliated and 59 non-affiliated Scottish Rite Masons in California. Of this number, about 100 belong to this Grand Consistory as active, adjunct, and honorary members.

As Masonry in general teaches a hostility to vice and a war against evil, we may be asked, *cui bono*? what other benefit we expect from our Grand Consistory, our Knights Kadosh, R.C. and P. of J. and Lodges of Perfection? I would simply refer, in reply, to the Chapters and Commanderies. And we must remember, while at labour, that all these other branches of Masonry are entitled to receive from us the dignity and respect they have so long enjoyed.

For a long time a cloud hung over the "Rite," and many of us became disheartened on finding

those from whom we expected material aid, were discouraging its propagation. After struggling against a passive indifference, if not an active opposition, this Grand Consistory was established, thus giving an animated and dignified head to the various bodies in the State. And through the great zeal of our very Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Wm. T. Reynolds, a heart and life are given to the Scottish Rite which will make it flourish and gain favour with our brethren throughout the State; and I regret to be obliged to announce that his illness prevents him from being present to-day, and deprives us of the privilege and pleasure of listening to his eloquent address upon Masonry, its teachings and its benefits.

In the Scottish Rite we have a broad comprehensive, cosmic, and universal Masonry, which teaches us lessons of charity and benevolence, of forbearance towards one another—a quick and clear comprehension of right, and a ready and cheerful performance of every duty. It also encourages the education of the masses, the advancement of civilization, of science and art, a noble and exalted patriotism, and the cultivation of all the virtues which adorn society and elevate the moral and social condition of life. "Genuine Masonry is a never-ending warfare against evil, an unceasing struggle against wrong, a constant endeavour to alleviate the sorrows of the wretched, to relieve the wants of the destitute, and to lighten the burdens of the oppressed."

If we would enjoy all the benefits of Masonry, we must exercise patience, charity, and fidelity towards one another, then harmony will prevail, and in harmony we shall find unity and strength. In the language of Schiller:—

"True faith, I tell thee,  
Must ever be the dearest friend of man;  
'Tis only in the forehead Nature plants  
The watchful eye—the back, without defense,  
Must find its shield in man's fidelity."

Before we can appreciate all its beauties and benefits, we need a more thorough Masonic education than is received by the novitiate at the altar; we need an education that will plant all the beautiful teachings of symbolic Masonry in the heart and affections of man, to be his rule and guide in all the pursuits of life; for all our precepts are dead without noble and generous action. A Mason should be the living example of all social and heroic virtue, for in that man finds his true nobility—*nobilitas sola est atque unica virtus.*

The reflecting mind grows sad in the contemplation of the moral aspect of the world, with its discords and dissensions; and it is the duty of us all to labour with more earnestness to bring order out of chaos, and restore harmony and good-will among all men, especially among Masons. While it is right and honourable for men to differ, and an honourable difference is entitled to respect, it is wrong and debasing for men to allow passion to assume the prerogatives of reason and lead them into error.

The benefits of the Rite upon the human heart and upon society, will depend upon the zeal, intelligence, honesty, and sobriety of all who come within these walls to be saluted with the "mysterious numbers," and we should govern ourselves with great care, and with a conscious conviction that the eye of the Supreme Architect of the Universe is ever upon us, and guard well the outer walls of the temple. However humble the station, the life of every man is great who labours to do good and to benefit his fellow man.

"The simple annals of the poor have a poesy as sweet, a truth as touching, and a melody as perfect, as though the grand diapason had been struck by a master hand, and had reverberated throughout the universe."

Much labour and great care will be required of the members of this Grand Consistory to see that the subordinate bodies work zealously with that spirit of emulation which is the admiration of all just men and good Masons. Too much care cannot be exercised to see that none gain admission who cannot maintain true dignity and command the respect and confidence of all men. In all we do, we must remember we are labouring for the good of mankind.

"The shadows of the evening of our days are lengthening, my brethren, and the way that remains for each of us to go, before the judgment of those who will live after us shall be passed upon us, is not very long." Then let us strive to live so that the world may derive some good from our example, and that our deeds may form a lasting monument over our memories, in the hearts of those who shall live long after we shall have passed from a brief experience of a mortal existence, and seeing our good works, shall exclaim, "Behold, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

# THE EARL OF ROSSLYN, M.W.G.M. OF SCOTLAND, ON THE WORKING TOOLS QUESTION.

The following circular has been addressed to the W. Master of Lodges in Glasgow, by command of the Grand Master of Scotland:—

Masonic Hall, 98, George Street,  
Edinburgh, February 7th, 1871.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have no doubt that the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication, held here last Night, will be made known to you, and I wish therefore to express my regret to you, as the head of the Province of Glasgow, that those members of Grand Lodge who attended from Glasgow were unable, in consequence of the early hour at which their train left Edinburgh, to discuss Bro. Porteous' motion. Had I been aware of the length of the minutes, I would have desired the Grand Clerk to have postponed reading them until after the discussion on Bro. Porteous' motion had taken place, which would have afforded those brothers who came from Glasgow an opportunity of making their statements. I repeat that I am sorry this was not done, for nothing can be further from the wish of every member of Grand Lodge than any desire to stifle the expression of opinion of any of its members, from whatever quarter he may come.

The motion of Bro. Porteous, in his absence, necessarily fell through; but I wish to direct your attention to a motion of Bro. Hay's, which will come up for discussion at the next Quarterly Communication. It is in these terms. "That Chapter 20, section 3, of Grand Lodge Laws shall read as follows:—*The Lodge Journeymen, No. 8, shall be entitled to carry the working tools and other paraphernalia of Grand Lodge at processions in the Metropolitan District. The Lodge "Glasgow St. John" shall have the same privilege in the Province of Glasgow, and when the Grand Lodge is officiating in any other place or province, the Grand Master or the brother acting for him, shall have the power of fixing on the Lodge of Lodges to carry the working tools, &c., for the occasion, and his decision shall not be open to review.*"

The contest that has been carried on on this subject, I have no hesitation in saying, has been unseemly and unmasonic; so far from cultivating and increasing those feelings of brotherly love, which every good Mason ought to foster and cherish, this dispute has tended to engender animosity, embitter friendly communication and even make that society, which ought to be the centre and wellspring of kindness and courtesy, into a fountain-head of unkindness and discourtesy. May I entreat you to use your influence to put an end to this, and to induce the brethren of the Province of Glasgow (since it gives all they ask) to accept Bro. Hay's motion as it stands, not only without murmur, but with satisfaction and unanimity. Thus a happy termination may be put to what has been for some time a standing menace to propriety and good order, and thus our proceedings may be, as they ever should be, closed in harmony.

I beg you to cause your Provincial Grand Secretary to forward a copy of this letter to the Master of every lodge in your province.

I am, with much respect,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

ROSSLYN, Grand Master.

To the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Glasgow.

# THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE IN AMERICA.

(Continued from page 128).

We continue our interesting extracts from the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors' General of the 33rd and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

These proceedings show that more attention is being paid to the higher degrees by our American brethren than is the case in this country.

Under the head of Domestic Affairs the Address of the M.P. Sov. Grand Commander contains the following particulars:—

*New Bodies.*—The dispensations ordered at the last session have been issued. In addition I have granted the following: To George Babcock and others, at Troy, New York, upon the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation of that State, for a Lodge of Perfection, called "Delta Lodge of Perfection." To Edwin J. Loomis and others, Norwich, New York, upon the recommendation of Ill.: Bro. Orrin Welch, Deputy, for a Lodge of Perfection, called "Chenango Valley Lodge of Perfection."

I have good accounts from both these bodies, but as the dispensations have been issued within six months, no charters can be issued to them at this session.

*Old Records &c.*—In addition to the old records, of which I gave an account last year, Bro. WATEMAN has secured photographic copies of pen pictures illustrative of the ritual, executed by William Gamble in 1769.

I have also received, through the Ill.: Deputy for New Jersey, from Ill.: Bro. DAVID NARR, to be deposited in the archives of this Supreme Council, a document purporting to be an original, and to be signed by Count de Laurent.

*Royal and Select Masters Degrees.*—I was informed during the year, much to my surprise, that the Lodge of Perfection at Newport, Rhode Island, was in the habit of conferring these degrees under the authority of an endorsement upon their charter. As there was a Grand Council of R. and S. Masters in that State, I at once directed that Lodge to suspend all action under that authority, until the Supreme Council should otherwise order.

Upon investigation it was found that the Lodge was justified in its action by an endorsement upon its charter. It appears further, that a Grand Council was formed in that state in 1860; that various efforts have been made to induce the Newport Brethren to give in their adhesion to it; that these efforts failing the Brethren were not recognized as regular R. and S. Masters, the Grand Council claiming exclusive jurisdiction in the State. I opened a correspondence with the Grand Master of the Gr. Council, and I am informed that the result has been that the Newport Brethren have taken and organized under a charter granted to them by the Grand Council, and that the whole matter has been arranged satisfactory to all concerned. I recommend, however, that in order to prevent any possible trouble in the future, the authority of that endorsement be absolutely revoked.

*The Carrick Case.*—It will be remembered that in 1868 a

claim was presented to this Supreme Council for reimbursement of the funeral expenses of William S. Carrick, 32°, who died in Memphis, Tennessee. The degrees were conferred on Bro. Carrick in Supreme Council "before the union," by the Body having its Grand East at New York. The expenses of his burial were borne by the M.: P.: Sov.: G.: Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction. I had considerable correspondence with Ill.: Bro. GRAHAM, the Representative of that Supreme Council, which resulted in a withdrawal of the claim.

I may be in error, but I am of opinion that a Mason's claim for charity is upon the fraternity, and not upon a particular lodge: that it is our duty to relieve the necessities of a worthy brother, whether of our own household, or the stranger in our gates, according to our ability, without expectation of return; that Masonic charity is not an absolute, unlimited right or duty, but depends upon the ability of the giver as well as the need or the recipient: that therefore, it can never be the basis of a claim for reimbursement.

Nevertheless, I recommend in this case that reimbursement be made to Bro. PIKE of the amount expended by him. While I hold that he has no claim upon us, I also hold, that having the ability, we may properly make him whole; and the claim having been withdrawn, it seems due to our own dignity that we should do so.

*The Constitutions.*—In 1852, M.: P.: Bro. Albert Pike, 33° Sov.: Commander of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, published the Constitutions of 1786, and others translated by him.

In 1866, a Committee of the Supreme Council, having its Grand East at Boston, reported that the Constitutions, as published by Bro. Pike, were not correct, and recommended that, the Constitutions as found in its archives should be published. But although the recommendation was adopted, nothing was done in execution of it.

After the close of the session last year it came to my knowledge that Ill.: Bro. E. T. Carson had made a translation of the Constitutions which he deemed accurate, and that he was willing that it should be published. I directed the G. Sec. General to add it as an Appendix to the proceedings. The report I have referred to was made at a time when great excitement prevailed, and I have no personal knowledge upon what foundation its allegations were based, and was desirous of arriving at the truth, a result more likely to be reached now that the animosities and excitements of 1866 have passed away.

It is well known that Bro. J. J. J. Gourgas claimed to have certain "secret constitutions," which he would exhibit to no one; but delivered to his successor, who in turn delivered them to Bro. E. E. Raymond, and he to Bro. Simon W. Robinson, by whom they were placed in my charge. If they pertained exclusively to the Sov. G. Commander for his own government, I might hold that they should be kept sacred to himself, and delivered only to his successor. But upon examination I find that they have a much wider scope; and are intended to be in the possession of every Sov.: Grand Inspector General, and therefore, I perceive no reason why any Sov.: G.: Insp.: General, should not have access to them, or in fact, why they may not be published in the same manner as our other Constitutions.

They comprise thirty-three articles; are accompanied by the copy of a certificate of Stephen Morin, that they are a true copy of those inscribed on his register at the Orient of Port-au-Prince on the nineteenth day of February, 1768; also by a copy of the certificate of Auguste de Grasse, that they are a true copy of those inscribed upon the Register of the Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: General of the Supreme Council at Kingston, Jamaica, August 19, 1809

and by the copy of the certificate of E. De La Motta, that they are true copies of those inscribed upon the Registers of the Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors General of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, dated the 5th of August, 1813; and by the original certificate of J. J. J. Gourgas over his genuine signature, dated August 5, 1813.

What credit should be given to these it is not necessary now to inquire: but they were evidently followed by Francken and others, in disseminating the Rite when it was first introduced into this country; or else have been formed from those by which the early disseminators of the Rite governed themselves. I recommend the appointment of a committee to investigate the whole subject, and report at a future session of the Supreme Council, to the end that an authorised version of the old Constitutions may be published for the use of the Craft.

