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RANDOM NOTES ON FREEMASONRY.

A LECTURE DELIVERED TO THE BRETHREN OF THE PHENIX LODGE, STOWMARKET, BY BRO. EMRA HOLMES, 30°, P.M., P.G.A.D.C. SUFFOLK.

Worshipful Master and Brethren :—

It would be difficult, nay almost impossible, to [say all that I could say on our beloved Masonry in the brief hour to which I limit myself on this occasion, but I trust I may suggest—for I can do no more than suggest—sufficient to enable some brother better qualified than myself to treat at greater length on the subject of my lecture, "Random Notes on Freemasonry."

I must ask your indulgence, too, for the somewhat discursive nature of my address, and beg you to remember that it scarcely aspires to the dignity of a lecture, but merely to what I have called it—random notes, sketches by the way.

I do not pretend to preach any new doctrine, to have discovered any fresh secret, but I only aim at leading my younger brethren into the same road I have travelled—to follow the same channels of information to which I have obtained access, and to come back with greater love and reverence for the great fraternity of which we are members, a greater regard for and sympathy with the brethren of the mystic tie, wheresoever dispersed over land or water. I do not profess to be a teacher. I am only a student, and there may be many before me better qualified than myself to speak to you on this subject, but I am sure you will listen with a kindly indulgence to what I ad-

vance, and forgive my zeal, if you should have cause to doubt my discretion.

In the first place, then, as to the Antiquity of Masonry. I am quite aware that there are those, even amongst the initiated, who think it a creature of to-day, and that 1717 is the year from which we must date our venerable institution. I am quite willing to admit that almost all our information is based upon tradition; that absolute historical evidence as to its remote origin is not to be found; and that, being a secret society, with but few written documents as evidences of its antiquity in the possession of the fraternity, there is a greater difficulty in proving its immemorial constitution; and that much be taken on faith as to its objects and origin. But, on the other hand, I would ask, are not the Church of England, and the Churches of Greece and Rome, founded on tradition; and are we to set aside as fables all that has been brought forward to illustrate the early history of the Church in the dark ages, simply because it cannot all be proven?

As a secret society, its aims and history must from all time have been locked up in tradition. I am of opinion that there were points of similarity between the ancient mysteries of Egypt and Greece to warrant us in the belief that they were in fact a kind of spurious Freemasonry, as Dr. Oliver teaches. I will even go further, and say that there is a strong resemblance to a true Freemasonry in some of them, though veiled and obscured with much that was false and impure. The Kassedeans and the Essenes were also thought to be masonic bodies. I will call your attention to Mackey's Lexicon of Masonry on this subject.

In the Popular Cyclopædia there is a long article on Freemasonry, in which the writer denies that it has or ever had anything to do with the Eleusinian or Egyptian mysteries, but traces it to the Roman Collegium Artificum, founded by Numa Pompilius, B.C. 714.

I will, with your permission, read some portion of this article, since it contains much that is interesting and valuable, and since it accepts for truth much that has been condemned as false by certain would-be wise brethren of a sceptical turn of mind. There can be no doubt, however, that we are descended from the operative masons of the middle ages, and it is to my mind a matter of great regret that operative masonry should have ceased to have any connection with us in England.

Of course you are well aware that it still exists in Scotland, where operative lodges are found side by side with speculative.

Masonry abroad has changed its character very considerably, and there is now, I suspect, but little trace of its descent from the Architects of the middle ages. Gilbert Scott, I believe, talks of the "fables" of the Freemasons, but other worthy successors of the Gothic Architects admit the pretensions of the Freemasons to be the originators of Gothic architecture.

Freemasonry to day is in fact little more than a skeleton,—a relic of a bygone age,—with secrets valuable to the brethren only, but with something about it which must recommend itself to the searcher after truth and the lover of his kind.

Probably many of you, who are accustomed to look upon the Grand Lodge of England as at once the supreme head and pattern of masonry, will be surprised to hear that it stands *per se* in the recognition of what is and what is not pure and ancient masonry, for it recognizes the Royal Arch as part of its system, and the completion of the third degree, and refuses to acknowledge the Mark degree; whilst the Grand Lodge of Scotland accepts the Mark and rejects the Arch; and the Grand Lodge of Ireland acknowledges both. Then again the Grand Lodge of England, in its corporate capacity, does not recognize the higher degrees, though many of its most distinguished members belong to them, notably the Prince of Wales, Knight of the Masonic Order of Charles XIII. of Sweden, 17°, and Lord Carnarvon, 33°, whilst almost every other Grand Lodge in the world admits them.