*Rituals.*—It is well known that two different rituals are in use in this jurisdiction, so far as relates to the degrees actually conferred. One is the old ritual that has been in use many years, and in some of the degrees is crude and imperfect. The other is the ritual taken, for the larger part, from that prepared by M. P. Bro. Pike, who has devoted much labour, study, and time to its preparation. He very kindly furnished me with a complete set; but I have not been able to devote to them the time necessary for their proper examination. This Supreme Council has not yet adopted a ritual. A committee has had the matter in charge, and will be prepared to report in part at the present session. The work is really much too great to be done by one committee; and I apprehend if it had been divided among several smaller committees, much greater progress would have been made. I believe I do not touch upon the province of that committee in saying that the ritual which has been supplied by the Supreme Council, from the fourth to the sixteenth degree, inclusive, is very generally acceptable to the brethren, not being in any material degree in conflict with the old ritual. The same may be said of some of the other degrees. Whether this differs materially in these degrees from that of Bro. Pike, I am not able to inform you; but a brief examination will enable us to determine.

Ill. Bro. Robert M. C. Graham, 33°, by consent of Bro. Pike, has placed in my hands, to be presented to this Supreme Council the ritual of the Southern Supreme Council, for the thirty-third degree. I have examined it with considerable care, and find it to be a production worthy of the fame and ability of its author. There are a few expressions in it which I deem objectionable, and others may take exceptions to other portions of it; but I deem it worthy of the most careful examination, with a view to its adoption as a whole, or with such modifications (if they are permitted) as may be found necessary to adapt it to us. The ceremony of this degree has been with us but little more than an induction into office—the degree being in fact an official degree. I hope a ritual for this degree will be adopted as soon as may be. It is extremely important that, if possible, a uniform ritual should be authorized in the two jurisdictions, as most of the other Supreme Councils will eventually take their ritual and general polity from the Councils in the United States. If it should be found that these rituals for some of the degrees are substantially alike, I trust you will adopt so much of them as is not in dispute.

The Monitors, the use of which has been sanctioned by the Supreme Council, are as different as the rituals. They were prepared by Ill. Brethren upon their own responsibility, and each with a view to a particular work.

When the ritual shall have been adopted, a method of disseminating it should be provided. It is certain that officers cannot

be prepared for their work by oral instruction, with any degree of success. The price of the ritual now supplied is very large in proportion to its cost. The sales already made have re-imbursed to the Supreme Council the expenses of publication, and it is now time to take away from subordinate bodies the excuse for communicating the degrees instead of conferring them, that they are not able to pay for the necessary rituals.

Consolidation of Bodies of the Rite.—I am happy to inform you that the two sets of bodies at Albany, New York, have been consolidated. Great credit is due to the brethren composing them for the truly Masonic spirit displayed in effecting this; and they are rewarded by the prosperity and harmony which they are now enjoying. I have information that other bodies have followed their example, but must refer you to the Reports of the Deputies for definite statements.

Regalia.—I was authorised last year to procure regalia, &c., for the Supreme Council, but upon enquiring as to its cost I determined that it was imprudent to proceed without more definite instruction, and, therefore, I refer the matter back to you for such action as you may deem proper.

The Thirty-third Degree.—In establishing a rule for the selection of brethren to be elevated to this high grade, much embarrassment has always been experienced. Whether the policy inaugurated last year will relieve us in this respect cannot be now known. Our sister Supreme Council in the Southern Jurisdiction has established a "Court of Honour" from which alone Honorary Sov. Grand Inspectors General are to be selected. From some consideration which I have given to it, I am of the opinion that the creation of such a body would relieve us from embarrassment in the selection of Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, and would create an interest among our sub-time Princes to devote themselves more actively to the interests of the Rite. I have been furnished with a copy of the Statute of the Southern Supreme Council by which their Court of Honour is created.

### MASONIC JOTTINGS.—No. 59.

BY A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

#### THREE PERIODS.

There are periods which, a learned brother thinks, may be considered as periods, either of the institution, or the revival, of our English Freemasonry: the 16th century, the middle of the 17th century, and the beginning of the 18th century. My brother ascribes its institution, or revival, in the 16th century, to the Germans: in the middle of the 17th century, to Ashmole; and in the beginning of the 18th century, to Payne, Desaguliers, and Anderson.

GEORGE I. ASCENDS THE THRONE, 1714.—MINDS OF ALL CREEDS ACCEPTED. BRETHREN.

A correspondent writes, that as early as the year 1714 accepted Masons, for the most part, devoted to their peculiar Speculative Science, but some devoted to Rosicrucianism, some to Theosophy, and some to Alchemy, began those measures which some years later produced the Revival.

My correspondent at first refers to Bro. Findel's History generally, but he afterwards cites a passage verbatim.

This passage has by mistake been incorporated with the note to the jotting "Ascension of George I, Freemasonry." *ante* page 104. It well deserves the reader's attention.

#### THE LONDON MASONS' COMPANY.

A correspondent likens the old London Masons' Company to a lodge with a Royal Charter.

#### THE ORIGINAL YORK MASONS.

"To be ranked as descendants of the original York Masons was the glory and boast of the brethren in almost every country where Masonry had been regularly established."—Preston.

#### ALLEGED COSMOPOLITANISM AND UNIVERSALITY OF OUR MASONRY.

In the provinces, on the occasion of the Annual Festival, Grand Lodge walks in procession to a Christian Church, joins in Christian Prayers, hears a Christian Sermon, and thanks a Christian Clergyman who has preached it. A Metropolitan brother inquires how these proceedings can be shown to accord with the alleged Cosmopolitanism and Universality of our Masonry? \*

#### THE TEST OF TRUE FREEMASONRY.

The test of true Freemasonry is the belief in its Religion of the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe, a Future State of Reward and Punishment, and the Moral obligation. Old M.S.

#### THE FOUR LONDON LODGES, A.D. 1717.

A correspondent will find that the words of the jotting, "Freemasons Magazine," vol. 22, page 205 are correct.—Bro. Findel has written "Lodges of Operative and Accepted Masons."

#### TWO FREEMASONRIES SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME.

See the jotting "Our present system of Freemasonry," *ante*, page 87, where it is said that the Revival Freemasonry can be easily traced to the four old London Lodges—what is meant is, that the Revival Freemasonry comes from the Freemasonry of the four old London Lodges—that the two Freemasonries, the Revival Freemasonry and the Freemasonry of the four old London Lodges, the ante-Revival Freemasonry, are substantially the same.

\* See "Bro. Hughan's Prayers of the Craft," "Freemasons' Magazine," vol. 23, page 470.

See also "Somethings which are inconsistent with the Freemasonry which is universal absolutely."—*Ibid*, pages 50-231-290.



## MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

## FREEMASONRY AND SYMBOLISM.

"As a Speculative Order, Freemasonry is pre-eminently distinguished for the cultivation which it has given to the science of Symbolism, a science which once pervaded the ancient world, and was closely connected with all the religion and poetry of antiquity. Whatever may be the contending opinions on the subject of the historical origin of Freemasonry, no one who has attentively investigated this subject, can, for a moment, doubt that it is indebted for its peculiar mode of inculcating its principles to the same spirit of Symbolic science which gave rise to the sacred language of the Egyptian priests, and the sublime initiations of the Pagan philosophers. For all the mysteries of the ancient world, whether they were the Druidical rites of Britain, or the Cabeiri rites of Samothrace, whether celebrated on the banks of the Ganges or the Nile, contained so much of the internal spirit and the outward form of pure and Speculative Masonry as to demonstrate the certainty of a common origin to all." From a bundle of Masonic Excerpts.

—CHARLES PURTON COOPER.

## BIENSEANCE.

A reader of the "Freemasons' Magazine," member of the Grand Orient of Paris, remarks that language has got into our Masonic discussions which is an unseemly violation of all the rules of "Bienséance."—A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

## LITERARY CONTROVERSY.

Those unused to literary controversy, as it ought to be carried on, are but too apt to employ against others language which they would deem highly offensive if employed against themselves.—A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

## IF IT IS NOT SPIRITS, WHAT IS IT?

I have been a member of the Masonic fraternity for thirteen years, and in June, 1864, it was our good fortune to have a visit and a course of lectures at Susanville, Cal., from Mrs. Emma Hardinge. During her stay, we were privileged to receive her as a guest at our home.

The 24th of June was celebrated by the Masons, and while making preparations, I had some Masonic emblems in our parlour; and Mrs. Hardinge became partially controlled, and, while in that condition, and during a running conversation, she gave me two Masonic signs and two words, in a manner that was not observable by herself or anyone else present.

For the time I was very much surprised, it being the first Masonic signs that I had ever received from a spiritual source. When the influence left her, I asked her if she would meet with a few Masons in our parlour, and see what the spirits would do. She said she was willing to give her time. I invited some twelve or fifteen brothers from Lupen Lodge, No. 149; among them were the Master and Wardens. They met in our parlour, and the family retired to another part of the house. The doors were locked and the window-blinds closed. We all being seated around the room, Mrs. Hardinge became entranced, and to all appearance perfectly oblivious to surrounding conditions. She acted in the capacity of Master; went through the work of opening the lodge in the

first degree of Masonry. She gave all the lectures, signs, and words pertaining to the degree in regular order; closed in that degree; opened in the next, giving everything in regular order; and so on, through what is known as the Blue Lodge. After closing on the Master's degree she gave us a very impressive address on the morals and teachings of Masonry, and remarked that she would like to have gone on through higher degrees, but she saw that it was as far as any of us had gone (which was the case). This I give upon the honour of a man and a Mason. I say, let the sceptic deride. I know all the resources that Mrs. Hardinge would be likely to have to gain Masonic secrets and knowledge; and then, when we take into account the high moral character, and consider how far it would be from her, even if it were possible for her to have gained this knowledge from any other than a spiritual source, she would never have used it and claimed it to be from spirits. I cannot account for it upon any hypothesis except that she was entranced and controlled by a spirit that knew more Masonry than all of us combined. I am thoroughly convinced that, in her normal condition, she knows nothing of the secrets of Masonry.

During the whole course of my investigation of Spiritualism, I have tried to account for many of the tests I have received in some other way; but when I lay aside the agency of spirits, it is all a mystery.—*P. Chamberlin, in the "Banner of Light."*

## DR. ZERFFI ON ORNAMENTAL ART.

This celebrated professor says (page 124 of the "Building News" for February 17th.) "Savages use generally only geometrical figures in the ornamentation of their vessels, weapons, oars, clubs, cross-beams, or door-posts. The triangle, the square, the circle, are applied in a thousand different forms, windings and combinations. As soon as man frees himself from the savage state he takes his motives for ornamentation from the vegetable kingdom."

W.P.B.

## THE ROMAN CATHOLICS AND SECRET SOCIETIES.

In the Lentun Indult of his Eminence of Dublin nothing is directly said on the question; but the following passage seems to have been, as usual, carefully prepared to give offence in certain quarters:—

"As secret societies are the cause of great evils, tend to promote impiety and infidelity, and are injurious to the public good, the Roman Pontiffs, Benedict XIV., Pius VII., Leo XII., and others, have excommunicated all who engage in them. Hence, Catholics, if Freemasons, Ribbonmen, or Fenians, cannot be admitted to the Sacraments. Our beloved Holy Father Pius IX., by a decree of the Holy Office of the 12th January of last year, declared the Fenians subject to the same censures enacted by his predecessors against Freemasons. Hence, no Fenian can be absolved or receive the Sacraments of the Church until he shall have separated from the Fenian organization, and abandoned all attempts to promote or assist it. It is to be hoped that all who are engaged in secret societies, availing themselves of the facilities afforded by the Jubilee, which still continues, will abandon their evil connections and reconcile themselves with the Church of God, out of which they cannot be saved."



## THE MASONS' COMPANY.

From the "City of London Directory" we learn the following particulars respecting this Company:—  
MASONS' COMPANY.

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*Clerks.*—Gwatkin Frederick, Esq. 9 New Square, Lincoln's inn.

*Office.*—Their Hall in Basinghall street is now let, the income being devoted to charity.

*Charters.*—This Company was originally designate the "Citizens and Freemasons of London" in 1410. They were first incorporated by 29th Charles II. December 17th, 1677, and their bye laws were approved shortly afterwards. James II. gave them a new Charter February 9th, 1686. This was however vacated by statute of William and Mary, and Queen Anne exemplified and confirmed their previous Charter, December 17th, 1677.

*Arms.*—*Sable*: on a chevron, between three towers *argent*, a pair of compasses of the first. *Crest*: on a wreath a castle, as in arms. *Motto*: "In the Lord is all our Trust."

*Fees Payable.*—Upon taking up the freedom: by patrimony or servitude 5*l* 5*s*.; by purchase, 7*l*. 7*s*.—Upon admission to the Livery, 15*l*. 15*s*.—Upon admission to the Court of Assistants, 5*l*.; Wardens, 15*l*.; Master, 10*l*.

*CHARITIES.*—There are several small pensions, given to decayed members of the Company or their widows; for particulars application should be made to the clerk.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

Dear Sir and Brother,—Had I not been absent from home I should have earlier asked you to insert the following reply to that part of a letter signed "Magnus Ohren," published elsewhere, which refers to myself. I can and do thoroughly appreciate the "de mortuis nil nisi bonum" theory, but if that is to signify the living as well as the dead, then we shall all soon become dead alive.

I say that we who oppose this Little testimonial are the best friends our worthy Grand Secretary ever had, for if this scheme be successful, then the Masonic world will at once understand that there is a Junior Clerk in the Grand Secretary's Office who is a bigger and a better man than his chief.

If all those who have done only twice as much for pure Masonry as Bro. Little, were to have testimonials, there would be a pretty big sum of money required; why I know one man who has himself initiated over 1,000 candidates, and has often driven sixty milesto assist a lodge: and there are very many of us who think nothing of doing that, and at our own expense too, no railways or busses, grand suppers and dinners, but generally only bread and cheese, or at

most cold meat, and that charged for, together with a promised guinea to back up some local steward. And all this is done without its being recorded in some sympathising newspaper how Bro. — installed this W.M., or that Z., H., or J., or consecrated that chapter or lodge. 'Tis true that in return we live in the hearts of our brethren, who show their affection by covering our walls with certificates of honorary membership, that are far more significant of good honest hard work done, than all the testimonials that ever came out of a jeweller's shop.

Yours fraternally,

A CRAFT MASON.

## MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

The M. Wor. Bro. Alex. H. Newcomb, Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, in his annual address to his Grand Lodge, thus alludes to the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

"Some time since I received from the Grand Secretary, John D. Caldwell, papers referring to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it having been organized during the past year. There seems to be quite a difference existing between the G. L. of Canada and the so-called G. L. of Quebec. Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence will give you their views on the subject in their report. It is not necessary for me to make any further allusion to it, as there is no doubt in my mind but that it is our duty to recognize them, as they are a separate and distinct province. It has been held to be sound Masonic law that independent Grand Lodges may be organized where independent government exists. This right has been so often confirmed by American Grand Lodges that it is no longer a doubtful question."

The Committee on For. Correspondence, through M.W. and Ill. Bro. Thomas Sparrow, 33° P.G.M., thus alluded to the important subject:

"There is some difference of opinion in regard to the regularity of this body; but your committee are unable to discover any just or valid reason for it. It is a settled principle of Masonic jurisprudence that the brethren of any separate independent political organization have the right to form a Grand Lodge, whenever the requisite number of private lodges are working within such State, Territory, or Province. Your committee understand:

1. That the Province of Quebec is an independent State.
2. That more than three lodges united in forming the Grand Lodge.
3. That a majority of the lodges in the province were represented at the meeting for the organization

of, or have acknowledged their allegiance to, the newly created Grand Lodge.

4. That the proceedings in establishing it were regular.

Under this state of facts, your committee are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is entitled to recognition; and a refusal to do so is unjust, and a clear violation of a well-settled principle of Masonic law.

The argument of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, in his able report on Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Lodge of Maine, is conclusive, and will not fail to convince any candid-minded man of the justice and propriety of recognizing this new member of the Masonic family, as an independent and legitimate Masonic Sovereign, within the Province of Quebec."

The committee concluded their report by recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been lawfully established, and the hand of fraternal recognition is hereby extended to it."

The Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the same.

At the banquet given on the occasion of the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Lodge of St. Andrew's, Boston, Massachusetts, November 29, 1856, the toast, "The Antiquity and Universality of Masonry," was given, and R.W. Bro. Charles W. Moore, then Grand Secretary, and the oldest member of the lodge, was called on to respond. He said:—

"Masonry is, indeed, a universal institution. History does not furnish its parallel. It exists where Christianity has not gone; and its claims will be respected, even where the superior claims of religion would fail. It is never obscured by the darkness of night. The eye of day is always upon it. Its footprints are to be traced to the most distant regions of the earth. Among all civilized people, and in all Christianized lands, its existence is recognized. It came to our shores at an auspicious period; and it was rocked in the cradle of liberty by a Washington, a Franklin, a Hancock, and a Warren. Unaffected by the tempest of war, the storm of persecution, or the denunciation of fanaticism, it still stands proudly erect in the sunshine and clear light of heaven, with not a marble fractured or a pillar fallen. It still stands, like some patriarchal monarch of the forest, with its vigorous roots riveted to the soil, and its broad limbs spread in bold outline against the sky; and in generations yet to come, as in ages past, the sunlight of honour and renown will delight to linger and play amid its venerable branches. And if ever,

in the providence of God, blasted by the storm and driven by the lightning, it shall totter to its fall, around its trunk will the ivy of filial affection, that has so long clasped it, still cling, and mantle with greenness, and vendure its ruin and decay."

The following cry for relief which was made to "The Supreme Council for the Jurisdiction of the Southern States of America," by the Masons of Strasbourg La R.: Loge de Saint Jean d'Ecosse, sous le titre distinctif des Freres Reunis, a l'Or.: de Strasbourg:

Strasbourg, November, 20, 1870.

Most Illustrious Brethren—War has wasted our poor city and a great part of Strasbourg lies in ruins.

About twenty of our brethren have suffered by the bombardment, several of them are completely ruined.

The damage they have suffered amounts to about two million of francs.

In this general misfortune, for there is no one who has not had his part in one way or another, we make an appeal to the Masonic brotherhood, and beg you, most illustrious brethren, to open a subscription in the lodges of your obedience in order to aid our brethren to raise again their houses and re-furnish their homes.

We are sure our cry of distress will be heard, and with this confidence will remain,

Yours most truly and fraternally.

The above is signed by all the officers of the lodge, under the lodge seal.

The death is announce of M. W. Bro. William Clinton, who was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, at its forty-ninth Annual Communication, December 6, 1869. This distinguished Brother breathed his last 20th January, at Montgomery. He was formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Council of that State. Both Houses of the Legislature as well as the Supreme Court, adjourned out of respect, to his memory.

A magnificent testimonial has just been completed at Freemasons' Hall Great Queen Street, which was thrown open to public view prior to the quarterly communication on Wednesday last. It is placed on the first landing on the grand staircase, open to the inspection of every one visiting the building. This testimonial consists of six medallion portraits, life size, in strong relief, executed in the purest statuary marble, and set in alabaster frames, of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge to superintend the erection of the building in which the craft is now located. This series of portraits is surmounted by a bust of the Chairman of the Committee Bro. John Havers, P.G.W. Bro. Durham, the sculptor, was commissioned by Grand Lodge to execute this work, and the faithfulness with which he has transmitted the features of the, well-known brethren, whose portraits now adorn the building will be readily acknowledged by all who have the privilege of viewing them. An appropriate inscription is cut in a marble tablet commemorative of the testimonial.

## THE MASONIC MIRROR.

\* \* All communications to be addressed to the EDITOR, at No. 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London, W.C.

**ALTERATION IN THE DAY OF PUBLICATION OF THE MAGAZINE.**—The Magazine will in future, be published on Saturday Mornings, instead of on Friday Afternoons; this alteration has been made in order to enable us to meet the wishes of a large section of our readers, so as to allow of the insertion each week of Masonic reports reaching the Editor on Thursday mornings.

**THE NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENT.**—On the 1st of October last the new postal arrangement came into operation, by which the postage of the MAGAZINE is reduced one-half, of which our subscribers will receive the full benefit. In future, those of our subscribers who pay one year in advance will receive the MAGAZINE post-free. The price of the MAGAZINE will thus be reduced from 17s. 4d. to 13s. per annum. Under this arrangement the following will be the terms of subscription:—One year, paid in advance, 13s.; six months, 7s. 7d.; single numbers, by post, 3½d. We hope that by thus giving the advantage to our subscribers they will, in return, use their best endeavours to increase our circulation, by inducing their friends also to become subscribers. Anticipating a large increase in our circulation, arrangements are in progress for the introduction of special new features in the MAGAZINE.

**SCOTLAND.—NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.**—The Agency for the Freemasons' Magazine in Scotland is now conducted by Messrs. Strathern and Stirrat, 33, Renfield Street, Glasgow; and any Subscriber not receiving the Magazine as usual, will please notify the fact to the above Firm, or to the Company's Manager directed to the Office, 19, Salisbury Street, Strand, London, W.C.

### MASONIC MEMS.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has named Monday the 8th. May next, for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on which occasion His Royal Highness has consented to preside.

We are informed that the installation of Colonel Lyne, as R.W. Prov. G.M., for Monmouthshire, will take place in the large Room at the Town Hall, Newport, on Easter Thursday, April 13th, and that Theodore Mansel Talbot, Esq., R.W. Prov. G.M., for the Eastern Division of South Wales, will be respectfully invited to perform the ceremony.

The next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk is announced to be held at Ipswich in July next.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 144, has been removed from the Pier Hotel, Chelsea, to the "Gladstone," 202 and 204 Brompton Road, S.W. The meetings are held every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

It is intended to hold a Masonic Ball on a grand scale, the King's Head Hotel, Newport, on Thursday, the 20th of April next; and a committee of management has been formed. We hope to be able to give a full programme in our next issue.

A masonic ball is to be held in Lincoln during the visit of the Prince of Wales to that town and neighbourhood, in the Grand National Steeple Chases week. The proceeds of the ball, which is expected to be honoured by the presence of the Prince of Wales, are to be applied to charitable Masonic purposes.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Wednesday, 1st inst.

In the absence of the M.W.G. Master, the Earl De Grey and Ripon, who is now in Washington, U.S., as the representative of Her Majesty in the High Commission for the settlement of various matters in dispute between our Government and that of the United States, the throne was occupied by the Right Hon. Earl Carnarvon, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

The following officers of Grand Lodge were present:—R.W. Bros. R. T. Bagshaw, Prov. G.M. Essex, as Deputy Grand Master; Frederick Dundas, M.P., representative of the three Grand Lodges of Berlin, as S.G.W.; Sir F. Martin Williams, M.P., J.G.W.; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Grand Chaplain; Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.; Angus J. McIntyre, G. Reg.; J. L. Evans, President of the Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Horace Lloyd, Q.C., and other Grand Deacons; Brackstone Baker, P.G. Deacon; F. P. Cockerell, G. Supt. of Works; Sir A. W. Woods, Garter, G.D.C.; Conrad C. Dumas, Assist. G.D.C.; J. Breet, G. Purst.; J. Coutts, Assist. G. Purst.; and other Grand Officers, and a numerous attendance of Present and Past Grand Stewards. Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M. Cornwall; R. J. Spiers, D. Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, and several other Provincial and Deputy Provincial Grand Masters were also present. The Hon. Bros. Robert Hamilton, Dist. G.M. for Jamaica; H. Murray, Past Dist. G.M. China.

Bro. Chas. Hutton Gregory, W.M., and the whole of the officers of the Jerusalem Lodge, who are all Past Masters, attended, out of compliment to Earl Carnarvon, who, with Bro. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, were made members of the Lodge on the occasion of the Celebration of the Centenary Festival.