The most widely spread and generally adopted system is the Ancient and Accepted Rite of 33 degrees, (some of which are of undoubted antiquity), which has a Supreme Council in almost every country in the world. Time will not admit of my enlarging on this Rite. Suffice it to say that, in a Christian country it seems to me difficult to eliminate the Christian character from Masonry, and the object of the higher degrees, as I dare say many of you know, is to maintain the Christian characteristics, and to admit Masons of high social character and standing to the privileges of its necessarily more exclusive degrees. For my own part, I have always felt that there was

not enough in the Craft to interest the masonic student, and there is no doubt that many estimable masons, after passing the chair, have lapsed as it were, or lost their interest in the Royal Art, simply because they thought there was nothing more to learn. To such I would say, "Go on; you have only ascended three steps of the Masonic ladder, there are thirty-three to climb."

You are doubtless well aware that in the Articles of Union between the two Grand Lodges in 1813, it was expressly added to the declaration that pure and ancient Masonry consisted of three degrees and no more—

"But this article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the constitutions of the said orders;" which proviso was nothing more nor less than a recognition of the higher degrees, and no doubt was admitted because the Duke of Kent and the Duke of Sussex were both Grand Masters of the Templars as well as of the Craft.

Freemasonry is, as it is received, to some a religion, to others a system of morality only. I have known Jews who thought they did their duty by their God and their creed if they attended their lodge, no synagogue being near.

Masonry, as Geometry, is an exact science. As a religion, it bears the impress of a higher wisdom than is contained in the study of mathematics and astronomy. In fact masonry stands next to revealed religion in the opinion of many people; unfortunately, however, it has been made the instrument, in the hands of evil and designing men, for much wrong-doing—instance the Carbonari, Illuminati, Cagliostro, the Communists.

The Chevalier Ramsay is said to have invented certain of the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as secret associations the real object of whose members was the restoration of the Stuarts.

The Royal Order of Scotland, from which some think the Rose Croix, 18th degree, is derived, was presided over by Charles Stuart, the young Pretender, who gave a charter to a Chapter at Arras (which charter is still in existence) as Hereditary Grand Master of the order.

Cagliostro was made a Freemason in London, and it is said that he and the Illuminati were instrumental in bringing about the great revolution of France. Alexandre Dumas has written a very

powerful romance founded upon this, called "The Memoirs of a Physician."

The reign of the Communists, and the part many misguided masons took in the late unhappy struggle in France, is too recent to need more than a passing allusion here.

I cannot help repeating what I said at a recent meeting of the St. Luke's Royal Arch Chapter at Ipswich, that Masonry without Christianity in a Christian country cannot be said to be complete.

This was recognized in the fact that before the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 the Knights Templar degree was especially recognised by the Grand Lodge of all England at York, previous to 1770, at which time the Rose Croix 18th degree, and Kadosh, 30th degree, were also worked.

And I fearlessly assert that the perfection of Masonry and its Christian character can only be obtained in the Antient and Accepted Rite and the Order of Knights Templar. Much difficulty exists in tracing the origin of the Royal Arch degree—Dr. Oliver thinks it did not exist before the middle of the last century, whilst Mackay is of opinion that before the year 1740 the essential element of the Royal Arch constituted a part of the third degree. In America, as formerly in England, it is necessary to be a P.M. before the candidate is eligible for the Royal Arch. In Ireland it is the same, and there the degree differs essentially from our own.

In Scotland you must be a Mark as well as a P.M. to be eligible, and chapters in Scotland also confer the degree of Royal Ark Mariner (which is now I believe given in England), under the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters.

Scotch Masons contend that the Royal Arch with its subsidiary degrees constitutes a part of Templar Masonry; and in this country, as you are doubtless aware, it is necessary to be a Royal Arch Mason before you are eligible for the rank of a Knight Templar. My own opinion is that the degree, like that of the Rose Croix, is very ancient; but I am quite willing to admit that it took its present form, as Dr. Oliver asserts, about 1740, or 1750.

Nothing is more surprising than the ignorance of Masons about Masonry, and one is quite staggered to find excellent Masons who have never yet

joined in the sublime mysteries of the Royal Arch degree, which is as necessary to the completion of the Third, as the Mark is to the Second degree.

(To be continued.)

GENERAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND FOR BOMBAY.

We copy the following from "The Masonic Record of Western India":—

Two very important matters are now under consideration amongst the heads of the Order in Bombay—to wit—the erection of a Masonic Temple, and the establishment of a General Benevolent Fund.

In regard to the first—the Masonic Temple—the subject has been mooted over and over for the last fifty years; it came to a point about six years ago—a site was presented, subscriptions were promised, plans were prepared, and even the day was mentioned by a few over-sanguine brethren for laying the foundation-stone; but the crash of the share mania came and upset all these pleasing anticipations. Recently the subject has again been revived; and we sincerely hope it will not be allowed to fall through for want of energy on the part of those who are best able to carry out the project.

The establishment of the General Benevolent Fund can be easily carried out by the amalgamation of the Charity Funds of the various lodges, chapters, &c.

In our last Number we presented a scheme by which brethren, who are able, may provide for their families.