Amongst the brethren present as visitors were, The Illustrious Bro. Count Sten Lewenhaupt, of the Grand Lodge of Sweden; and R.W. Bro. John Fraser of Glasgow, R.W.M. of Thistle Lodge, No. 87, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The London Lodges were represented by Bros. J. Tepper, Grand Stewards' Lodge; W. Watson, P.M. G.S.; G. States, P.M. G.S.; D. Samuel, P.M. G.S.; H. Norman, P.M. 1; J. Saunders, P.M. 1; F. Bennoch, P.M. 1; E. J. Barrow, P.M. 2; E. M. Perkins, W.M. 5; A. Green, J.W. 7; T. Edmonds, W.M. 8; F. Hickling, P.M. 8; S. Francis, P.M. 8; G. J. Palmer, W.M. 11; W. Moutrie, P.M. 11; Raynham W. Stewart, P.M. 12; J. Henderson, P.M. 13; E. Young, S.W. 13; S. Glover, P.M. 14; S. Field, P.M. 14; G. Hillyer, S.W. 14; F. A. Philbrick, W.M. 18; J. F. Huggins, S.W. 18; R. Walrond, J.W. 18; T. F. Stevens, J.W. 19; T. Davies Sewell, W.M. 21; H. M. Stotenhoff, P.M. 21; T. Meggy, P.M. 21; A. Crawford, S.W. 22; J. G. Russell, J.W. 22; S. May, P.M. 23; M. Cooke, P.M. 23; John Dyte, P.M. 25; Thomas Arnold, W.M. 25; C. Bennett, P.M. 25; H. Dickets, P.M. 25; C. A. Long, P.M. 25; E. W. Levy, J.W. 25; E. M. Haigh, J.W. 29; J. Rasting, P.M. 30; S. T. Smith, S.W. 30; W. F. Osborne, J.W. 30; J. Glaisher, W.M. 33; W. Smith, C.E. P.M. 33; R. W. Dunn, S.W. 34; W. Homam, W.M. 59; John Healey, P.M. 59; T. B. Brabham, 59; W. Griffin, P.M. 90; J. S. Mumford, J.W. 90; R. J. Hall, W.M. 95; J. Marriott, P.M. 95; T. Lucas, S.W. 95; E. March, W.M. 99; J. W. Stephens, J.W. 99; J. W. Halsey, P.M. 134; W. Johnston, P.M. 134; E. Johnson, W.M. 140; T. Turner, J.W. 140; C. Taylor, W.M. 141; James Hill, P.M. 141; E. Gottheil, P.M. 141; A. E. Hams, P.M. 141; N. Gluckstein, P.M. 141; J. L. Thomas, W.M. 142; G. Boulton, W.M. 143; J. Last, S.W. 144; W.

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The Country Lodges were represented by Bros. H. Dubose, W.M. 156; J. W. Knight, S.W. 1107; G. Harvey, J.W. 1107; Wm. Young, P.M. 203; G. Stacey, P.M. 209; S. Patten, P.M. and Sec. 892; R. A. Wright, P. Prov. G.S.D. Herts, P.M. 504; Wm. Roebuck, P. Prov. G.S.B. Surrey, P.M. 463; John Miller, P.M. 130; C. Ridout, P.M. 209; W. Jones, J.W. 371; J. H. Adams, J.W. 504; J. W. Piggott, P.M. 777; W. Tinkler, W.M. 299; John Miles, S.W. 299; T. L. Hampton, W.M. 1112; W. Smith, P.M. 1260; J. S. Bell, P.M. 57; G. Collier, P.M. 1194; W. J. Hughan, Prov. G. Sec., Cornwall, P.M. 131; G. Nelson, W.M. 1282; W. T. Heath, P.M., 672; R. Bruce, W.M. 869; G. Woodwark, W.M. 107; W. E. Gompertz, P.M. and Org.; W. Worrel, W.M. 795; J. Bennett, P.M. 166; T. Knott, J.W. 1314; W. H. Green, J.W., 1310; W. H. Coulton, W.M. 382; C. Ridgeway, W.M. 1204.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form with prayer, by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, G. Chaplain. The Earl Carnarvon, Acting Grand Master, explained the unavoidable absence of the M.W.G.M. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, and called upon the Secretary to proceed with the business of the meeting, whereupon the Grand Secretary read the regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business, as is usual at the annual meeting.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December, 1870, were read and put for confirmation, including a grant of £250 to Bro. G. B., Lodge 181, London; and a grant of £100 to the "Refugees Benevolent Fund" which were confirmed.

By direction of the M.W. Grand Master, the Grand Secretary announced that the melancholy intelligence had been received from the W. Bro. N. T. W. Smallemburg, Representative at the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, of the lamented death of Her Royal Highness Princess Louisa Augusta, Consort of His Royal Highness Prince Frederick, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands. Much to the surprise of every member of Grand Lodge, no notice was taken of the communication.

The Secretary announced that a memorial had been presented to the M.W. Grand Master by the Lodge of Benevolence praying permission for the meetings of the Lodge of Benevolence to take place at *Six*, instead of *Seven* o'clock as heretofore; his Lordship has been pleased to comply therewith, and has directed that on and after Wednesday, the 22nd day of March next, the meetings of the Lodge of Benevolence shall take place at *Six* o'clock.

The Acting Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge with reference to a communication received from a German Mason, complaining of something that had appeared in the columns of a contemporary. The Grand Master severely condemned the publication of the article complained of, and disavowed any authority being given by Grand Lodge to [the publication of that or any other similar communication.

The matter was allowed to pass without any motion being made thereon.

The next business was the election of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, proposed the Earl de Grey and Ripon for re-election. Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.M. 197, seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence at the three meetings during the last quarter was presented, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—Bro. F. G. D. H., of Lodge No. 194, London, £50; the widow of the late Bro. G. A. B., of the Lodge No. 230, Devonport, £50.

Bro. Clabon moved the confirmation of the grants and the adoption of the Report, which was carried, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

"The Report of the Board of General Purposes, as follows, was presented:—

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 10th day of February inst., shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,695 12s. 3d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75.

"Signed, J. LLEWELLYN EVANS, President."

Bro. L. Evans in proposing that the Report be received and adopted, and entered on the minutes, remarked that it spoke well of the peace, harmony and well wishing of the order that the report contained no matter of dispute. This, however, excited some astonishment, as it is well known that there are many grave matters agitating the Craft, that demand the serious attention of the Board of General Purposes.

The Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the past year.

Bro. Joseph Rankine Stebbing, P.G.D., proposed "That a Subscription of Fifty Pounds be given towards the Fund for providing a Masonic Life Boat," which was seconded by Bro. F. Bennock, and carried.

The M.W., Bro. John Savage, P.G.D., moved "That at page 10 of the Laws relating to the Fund of Benevolence in law 16, after the words in the lines 9, 10, and 11, 'shall not be effectual until confirmed at the next or a subsequent meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence,' be added the words, 'except in cases of recommendations to the Grand Lodge.'"

The motion having been duly seconded, was opposed by Bros. Clabon, J. Nunn, and Joseph Smith, although no amendment resulted from the opposition; their arguments rather tending to shew the desirability of deferring the alteration on the ground that the Law referred to had so recently come into operation.

R.W. Bros. Col. Cole, Horace Lloyd, and others on and below the dais, supported the motion of Bro. Savage. The Acting Grand Master, before putting the motion, presented to Grand Lodge the arguments which had been used on both sides in the course of the discussion, and said although he would not express any opinion himself, Grand Lodge would judge for themselves.

The motion having been put, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Grand Lodge was then closed with prayer.

## Craft Masonry.

### ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

#### METROPOLITAN.

GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, February 16th. Present Bros. J. M. Stedwell, W.M.; L. Warner, J.W.; H. Ricketts, S.D.; G. Cannon, J.D.; J. Webb, I.G.; R. H. Hewlitt, P.M., Treasurer; William Watson, P.M.; S. May, P.M.; W. Platt, P.M. Bro. Parkins, Louis Bonsa, G. R. Sherwell, George Johnstone, George Martin, and Matthew Cooke. Lodge was opened in due form. The W.M. then invested Bro. William Platt as Secretary of the Lodge for the ensuing year, Bro. Platt having consented to act at the particular request of the W.M. Bro. Mott then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed, as was also the report of the Audit Committee, which was satisfactory, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Parkin, after proper examination in the second degrees, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Jonathan Brandon, P.M., was nominated for the office of Grand Steward for the year. It was proposed by Bro. May, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Ricketts, and carried unanimously, that £5 be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The business over, the Lodge was closed in due form, and after a banquet the brethren separated.

MANCHESTER LODGE, (No. 179).—The brethren of the above Lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday, 16th ult. Present: Bros. Kew, W.M.; Letellier, S.W.; Hayward, J.W. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. T. D. Brewer, and Mr. Hawes were initiated into the order. Bros. Whitt and Shaw were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Berry, P.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed the toast of the W.M., who appropriately responded. Bro. Jas. Terry, P.M. 238, responded for the Masonic Charities. The toast of the Visitors, Officers, and Tyler, concluded a very agreeable evening. Bros. W. Smeed, P.M. 946, P.G.P. Middlesex; E. Cotre (Orient of France); L. Hoffenbach, 188; J. Hales, Egyptian, 27; Jas. Terry, P.M. United Strength, 228, were present as visitors.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, (No. 205).—This influential lodge met at Radley's Hotel, on Tuesday, 28th ult., when the new Master, The W. Bro. H. M. Harris, in a most correct and impressive manner, initiated Messrs. Henry Allen and Johnson Adams, and passed to the second degree Bros. Kirk and Gompers. The W.M. was well supported by Bros. M. Emanuel, S.W.; Hogard,

J.W.; Joel Emanuel, S.D.; Ayden, J.D.; C. Coote, P.M., Treas.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Hon. Sec.; P. Phillips, D.C.; Morse, I.G.; and Past Masters M. J. Emanuel, Chamberlain, S. M. Harris, Littaur, and J. M. Harris, all of whom expressed their entire approbation and congratulated the W.M. on the very superior style in which he had conducted the solemn ceremonies of the evening. A poor brother was assisted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, and the meeting was adjourned.

NEW CONCORD LODGE, (No. 813).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Friday the 17th ult. Present:—T. Bartlett, W.M.; Atkins, S.W.; Salisbury, J.W.; Blyth, S.D.; Denny, J.D.; J. J. Wilson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Main, P.M. and Sec.; J. Emms, P.M.; John Hart, P.M.; Sinclair, D.C.; A. Hill, I.G.; Harris, Cheshire, Hofbauer, Rands, Tiggell, Brushin, Hendle, Wagner, Potter, Cain, Vite, Cusworth, Spratt, Taylor, Crabb, Mountfield, Hubbard, E. Walker, and C. J. Myers. The visitors were Bros. J. Winder, Victoria Lodge, 1056; T. Sheppard, W.M. Egyptian Lodge, 827. The lodge was opened in due form, Bro. Tiggell was passed. Bro. Atkins was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, J. J. Wilson unanimously Treasurer, Bro. Speight re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's Jewel voted to Bro. Bartlett. Five Pounds was voted from the Benevolent Fund to a distressed Mason of the lodge. The business being over, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. Gabb. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Wilson replying for the Masonic Charities, he having taken the office of Steward for the Girl's School at the next Festival. Bro. Emms, P.G.P., replied for the Grand Officers, both the visitors acknowledged the compliment, and expressed great satisfaction at the admirable working of the lodge. The W.M. Elect; B. Hart, P.M.; P.M.; W. H. Main, P.M. and Sec., severally replied upon their healths being drank, and a very pleasant evening was passed, enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. Mountford, Hubbard, Cusworth, Vite, and Taylor.

PINSBURY LODGE (No. 861).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Jolly Anglers' Tavern, City Road, on the 24th ult., present Bros. J. Nicholls, W.M.; T. E. Parry, P.M. and Sec.; J. Bond, P.M.; R. Leach, P.M.; G. Leach, P.M.; W. Mackey, P.M.; Hart, S.W.; Benjamins, J.W.; Stoke, S.D.; Meanwell, J.D.; Odell, I.G.; Bilby, Organist; Thomas A. Greenland, W. Greenland, Towles, Hill, Hirsch, Groome, Belsham, Tilley, Wilding, Gibbs, sen.; Gardiner, Bass, Jordan, Legg, Tufill, Dagley, Tripp, Timlett, Green, and other members of the Lodge. The following visitors were present:—T. Sheppard, W.M., 27; Curry, 754; Roberts, 193; Flack, 101; Earl, 186; Stile, 35; Freeman, 174; Terry, P.M., 228. Bros. Hill and Menlinick were passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Peake was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Hirsch gave notice of motion for the removal of the Lodge to more eligible and commodious premises. This being all the business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and a banquet followed.

MONTEFIORE LODGE, (No. 1,017).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, Bro. S. A. Kisch, W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Lazarus, P.M., as S.W.; Braham, J.W.; Blum, S.D.; Herman, I.G., and P.M.'s E. P. Albert, Sec.; J. Lazarus, De Solla, Rev. M. B. Levy, S. N. Abrahams. The lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. Lionel Pyke was initiated, and Bros. Klingenstein and Wheeler were passed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated, there being no banquet.

#### CENTENARY OF JERUSALEM LODGE, (No. 197.)

Probably the most important event in the history of any individual English Lodge occurred on Friday, the 24th February, on the occasion, always an interesting and notable one, of the Centenary Celebration of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, at the Freemason's Hall, its ordinary place of meeting. The brethren of "Jerusalem," which (though by its bye-laws limited in numbers) occupies a prominent position among what are termed the "Red Apron Lodges" had elected to the W.M.'s chair, for the second time in a quarter of a century, their Senior Past Master, Bro. Charles Hutton Gregory, P.G.D., late President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, who, assisted as he was on

this auspicious occasion, by the Past Masters, by whom the whole of the lodge offices were filled, may well congratulate himself and his lodge on the end that has crowned the work of the past century. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the usual formal business transacted, a communication was read from the M.W. the Grand Master, expressing his sincere regret that his enforced absence from England on business of national importance, prevented his Lordship from being present as he had intended, and adding his heartiest wishes for the success of the meeting, and the continual welfare of the Jerusalem Lodge. The W.M. then rose, and pursuant to notice in the lodge summons proposed that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Past Grand Master, be elected by acclamation an Honorary Member of the Lodge, to which proposition His Royal Highness had already given his assent. This being seconded by the I.P.M., Bro. J. B. Monckton, was at once carried unanimously. In like manner, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. V. N. Bazalgette, P.M. and Treasurer, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of "Jerusalem." In vindication of the principles of Masonry, the lodge next proceeded to vote that the necessary funds (in addition to a donation of £10 10s. to the Girls' School in the name of the lodge by Mrs. J. V. N. Bazalgette), be paid to the Boys' and the Girls' School to constitute the lodge a Vice-President of each of those magnificent Institutions. Shortly after 7 o'clock, it was announced to the W.M. by Bro. Whichcord, P.M. and Director of Ceremonies, that the Earl of Carnarvon, as Acting Grand Master, and H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, P.G.M., (with Provincial Grand Masters and the Grand Officers) were about to enter the Lodge, and they were received in the 3rd degree, by the brethren upstanding, and with the proper Masonic salute, the national anthem being well performed on the organ by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, and the procession being marshalled by Garter, King of Arms, the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

A very interesting sketch of the lodge history, since its foundation, by the I.P.M., and a most eloquent and excellent Masonic charge by Bro. Dr. Cox, P.G. Chaplain, were delivered with admirable effect, and ordered to be printed for distributed among the members. Dr. Cox's charge was immediately preceded by the singing in perfect style by Bros. Fielding, Montem Smith, and Winn, of the charming Trio, "If I forgot thee, O Jerusalem," from Boyce's well known anthem. The Lodge being duly closed, the brethren escorted their Royal and distinguished guests to a banquet, in which the skill and taste of Bro. Francatelli, the new manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, could not have been surpassed. The W.M., Bro. C. Hutton Gregory, presided, supported on his right by the Earl of Carnarvon, Acting G.M.; the Earl of Fife, Prov. G.M. for Banffshire; Lord Methuen, Prov. G.M. for Wiltshire; the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. for Bristol; and Bros. Havers, P.G.W.; Tomkins, G.T.; Lt. Evans, Pres. Bd. G.P.; and Bazalgette, P.M. and Treas.; and on his left by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M.; the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. G.M. for Lincolnshire; Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M. for Cheshire; Lord Elliot, P.G.W.; and Bros. Dr. Cox, P.G. Chap.; McIntyre, G. Reg.; and Monckton, I.P.M., Bros. Edwin Friend and Octavius Hansard, P.M.'s, occupied the Warden's chairs, respectively; the other Vice-Chairmen being Bros. Charles E. Hollingsworth, P.M. and Sec.; and Bro. Horace Jones, P.M. and I.G.; and there were also present, among many other brethren of masonic distinction, Bros. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., G.S.D.; E. B. Sutton, G.J.D.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G.D.C.; B. Head, P.G.D.; Major Cretton, P.G.D.; T. Feun, P.A.G.D.C.; Dumas, A.G.D.C.; Sir Michael Costa, P.G.O.; J. Coward, G.O.; F. P. Cockerell, G.S. Wks.; Bradford, P.A.G.D.C.; Bridges, P.G.S.B. and D.P.G.M. Somerset; Wood, P.M. 26, and P. Prov. J.G.W. Sussex; W. C. Fooks, Q.C., P.M., and Prov. G.S.W. Kent; Col. Henderson, C.B.; Dr. Poole, F.R.S.; Major Platt, P.M. 6; A. Murton, P.M. 7; James Glaisher, P.M. 382; R. Glover, P.M. 181; W. Hardman, P.M. 162; F. Bennock, P.M. 1; I. C. Parkinson, P.M. 181; E. Farmer, P.M. 28; F. W. Shields, P.M. 33; T. H. Devonshire, P.M. 4; A. Great Rex, P.M. 22; F. Knollys; Rev. W. L. Onslow; and R. S. Warrington; Admiral Currie; J. Whichcord, Dir. of Cers.; C. E. Hollingsworth, Sec.; A. F. Linn, S.D.; Kembell Cook, J.D.; Horace Jones, I.G.; George Alexander; and L. Crombie, all P.M.'s of Jerusalem Lodge. 100 in all sat down to dinner, after which the usual masonic toasts were given by the Master, enthusiastically

received by the brethren, and eloquently responded to by the Royal and distinguished guests, whose presence added such lustre to the evening, and while the Jerusalem Lodge was heartily congratulated on the complete success of its Centenary Festival, the happiest results to the Craft generally argued from the readiness with which the Prince of Wales had joined, not only the celebration, but the lodge itself; and the cordial interest which His Royal Highness showed in the Masonic proceedings. Much gratification was felt in the presence of the Earl of Carnarvon, whose accession to office as Deputy Grand Master has been so deservedly popular, and who attended in spite of indisposition.

Tea and coffee were served in the drawing rooms; and the Prince of Wales, the Acting Grand Master, and most of the party remained until a late hour.

## PROVINCIAL.

### ESSEX.

UPPON.—*Upton Lodge*, (No. 1,227).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd inst., at the Spotted Dog, Upton, Essex, the W.M., Bro. J. L. Mather in the chair, supported by his Officers and P.M.'s J. Belleby, Pickering, and Goddard. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M., in feeling and appropriate terms, alluded to the death of Bro. Morton, the S.W., and paid a just tribute to the excellent qualities of that estimable Brother. Messrs. C. R. Mills, and S. A. Inglis were duly initiated by the W.M., in an able manner. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren, thirty in number, sat down to an excellent dinner. The usual loyal and masonic toasts followed. Bro. Pickering proposed the toast of the W.M., who suitably replied. Bro. Allen, (Yarborough Lodge) returned thanks for the visitors. Bros. B. Pickering and Belleby returned thanks for the Past Masters. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers. Bros. Goddard, P.M., and Sec.; Bolton, J.W.; and English, S.D.; severally responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the host. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

### OXFORDSHIRE.

OXFORD.—*Apollo University Lodge* (No. 357).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, February 21st. Present:—Bros. T. Heathcote Wyndham, M.A., Fellow of Merton College, the retiring W.M.; The Rev. Edmund Jermyn, M.A., Christ Church, W.M. elect; The Rev. W. F. Short, M.A., Fellow of New College, P.M., Grand Chap.; Cameron Churchill, Worcester College, S.W.; Reginald Bird, Fellow of Magdalen, J.W.; W. Gardiner, Exeter, Sec.; F. P. Moorell, M.A., St. John's, Sec.; Lord Burleigh, Oriel, S.D.; Jules Bui, M.A., Magdalen, M.C.; Vital de Tivoli, M.C.; W. W. Harrison, M.A., Brasenose, P.M., &c.; John Blandy Jenkins, P.M.; Richard J. Spiers, (P.G.S.B.), D.P.G.M., Oxon; H. W. Hemsworth, W.M. 190, and many other distinguished members of the Craft. The Annual Festival of this very distinguished lodge was held on Tuesday, February 21st. In consequence of the regular day for Meeting being Ash Wednesday, there was no business except the Installation, which ceremony was performed in a masterly style, by that most experienced Bro. Richard Spiers, P.G.S.B., who for so many years has occupied the proud position of D.G. Master for this province, to the universal satisfaction of every member of the Craft. The Rev. Edmund Jermyn, of Christ Church, was the newly-elected Master; and the officers nominated by him were welcomed with unanimous applause. Bro. T. Heathcote Wyndham, Fellow of Merton College, was the retiring W.M. The brethren (about 70 in number) after the ceremony, adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided at the Clarendon Hotel. The usual toasts were given, and followed by most appropriate glees &c., a most excellent choir attending the banquet. The health of the visitors was responded to by Bro. H. W. Hemsworth W.M. 190 (formerly of Brasenose College), who, alluding to the glee appropriated to this toast, viz., "No time can change my love for thee," expressed the feeling which had come over him on hearing so prophetic an allusion to himself. He deeply regretted that he had not joined the Apollo Lodge when he was a resident

at the University, but Masonry at that time was little known there; in fact, although the first meeting of this Lodge had been held in his own college, he had never heard of its existence until after he had left residence. He congratulated the W.M. on his attaining the distinguished position which he occupied in succession to so many great masons, and assured him that he himself would prefer being W.M. of the Apollo Lodge to holding the highest office in Grand Lodge. The Rev. Past Master Short, Grand Chaplain, made some very kind and feeling remarks on the loss the Lodge had sustained by the decease of the I.P.M., Bro. Lanert, and also upon the pleasure which he felt in seeing so many Provincial and City Lodges represented, which for some years had been absent from the Festival.

#### YORKSHIRE, (NORTH AND EAST.)

HULL.—*Humber Lodge*, (No. 57).—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street, on Tuesday 21st inst., Bro. W. Tesseyman, W.M. in the chair, two candidates having been ballotted for and accepted were initiated. A report was read by the Secretary, showing that the Annual Charity Ball, in connection with this lodge, held 2nd February last, had in every respect been a great success, and that the net balance arising therefrom amounted to £25 18s. 10d. The Committee of Management after gratefully referring to the assistance and patronage received from their non-Masonic friends, recommended in acknowledgement thereof that a donation of £1 1s. be given to each of the following local charities, viz:—The General Sailor's Orphan Home, the Port of Hull Sailor's Home, and the Hull Branch of the Shipwrecked Fishermen, and the Mariners' Benevolent Society. It was also recommended that in order to endow the two Deacon's Chairs, (the Master's and Senior and Junior Warden's Chairs having already been endowed) the sum of £10 10s. be presented to the Masonic School for Boys. The sum of £2 2s. to be paid to the Freemasons' Life Boat, and the balance, £10 3s. 10d. to be paid to the credit of a special reserve fund for the Masonic Charities. Bro. Coatsworth, P.M., in an eloquent speech, on behalf of the officers and members, presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Hudler, an elegant and chaste gold Past Master's Jewel with suitable inscription engraved thereon, as a mark of their high esteem of him as a man and a Mason, and also of their appreciation of the great exertions which he had used for the general good of the lodge during his year of office. After Bro. Hudler had, in a neat and fitting speech, thanked the brethren for their kind and beautiful gift, the lodge was closed in due form. Subsequently the brethren, numbering upwards of fifty, sat down to refreshments, and for a limited period enjoyed themselves in the most fraternal manner.

#### INDIA.

##### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Tuesday, the 27th December, 1870; the Right Worshipful Hugh David Sandeman, Dist. G.M., in the chair; supported by the Right Worshipful G. H. Daly, M.D., Dep. Dist. Grand Master, and W. Bros. W. J. Judge, Past Dep. D.G.M.; John Mackintosh, D.S.G.W.; J. H. DeSalis, D.J.G.W.; J. H. Linton, D.G. Treas.; J. Pitt Kennedy, D.G. Reg.; H. H. Locke, D.G. Sec.; Lt-Col. B. Ford, D.S.G.D.; G. Keighly, Past D.G.D.; W. B. Farr, Past D.G.D.; W. G. Murray, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; Bros. W. B. MacTavish, D.G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.; W. G. Amos, Past D.G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.; G. Mack, D.G. Org.; R. Harvey, D.G. Purs; Wor. Bro. W. O. Allender, Bros. W. E. Jellicoe, E. F. Longley, D.G. Stewards; Bros. H. J. Frew, D. J. Daniel, and G. Alexander, D.G. Tylers.

The following brethren were present as representatives of Lodges in the Bengal District: viz.—*Lodge of Industry and Perseverance*, (No. 109).—Bros. W. K. Waller, S.W., as W.M.; Lt-Col. J. F. Tennant, R.E., S.W., and J. C. McGregor, Bar-at-

Law, J.W.—*Lodge of True Friendship*, (No. 218).—W. Bros. G. J. Scott, W.M.; Dr. J. A. Ferris, S.W.; and P. Melville, J.W.—*Lodge of Humility with Fortitude*, (No. 229).—W. Bros. D. J. Zemin, W.M.; W. F. Westfield, P.M.; A. LeFranc, J.W., as S.W.; S. Lawry, Sec., as J.W.—*Lodge of Marine*, (No. 232).—W. Bros. H. B. Lewis, P.M., as W.M.; A. J. Rothschild, S.W. and J. H. Turner, J.W.—*Lodge Courage with Humanity*, (No. 392).—W. Bros. I. L. Taylor, P.M., as W.M.; J. E. Barnes, S.W.; and E. H. Lloyd, J.W.—*Lodge St. John*, (No. 486).—W. Bro. Lt-Col. J. M. Campbell, W.M.; Capt. G. G. Nelson, S.W., and Capt. W. S. Hunt, J.W.—*Lodge Morning Star*, (No. 552).—Bro. J. W. M. Cotton, (Lt., 21st. Hus.) J.W., as W.M.—*Lodge Excelsior*, (No. 825).—W. Bro. W. B. Farr, W.M.; E. Carritt, S.W.; and W. Hay, J.W.—*Lodge Temperance and Benovolence*, (No. 1160).—Bros. R. M. Wibrow, S.W., as W.M.; and C. Barnard, J.W., as S.W.—*Lodge Choto Nagpore*, (No. 38) of Bengal.—Bro. D. S. Delpratt, S.W., (and W.M. Elect), as W.M.

The visiting brethren were W. Bros. Major The Hon. E. R. Bourke; C. H. Harris, W.M. 401, (S.C.); A. B. Mitchell, W.M. 404, (S.C.); Coliva, of Lodge "Washington" in Palermo; Tournerie, of Lodge "Liguria Philanthropique" in Nice; J. Vangelder, 67; W. Avery, 218; W. H. McGowan, 486; W. P. Duff, 109; W. J. Curtoys, 109; T. H. Henty, 229; E. Healey, 67; Capt. Saborius, 438; W. Burroughs, W. J. S. Bennet.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 6.30

The District Grand Secretary reported the receipts of apologies from the following brethren, for non-attendance that evening:—

W. Bros. J. B. Roberts, Past Dep. D.G.M.; R. Alexander, C.S., D.G. Supt. of Works; Rev. F. W. Robberds, D.G. Chap.; J. Bruce Gillon, Past D.G. Deacon; Capt. T. Dennehy, D.G. Sword Bearer; T. H. Girling, D.G. Steward and W.M. 1160; C. Piffard, W.M. 67.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 24th June, 1870, having been printed and circulated, were, on the motion of the District Grand Master, taken as read, on being put to the vote, were confirmed.

The Right Worshipful the District Master then said, Worshipful brethren,—Before addressing you on the general subject of business to be brought before Grand Lodge, I have to my great sorrow to make an announcement to you which I am sure will be received with very deep regret, and which is the great loss that has been sustained by Masonry in India by the death, since we last met, of the District Grand Master of British Burmah. It would be superfluous for me to recapitulate all that Colonel Greenlaw did for the good of Freemasonry up to the very time of his decease, how he laboured for its interests with his pen as well as with his personal support and countenance, or to tell you how dearly loved he was by all with whom he came in contact, whether as a Freemason or as a companion in ordinary life. Personally I have had to deplore the loss of a very dear friend, with whom I was very intimately acquainted, and in close and constant correspondence for many years. The Craft had lost in him an honest supporter, a hard-working, conscientious and upright brother, whose memory will long live in the annals of the Order. I propose that a letter be addressed to the District Grand Lodge of Burmah, expressing on behalf of this Grand Lodge, sincere condolence with them in the loss of this eminent brother.

I have further the painful task of announcing to you the demise of Worshipful Bro. Conway, who was well known among the Masonic Fraternity in this province, and much esteemed by us as well for his private and social good qualities as for the interest which he manifested in all matters connected with our ancient Craft. You will remember that he was especially conspicuous for the manner in which he laboured for the advancement of our Masonic Charities. I have reason to know that his loss was acutely felt in his own lodge, and I am equally well assured that this feeling is not confined to Lodge "Excelsior."

The District Grand Master then moved:—



That a letter of condolence from this District Grand Lodge be addressed to the District Grand Lodge of British Burmah."

This was seconded by W. Bro. Col. Ford, D.S.G.D., and carried unanimously.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master then proceeded to address the brethren of District Grand Lodge, and said:—

"Your attention this evening will be mainly directed to the Committee reports, which have always to be considered at our meetings. From the report of the Finance Committee it would appear that the state of our funds is somewhat improved since June, yet it must be remembered that in addition to the sum exhibited as a balance against the Grand Lodge Fund, there is a debt of \$250, which still remains unliquidated; and which every effort must be made to clear off. I hope that during the next half-year we may see this done, and then we may be able to work on in a state of positive solvency. It will be a matter of regret to you to see the names of certain lodges reported as defaulters by the Finance Committee, who have however done but their duty in the matter. I pass over the cases of 'True Friendship' and 'Marine' as they have in part complied with the laws of Grand Lodge in respect to the payment of their dues, without further comments than to remark upon the discredit which attaches to lodges remaining debtors to Grand Lodge, notwithstanding all that has been said from time to time by myself and others in Grand Lodge on the subject, and notwithstanding their knowledge of the urgent necessity which exists of relieving Grand Lodge from an embarrassment which is partly attributable to their negligence. In the other cases, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, I directed the Masters to appear before a Committee which I appointed to investigate their cases, together with their Books and their Warrants of Constitution. The Committee have reported to me in the case of the Lodge 'Temperance' that the disregard to their instructions which issued from time to time from the Grand Secretary's Office has resulted from ignorance and not from intentional motives of disrespect; and they are of opinion that a reprimand which they administered to the Officer in charge of the lodge was sufficient to meet the case. I have of course supported their judgment and their action, I am sorry to be obliged to add that the lodge is very far from being in a satisfactory state, and I am compelled, upon the appeal of one of its members, to interfere with the election of its Master for the ensuing year. The Master of Lodge 'Anchor and Hope' paid no attention to the orders communicated to him to appear before the Committee, and a peremptory summons was accordingly issued; upon this he appeared with his Secretary, but without his Warrant or Books, as he was desired to do. His replies were considered by the Committee to be so unsatisfactory, and his statements regarding the lodge so suggestive of the fact that it was in a completely disorganised state, and they felt themselves bound to recommend a withdrawal of the Warrant. This I have directed to be done, and it will be for you to decide, upon hearing the circumstances of the case, which will be laid before you during the evening, whether it will be prudent again to entrust the Warrant to the keeping of a Master who is apparently unable to comprehend the responsible nature of his duties as a ruler in the Craft. The Master of the lodge is himself under suspension from his Masonic privileges, until such time as he shall obey my order to deliver his Warrant into the hands of the Grand Registrar.

"While on the subject of irregularities I have to notice a case which has occurred at Fyzabad in Lodge 'Light of Ajoodhya,' where the Master, on being removed from the station prior to the expiration of his term of office, placed a new Master in the Chair instead of handing over the lodge, as he should have done, so the rule of his Senior Warden. As the irregularity in this instance arose entirely from ignorance on the part of the Master I have contented myself with reprimanding him for his want of knowledge of ordinary Masonic law and procedure. The case is painfully illustrative of the fact that a Mason does not always make himself sufficiently acquainted with the duties of a Master before taking upon himself that very responsible office.

"As regards the reports from the Fund of Benevolence and the Bengal Masonic Association, I have nothing to say further than that, under the existing relations between the Fund of Benevolence and this District Grand Lodge, relations which I believe to be entirely founded upon error, no discussion can take place regarding a report which is sent to us for information and record only; and that the progress made in the affairs of the

Bengal Masonic Association ought to be a matter of congratulation. This report is sent to us for record and information only.

"Fears were entertained for a short time that Lodge 'Rock of Gwalior,' at Morar, might collapse, owing, partly to the transfer of its Master and some of its members to a distant station, and partly to resignations and deaths; I am happy, however, to add that W. Bro. Wroughton, whose name has been for some time prominently associated with the Dinapore and Fyzabad Lodges, and who is now stationed at Morar, has taken the affairs of the lodge in hand, and holds out every hope of its again working prosperously.

"I wish to call attention to the handsome mural Tablet which has been placed in the monument-room of this building by brethren of Lodge Excelsior, to the memory of our departed Bro. Abbott, and also to notice that the erection of the handsome monument in memory of the late Bro. J. J. L. Hoff has been delayed in consequence of repairs to St. Andrew's Kirk, in which it is destined to remain. Consent to its erection has been formally obtained from the Church authorities.

The Committee reported that the Lodges generally are clear of arrears in their returns and payments to District Grand Lodge. With the exception of True Friendship, Marine, and Temperance and Benevolence, all the Calcutta Lodges have made their returns and rendered all dues for the third quarter of the current year. The two first of the above-named Lodges have rendered their returns and dues up to the second quarter only. Lodge Temperance and Benevolence has deposited certain sums on account of dues for the first and second quarters of 1870, but owing unfortunately to erroneous returns, these monies have to remain in the suspense account, and no registrations have been effected since the close of last year. For a considerable time past there has been great difficulty in obtaining returns from this Lodge, and on the submission, in August last, of the return for the first quarter of 1870, there appeared an entry, which without explanation, seemed to involve a serious irregularity. The District Grand Secretary on the 8th September wrote to the Master of the Lodge asking for the required explanation, but received no reply. Shortly after the Worshipful Master left Calcutta; before leaving he promised the District Grand Secretary verbally that the matter would be attended to by the Senior Warden, in whose charge he was leaving the lodge, but no communication being made by that officer, he was written to on the 21st September, and since that date he has been addressed three times, making in all five letters which have been written upon this subject, but up to the present date no explanation has been afforded, nor has even the receipt of the letters been acknowledged. The last letter was sent to the Senior Warden on the 22nd ult., and contained an express warning from the District Grand Master that unless replied to, the matter would be laid before this Committee. It is obvious, that such utter disregard of all communications from the District Grand Secretary's Office can only lead to very serious hindrance to the proper transaction of the business of District Grand Lodge, and the Committee feel compelled to recommend to the District Grand Master that the Wardens of Lodge "Temperance and Benevolence" be summoned to appear before him, or any Committee whom he may appoint, and to produce the lodge books, in order that some information as to the apparent irregularity in the return referred to, may be obtained. They would suggest that this be done at an early date in order that, if possible, the matter may be cleared up before the Communication of District Grand Lodge on St. John's Day.

The Committee regret that they have one other case of a similar nature to bring to notice:—

The Worshipful Master of Lodge "Anchor and Hope," No. 234, Howrah, having been repeatedly written to during the first half of the present year for the returns and dues of his lodge for the year 1869, without result, was summoned on the 13th of July last to appear with his Wardens before the District Grand Master on the 25th idem, and to produce the books of the lodge. On that date the Worshipful Master attended, and entered into an explanation of the causes which had prevented the submission of the lodge returns and dues, and promised that they should be forthcoming within a week from that date, upon which the District Grand Master consented to stay any further proceedings.

The return was sent in on the 17th August, but was so full of errors that it was sent back for correction, since which it has never been re-submitted, notwithstanding that three letters have been addressed to the Master on this subject. Looking to the number

of applications which have been made to the Master, the patience with which the return has been waited for, and the facilities which have been afforded for his assistance in making it out, the Committee feel it their duty to recommend the District Grand Master to call upon the Master and Wardens of Lodge Anchor and Hope to show cause why this Lodge should not be erased.

W. Bro. Judge, Past Dep. D.G.M., enquired whether the sum of Rs. 9,330 entered in the abstract of accounts as "received during the half-year" consisted wholly of receipts from Lodges, and was informed that it included the amount of the Loan from the Fund of Benevolence, viz., Rs. 2000.

It was proposed by W. Bro. J. Pitt Kennedy, D.G. Reg., and seconded by Bro. R. Harvey, D.G. Pursuivant: "That the accounts as stated in the report be passed." This was carried unanimously.

With reference to that portion of the foregoing report respecting Lodge Anchor and Hope, the District Grand Master directed the District Grand Secretary to read the following report:—

A report from the Committee appointed by the District Grand Master, to investigate the irregularities into which Lodge Anchor and Hope has fallen during the past year, as brought to notice by the Finance Committee in their report, dated 5th December, 1870, was read.

It was ordered by the D.G.M., "That the warrant of this Lodge is to be recalled and given into the custody of the District Grand Registrar. The Master of the Lodge is suspended from his Masonic privileges until this order is obeyed, and the District Grand Secretary is requested to submit the case to District Grand Lodge on the 27th inst. for orders.

W. Bro. Judge, Past Dep. D.G.M., proposed, and W. Bro. Kennedy seconded: "That the action taken by the District Grand Master in withdrawing the warrant of Lodge Anchor and Hope, No. 234, be confirmed by this District Grand Lodge, and that W. Bro. W. A. Mitchell be considered under sentence of suspension till the said warrant be deposited with the District Grand Registrar. This was carried unanimously.

The report of the Grand Committee of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence for the half-year ending 30th November, 1870, was read.

It was stated that an application had been received from the Finance Committee of the District Grand Lodge for a temporary loan of Rs. 2000, to enable them to meet the outlay incurred in the renovation of the Freemasons' Hall and furniture. The expenses attendant upon these quadrennial and quinquennial repairs have on former occasions compelled the District Grand Lodge to seek temporary assistance from this Fund. Their present application is for a much lower sum than that borrowed last time, and they offer further to pay the same interest as the Fund now receives upon its Government paper, and to replace the amount in Government securities of the same value, whatever the market rate at the time may be. Under these circumstances the Grand Committee of this fund have acceded to the request made to them.

The investments of the Fund now stand as follows: In 5 per cent. loan, Rs. 1,000; In  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., Rs. 600; Rs. 1600, representing at the market value of the day about Rs. 1,750.

The following memorandum, upon the working of the Fund during the half year, has been received from the Secretary to the Executive Sub-Committee:—

Report of the Sub-Committee of the Fund of Benevolence for the six months ending 30th November, 1870.

During the six months which have elapsed since their last report, the Sub-Committee have received sixteen applications for pecuniary assistance, the whole of these, together with the two applications which were under consideration on the 31st May last, have been disposed of, two of the cases by the full Committee and the remainder by the Sub-Committee under the powers entrusted to them.

Of the above eighteen applications seven were from poor widows, and one from a poor Lewis, soliciting a renewal of monthly allowances previously voted to them to the extent of Rs. 20 per month in each case. The applications were granted. In addition to the above, allowances of Rs. 20 per month for a period of six months, were granted to a widow residing in the north-west Provinces, and to a brother in indigent circumstances, to another brother an allowance of Rs. 30 per month for a similar period was voted.

Three donations were granted during the half year, viz., Rs. 30 to a brother in distress, Rs. 200 to a member of an up-

country lodge, to enable him to proceed to England, where he had been ordered under medical certificate, and Rs. 30 to the son of a brother, himself in receipt of assistance from this Fund, to enable him to reach employment, at a distance from his home, which had been offered to him.

The remaining four applications the sub-committee were reluctantly compelled to decline.

The District Grand Secretary reported the receipt of the report from the Bengal Masonic Association, which was ordered to be recorded.

The total donations received to 30th November, 1870 amounted to £11,752 4s. 0d.

The subscriptions received during the year ending 30th November, 1870, amounted to £912.

The abstract of the capital account of the Bengal Masonic Association for the year ending 30th November, 1870, shewed a credit balance of £2222 14s. 10d.

The abstract of the Revenue Account for the year ending 30th November, 1870, shewed credit balance carried to credit of capital account under provisions of bye-law amounting to £246 8s. 6d.

The District Grand Master then appointed the Officers of the District Grand Lodge for the year 1871. He took the opportunity of thanking W. Bro. Daly and the Officers of the past year for their general services, and for the support which they had given him during their tenure of office, and further expressed a hope that he might continue to receive the benefit of their future advice and counsel. He remarked that while it was absolutely necessary to ask some brethren to retire from office for a season, it was of course understood that they retained full possession of their privileges as Past Officers so long as they continue to retain their names on the roll of some regular Lodge, and he hoped, after the lapse of a twelvemonth, to be in a position again to recognize their merits and their claims, by promotion to higher office. He thought it advisable, as in previous years, to bestow some rewards upon deserving Masons in the Mofussil, who frequently had great difficulties to contend with in their endeavours to promote the interests of the Order, and who, by holding office in Grand Lodge, would necessarily be led to a still deeper interest in matters connected with the Craft, and he had endeavoured to the best of his ability to apportion the remainder of the appointments fairly among the town lodges, selecting brethren whose real worth and personal merit he believed to be well known and respected by their fellows. He thought it inadvisable to bestow any offices upon the members of those lodges which had been unfavourably reported upon by the Finance Committee, as neglecting to comply with the rules and regulations which they were bound as Masonic Bodies to respect. The District Grand Master then passed a very warm eulogium on the brother whom he had selected for the high position of Deputy District Grand Master, observing that he had served as District Grand Secretary for a period of five years, and that during that time he had placed his office on an efficient footing, which as far as his experience went, was unprecedented in the province, that he had seen brethren promoted before him, consenting to continue the good and useful work in which he was engaged, until a brother could be found to supply his place, who was both equal to the work and possessed the confidence of the brethren at large. Such a brother had now been found, and the acknowledgments of Grand Lodge were due to Bro. Captain Murray for his kindness in undertaking the duties of what was a very arduous, difficult, and not unfrequently an invidious position. He considered that the thanks of Grand Lodge were eminently due to Bro. Locke, who had for so long a time fulfilled those duties with such untiring energy and marked ability, and whose unflagging zeal in the interest of Craft would still have full scope of action in his high office as Deputy District Grand Master.

W. Bro. Locke was then conducted to the East by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and invested with the insignia of his office by the District Grand Master, who congratulated him upon his advancement, and delivered to him his patent as Deputy Grand Master of the province.

The District Grand Master also made a few suitable remarks in investing with their collars the brethren whom he had selected for office during the coming year.

The following is the list of Dist. G. officers:

Henry H. Locke, P.M., 109, Deputy District Grand Master; John Pitt Kennedy, (barrister-at-law) P.M. 109, District Senior Grand Warden; William B. Farr, W.M. 825, and P.M. 486,

Junior Grand Warden; Rev. F. W. Robberds, B.A., 109 and 1210, Grand Chaplain; Demetrius Z. Zemin, W.M. 229, Grand Registrar; Captain William George Murray, W.M. 109 P.M. 639, Grand Secretary; Lieut.-Col. H. R. Wroughton, P.M. 836, 1066, and 1210, Senior Grand Deacon; Isaiah L. Taylor, P.M. 392, Grand Superintendent of Works; Capt. F. F. J. Toke, P.M. 486 and 552, Grand Director of Ceremonies; William O. Allender, W.M. 67 and 232, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; Major C. T. Hitchins, P.M., Chota Nagpore L., Grand Sword Bearer; Joseph Van Gelder, 67, Grand Organist; J. W. Lay (Lt., 4th Hus.), P.M., 413, Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards: Captain G. G. Nelson, S.W. 486; William Henry McGowan, P.S.W. 486; Thomas Carritt, S.W. 825; Edmund Healey, Treasurer, 67; Thomas. H. Henty, P. Sec. 229; Wm. Joseph Cartoys, 109.

Worshipful Bro. J. H. Linton, on the nomination of W. Bro. Keighley, Past D.G. Deacon, seconded by W. Bro. Locke, Dep. D.G.M., was unanimously re-elected District Grand Treasurer, and was duly invested with the insignia of his office by the District Grand Master.

The District Grand Master remarked with reference to the eighth item on the Agenda paper, that a Committee had been appointed at the Quarterly Communication of June 1868, to revise the bye-laws of the District Grand Lodge, but that, owing to press of work and other causes, nothing had been done. He thought it very desirable that the bye-laws should be revised, as they contained some laws which were to his mind anomalous, while there might also be perhaps found some room for improvement. He remarked that no alteration could be made in the provisions of the bye-laws until agreed to by District Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Master in England, but that he would be glad if a report could be submitted in time for consideration at the March Communication of District Grand Lodge.

A collection was then made for the Fund of Benevolence. The amount was announced by the District Grand Secretary to be Rs. 274.

There being no further business to be brought forward, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 7.45 p.m.

Balance against the account of Rs., £488 15s. 8d.

The Masonic Fund of Benevolence cash abstract of receipts and disbursements for the half-year ending 30th November, 1870, shewed a balance against the account of Rs. of £5 3s. 10d.; total Rs. £1548 7s. 10d.

The Musical Instrument Fund, abstract of Receipts and disbursements for the half-year ending 30th November 1870 shewed a credit balance on the 30th November 1878 of £586 15s.

The suspense account of Deposit receipts, cash Account deposit receipts and adjustment during the half-year ending 30th November, 1870, shewed a credit balance at close of the half-year ending 30th November 1870, of £6,478 14s. 11d.

The Masonic Hall rent establishment and Sustentation Fund cash abstract for the half-year ending 30th November, 1870, shewed a balance against the account of £900 9s.

## SCOTLAND.

### GLASGOW.

GLASGOW.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 3 bis.). The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their new hall, 213 Buchanan Street, on Tuesday, February 7th, after 7 p.m. Bro. John Baird, R.W.M., on the throne, Bros. Kyle, S.W., Fletcher, J.W., and a number of brethren present. The lodge being opened the minutes were read and passed. There being no other business the R.W.M. gave an account of the proceedings at Grand Lodge the night before, and, *inter alia*, stated that he considered the Grand Lodge had acted unlawfully in sustaining the Proxy commissions after he had said they were illegal if not stamped, how Grand Lodge was not done with that yet. He also observed that by so doing the Grand Lodge had thereby broken the laws of the land, and that, therefore, he considered that this lodge had sufficient reason for throwing overboard its allegiance to Grand Lodge. He also found fault with the remarks made by Bro. Buchan in Grand Lodge the previous night. Bro. Buchan having remarked that there were two ways of telling a story, said it was a pity some of the Edinburgh brethren were not pre-

sent to give their version of affairs, more especially as the fact remained that *St. John's Lodge* lost every motion it desired to carry; not that Grand Lodge had acted unjustly, but because *St. John's* in this case was supporting what was wrong, as well as not going about what they had in hand in a proper business-like manner, &c. After this the S.W. proposed, and J.W. seconded, that a special meeting of this lodge be called for this night three weeks, to which Bro. Buchan should be summoned in order to consider the language used by him—Bro. Buchan—to their R.W.M., Bro. Baird, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on 6th February, Bro. Buchan having there stated that he was astonished Bro. Baird would have the audacity to stand up in this Grand Lodge and make the false statements he had now made. Bro. Buchan denied having used the word "false," and considered that he was perfectly entitled to speak in an independent manner regarding whatever business was going on before Grand Lodge, and also that he was quite justified, under the circumstances, in saying what he did say. After some further remarks the motion of the S.W. was agreed to. The lodge was shortly after closed.

A meeting of this lodge was also held on 21st February; Bro. Baird, R.W.M. in the chair. Bro. John Dick, S.D. acting as S.W., Bro. Fletcher, J.W., and a considerable number of brethren present. On the minutes being read, several corrections were made, after which they were passed. The Secretary intimated that he had written Bro. Buchan, giving him notice of the lodge meeting to be held on 28th February, and that he had received a letter in reply stating that he, Bro. Buchan, considered their summons informal, in so far as that it did not contain a definite statement of the exact words objected to, as also that he was unaware that *St. John's Lodge* had any right or power to summon him before it, for what took place in Grand Lodge. Bro. J. B. Walker, P.M., supported the objection as to the informality of a summons being issued without a definite statement being given of the supposed fault. The Secretary would therefore require to issue another summons.\* The R.W.M. then read a copy of the Report of the Sub-Committee on the *St. John's Memorial*, which had been read at the late meeting of Grand Lodge, after which he made some comments regarding it. Upon one brother desiring to have the report again read, the R.W.M. suggested the idea of publishing it, so that every member might have a copy, and be able to read it himself. The J.W. however objected to this, and the subject dropped. The R.W.M. then read a copy of the motion tabled by Bro. Hay, and which was to come up at the next quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, to the effect that—The Lodge Journeymen, No. 8 shall be entitled to carry the working tools and other paraphernalia of Grand Lodge at processions in the Metropolitan district. The Lodge Glasgow *St. John's* shall have the same privilege in the Province of Glasgow, and when the Grand Lodge is officiating in any other place or province, the Grand Master, or the brother acting for him shall have the power of fixing on the Lodge or Lodges to carry the Working Tools, &c., for the occasion, and his decision shall not be open to review. Having read this, the R.W.M. stated that this motion was not what they desired. What they wanted was equality in all the Provinces, whereas this motion was making certain most unmasonic and unfair distinctions. He also read certain remarks on the subject from Bro. Wylie, of Kilwinning, who, he stated, was a high authority upon masonic matters. Some further remarks having passed it was understood that *St. John's lodge* decidedly objected to the settlement of the Working Tools controversy in the way Bro. Hay's motion intended. The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—*Union Lodge* (No. 332).—The fortieth anniversary of the Union Lodge, 332, late the Duntocher and Fifeley Union, was celebrated in true masonic spirit on Wednesday evening, the 22nd February, in the Assembly Rooms, Bath Street, Brother Robert Mitchell, R.W.M., presiding, and on the platform were Bros. James Balfour, Past Master; William Lindsay, R.W.M., of Lodge Clyde, 408; James B. McNair, Senior Warden; W. H. Johnson, Junior Warden; Robert Johnston, Secretary and P.G.S.; William Dempster, Treasurer; Adams, Senior Warden of Lodge Commercial, 360, &c. The following Lodges were also represented:—Kilwinning, No. 4, Thistle of Rose, No. 73; *St. Mungo*, No. 27; Neptune, No. 419; Clyde, No. 408, &c. There was a good attendance of the brethren, their wives, sweethearts,

\* According to cap. xx. sec. 8, of Grand Lodge Laws, the brother to be summoned requires to receive two weeks notice.

and friends. After tea the chairman, who was well received, expressed the pleasure he felt in meeting with the members of the Lodge and the fair sex, on this the fortieth anniversary, because such gatherings as the present gave them an opportunity and the sweet pleasure of intermingling with those whom we love and respect, and of enjoying a few hours of that happy social intercourse which should characterise all such meetings as the present. The Chairman during his remarks also adverted to the prosperous state of the Lodge for the last 12 months, during which period about forty-five members had been added, and about £42 19s. 11d. placed in the Treasury. The Benevolent Fund was also in a most satisfactory condition, so that in every respect he believed that the Lodge was second to none in the Glasgow Province. The Chairman likewise referred to the moribund state of the lodge many years ago, and congratulated the brethren that it was now most vigorous, and bade fair to pursue a prosperous career. During the evening an excellent vocal programme was sustained by Bros. Gordon, Dempster, Halley, Porter, Clarke, McNair and Mullens. Remarks were also made by Bros. Lindsay, Adams, McNair, and Johnson. An assembly followed, which was kept up with great vigour until an advanced hour in the morning, all being highly satisfied with the evening's enjoyment.

EDINBURGH.—*Rifle Lodge* (No. 405).—At the usual monthly meeting of this Lodge (R.W.M. Bro. James Terry Douglas in the chair) held on the 21st ult., the honour of affiliation as full and free members was conferred on Bros. Alexander Hay—Grand Jeweller to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Past Master of the Edinburgh Lodge Celtic—and Captain Gordon, R.W. Master of Lodge Aberdeen, in recognition of their services to the Craft. There was a large gathering of the members of the Lodge on the occasion, among those present during the evening being the following officers and members of Grand Lodge:—Bros. Mann, Senior Grand Warden; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; John Lawrie, Grand Clerk; Major Ramsay, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Samuel Somerville—Representative from Grand Lodge of Ireland; L. Mackersy—Representative from Grand Lodge of Canada; and T. D. McCowan—Representative from the Grand Orient de France. The despatch of business being over, the Lodge adjourned to refreshment, which was followed by song and sentiment, and after spending a happy evening, the Lodge was closed.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### METROPOLITAN.

UNION WATERLOO CHAPTER, (No. 13).—The companions of the above chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Woolwich, on Wednesday 22nd ult. There were present:—Comps. Tafts, M.E.Z., elect; Thomas, as H.; Kirks, as J.; Henderson, Treas., and P., M.E.Z.; Barnes, Scribe E. and P., M.E.Z.; Batstone, N.; Marshall, P.S.; Sendey, 1st. A.S.; Coupland, 2nd. A.S.; and about thirty other members were present. Comp. Tafts was duly installed into the chair of M.E.Z. Comps. R. P. Atkins, P.Z.; and Rupert, both of High Cross Chapter, were present as visitors. Bros. Old of the Capper Lodge, 1076; Ashdown, of the Capper Lodge, 1076; Dr. Maid, of the Granite Lodge, were exalted to the Royal Arch degree. The business over, the companions adjourned to Bro. D. Grey's, Freemasons' Hall, where an excellent banquet was provided, a happy evening was spent and the companions parted in harmony.

### LANCASHIRE, (WEST.)

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Chapter*, (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, on Monday Evening, 20th February, 1871. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. Bagnall, M.E.Z.; Daniel Moore, P.Z. as H.; W. Hall, J.; there were also present:—Comps. Mercer, E.; Whimfray, N.; Barker, Treas.; Edmund Simpson, as P.S.; W. Hall, W. Heald, R. Taylor, and J. Watson Janitor. The chapter was opened in due form and usual business transacted. The ballot was taken for two candidates for exaltation, who were unanimously elected. The companions then proceeded to the choice of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows:—Comps. Thomas Mason, M.E.Z.; William Hall, H.; N. G. Mercer, M.D., J.; Whimfray, E.; James M. Moore, N.; W. Barker, Treas.; Edmund Simpson, P.S.; R.

Taylor, Janitor. The installation of the Principals will take place at the end of next month, the ceremony to be conducted by Comps. J. Daniel Moore P.Z.

### LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

LEICESTER.—*Chapter of Fortitude* (No. 279).—A convocation of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., the officers present being Companions L. A. Clarke, M.E.Z.; George H. Hodges, H.; George Toller, jun.; J. William Kelly (Prov. G. Sup.), P.Z. and Treasurer; Clement, Stretton, E.; Rev. Charles J. E. Smith, W.; Samuel S. Partridge, P.S.; W. Scalthorpe, A.S.; E. J. Crow, Org., and others. There was one visitor—Comp. Needham, of the Shakespeare Chapter, Warwick. Of four candidates one only was able to be present—Bro. Alfred Layton, W.M. No. 181, London, who was duly exalted, after which Comp. Toller, J., delivered the Historical and Symbolical Lecture, and the P.G. Supt. the Mythical Lecture. A favourable report having been made on the Treasurer's accounts, and a vote of thanks passed to Comp. Kelly, P.Z. and P.G. Superintendent, for his services in that office during the past ten years. The following were elected to the several offices for the ensuing year:—Geo. H. Hodges, M.E.Z.; George Poller, H.; Geo. Charles; J.E. Smith (Rugby School); J. William Kelly, Treasurer; C. Stretton, E.; Samuel S. Partridge, N.; E. J. Crow, P.S.; S. A. Clarke, P.Z.; Partridge, Steward, and C. Bembridge, Tyler. Seven candidates were then proposed, viz.: The Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, W.M. 779; Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., S.W., 1330; and the W.M. and four P.M.'s of the Lodge of Rectitude, Rugby, after which the Chapter was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

### MONMOUTHSHIRE.

SILURIAN CHAPTER, (No. 471).—The usual meeting of the Companions of this chapter was held on Friday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Dock Street. Comp. Hellyer, M.E.Z., took the chair, supported by Comp. Oliver as H., and Comp. Pickford as J. There was a tolerable attendance, and the minutes of the last chapter having been read and confirmed, the ballot took place, when four brethren were unanimously admitted, and will be exalted at the meeting in March. Comp. Hellyer then installed Bro. Oliver as M.E.Z., the other two principals elected as H. and J. being unavoidably absent through illness. The companions afterwards dined together at the King's Head Hotel, under the very able presidency of the newly installed M.E.Z., and spent a very pleasant evening. This chapter now numbers over 80 members, and there is a strong talk of a second chapter being about to be applied for.

### MARK MASONRY.

#### METROPOLITAN.

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE, (No. 118).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held (by dispensation of the M.W.G.M.) at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday 20th inst. There were present:—Bros. Morton Edwards, W.M.; A. D. Loewenstark P.G.I.G. P.M., Treas.; Meyer A. Loewenstark, P.G. Steward, P.M. and Sec.; F. M. Kock, J.O. Visitors present were Bros. M. Emmanuel, S.M.O. 86; Capt. Bertrand Payne, St. Marks. 1; Capt. Wickerson, Joppa; H. W. Binckes, Kent. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. Long, P.G.P., P.M., P.Z.; J. Lee, J. Etherwick, F. Conner. Bros. John Coles Faurdriner, P.G. Stew., P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.W., Shropshire; George Lee was advanced to the degree of Mark Master, Meyer A. Loewenstark performed the ceremony of advancement. Bros. W. Binckes, Kent, Major H. J. Turner, St. Mark's Lodge, and C. Gosden, Thistle Lodge, were ballotted for as joining members.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

TEMPLE CRESTING ENCAMPMENT.—The members of this Encampment met on Thursday, the 16th, at the Horns' Tavern, Kennington, when the usual business was transacted. The Emt. Sir Knt. Dr. Lilley, P.E.C. as E.C., when Sir Knt. John Maured, was elected a joining member; after the closing of the Encampment the Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by the respected host, in his usual excellent style.

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS &c., FOR WEEK  
ENDING MARCH 4TH, 1871.

## METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

*Monday, March 6th.*

LODGES.—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street; Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen Street; Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street; St. John's, Radley's Hotel, Bridge Street, Blackfriars; St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea; Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich; Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street; Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street; Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street.—CHAPTER.—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

*Tuesday, March 7th.*

Colonial Board at 3.

LODGES.—Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall; Albion, Freemasons' Hall; Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street; Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street; Old Concord; Freemasons' Hall; Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street; St. James', Leather Market Tavern, New Western-street, Bermondsey; Grosvenor, Victoria Station, Metropolitan District Railway, Pimlico; Duke of Edinburgh, New Globe Tavern, Bow Road; Golden Rule, Great Western Hotel, Bayswater; Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.—CHAPTER.—Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

*Wednesday, March 8th.*

Festival Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.

LODGES.—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall; Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich; Kent, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham Street; Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth; Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford; Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street; Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, Limehouse; Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond; Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall; Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Volunteers, Brunswick Road, Camberwell; Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone; Hervey, Iron School Room, Moore Park, Walham Green; St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High Street, Wapping.—CHAPTER.—Hervey, Britannia, Walham Green.

*Thursday, March 9th.*

LODGES.—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street; Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street; Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street; Bank of England, Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars; Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street; Canonbury, Exeter Hall Hotel, Strand; Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham; Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Hotel, Holloway; Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.—CHAPTERS.—Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.

*Friday, March 10th.*

LODGES.—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall; Calendonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street; Bedford, Freemasons' Hall; Domatie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

*Saturday, March 11th.*

LODGES.—London, Freemasons' Hall; Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF  
INSTRUCTION.*Monday, March 6th.*

LODGES.—Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd, Deptford; St. James's Union, Swan Tav Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-st.; Crystal Palace, City Arms Tav., West-sq., Southwark; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Eastern Star, Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd.; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Bancroft Place, Mile End, E.; Tower Hamlets' Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial Road, E.; Union Waterloo, King's Arms, Woolwich; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Motcomb Street, Belgrave Square; Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street; Prince Regent Club, Prince Regent Tavern, 111, East Road, City Road, E.C.; Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

*Tuesday, March 7th.*

LODGES.—Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail., Victoria Station; Domatie, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's-wood; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane; Sidney Lodge, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood; Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st. New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth.—CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st Mount Zion, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.; Robert Burns Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's Lane.

*Wednesday, March 8th.*

LODGES.—Confidence, Railway Tav., London-st.; United Strength Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham-Rye, Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st., Poplar; Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-street; Royal Union, Bro. Duddy's, Winsley-st., Oxford-street.—CHAPTER.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-street Grosvenor-square; Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

*Thursday, March 9th.*

LODGES.—Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Euston-road; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth; St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-square; Tranquility, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington, Crown Hotel, 41, High Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park, at 7; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell Alley; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Merchant Navy, Jamaica Tav., W. India Dock Road, Poplar.—CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect of Whithy Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

*Friday, March 10th.*

LODGES.—St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea, Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, Unions (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), F.M.H.; United Pilgrims, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's Lane, Brixton; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester-square; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich; Ranelagh, Royal Sussex Hotel, Broadway, Hammersmith; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Victoria, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.; Hervey, Britannia, Walham-green; Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Charter House, Hat and Feathers Tavern, 27, Goswell-rd.; Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-street, Regent-st.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes; Lily, Greyhound, Ho., Richmond; Stability, Guildhall Tav., 33, Gresham Street; Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern; Canonbury.—CHAPTERS.—Domatie, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

*Saturday, March 11th.*

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

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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WE shall be glad to receive from brethren any proceedings of Masonic meetings, which shall be duly inserted. Communications should be forwarded so as to reach us as early in the week as convenient—not later than Wednesday if possible. We have to request our correspondents to be particular in writing names distinctly.

A MILITARY MASON.—The Military Lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, are in the following: Regiments:—5th Dragoon Guards (No. 570); 12th Royal Lancers (179); 4th Foot, 1st Batt. (91); 20th Foot, 2nd Batt. (263); 26th Foot (26); 29th Foot (322); 38th Foot (441); 39th Foot (128); 49th Foot (354); 50th Foot (58); 88th Foot (176).