We will now venture to offer a few hints as to how these three schemes can work together, and the funds be properly invested. A joint stock company should be formed for erecting a Masonic Temple; the funds collected for the Benevolent Fund, and Widows' and Orphans' Fund could be invested in a certain number of shares in this Company: of course reserving a portion to meet the immediate demands that may be made upon these funds. Within two years the Temple will be completed, and the rents that will be paid by the numerous Masonic bodies that now meet in

Bombay, will give a fair dividend to these charities to continue their relief to suffering humanity.

We have much pleasure in giving publicity to the following letter from R.W. Bro. the Honourable J. Gibbs, District Grand Master under the English Constitution, on the subject of the General Benevolent Fund proposed to be established at Bombay, which we have no doubt will meet with the unanimous approval of every brother in the province.

"Having been more than once consulted regarding the best means of relieving distressed Europeans and others in Bombay, it has come to my knowledge that owing to the want of proper organization, the charitable funds in Bombay are too often misapplied.

"About three or four years ago I brought this to the notice of some of the lodges in Bombay, with a view to arrangements being made for a systematic administration of the various charity funds; but from circumstances which then existed, my proposition did not meet with acceptance; but as I believe these circumstances exist no longer, and as the number of Masonic bodies has considerably increased, I, at the request of several leading Masons, have been induced again to put forward my scheme.

"I will now mention the particular case which first led me to consider this matter. A brother died, leaving a widow; his income had been 75 Rs. a month; on his death several of his friends and brethren subscribed about a thousand rupees (Rs. 1,000) for the widow to furnish her rooms and set herself up. Application was made to different Masonic bodies, and I found that the joint monthly allowance made by them, added to grants of the clergy at the Cathedral and Byculla, amounted to between 80 and 90 Rs. a month, a sum in excess of her husband's income when living, and one which would never have been granted had the various bodies known what the others were giving.

"This case is an example of the misuse to which charitable funds are put when each body makes a grant without the knowledge of what the recipient receives from other sources, and although this was an extreme, I am convinced it is not an exceptional case.

"The proposition that I would put forward for the consideration of the Masonic community is as follows:—

"Let every Masonic body, lodge, chapter, or encampment, join in forming a Common Fund of Benevolence, to be managed by a Committee consisting of a delegate chosen by each body.

"The Committee so formed to choose one of their body to be Chairman for 12 months; that each Masonic body pay over to the Benevolent Fund the balance of its charitable funds, and to arrange for the transfer of future receipts and incomes which by their Bye-laws accrue for that purpose.

"That every claimant for charitable relief should make his application through a lodge, chapter or encampment, who will, on being satisfied that the case is one requiring relief, forward it with their recommendation to the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, who will finally decide as to what grant, if any, should be made.

"Further details may be settled hereafter; the above will form a sufficient outline to enable the brethren generally to form an opinion on the scheme.

"As it would be necessary, in order to make the scheme as comprehensive as possible, that every Masonic body should be invited to join, I beg, in the first instance, to circulate it to my Right Worshipful brethren, the heads of other Orders and Jurisdictions in Bombay.

"Should they agree that a scheme of this kind is desirable, it could then be circulated to the various Masonic Bodies for their consideration and opinion.

J. GIBBS, 33°

District Grand Master, Bombay.

District Grand Supt. R.A., Bombay.

Representative of Supreme Council, A. & A. Rite.

July 24th, 1871.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE THREE PILLARS.

It is remarkable that every mysterious system practised on the habitable globe contains a Triad of Deity.

The oracle in Damascus asserts that throughout the world a Triad shines forth, which resolves itself into a Monad, and the uniform symbol of this three-fold Deity was an equilateral triangle, the precise form occupied by the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

In the mysteries of the British Druids these three pillars represented the great emblematical Triad of the Deity; their Adytum or lodge was actually supported by three stones or pillars, which were supposed to convey a regenerating purity to the aspirant, after having endured the ceremony of initiation in all its accustomed formalities. The delivery from between them was termed a new birth, the *paliagenesia*.

The corresponding pillars of Hindoo mythology were also known by the names of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, and placed in the east, west, and south, crowned with three human heads. They jointly refer to the Creator, who was said to have planned the great work by his infinite wisdom, executed it by his strength, and to have adorned it with all its beauty and usefulness for the benefit of man.

These united powers were not overlooked in the mysteries, for we find them represented in the solemn service of initiation, by the three presiding Brahmins or Hierophants. The chief Brahmin sat in the east highly exalted on a brilliant throne, clad in a flowing robe of azure, thickly sparkled with golden stars, and bearing in his hands a magical rod: thus symbolising Brahma, the creator of the world. His two compeers, clad in robes of equal magnificence, occupied corresponding situations of distinction.

The representative of Vishnu, the setting sun, was placed on the exalted throne in the West, and he who represented Siva, the meridian sun, occupied a splendid throne in the South.

Brahma, Vishnu, and Siva, were considered as a tri-une-god, distinguished by the significant appellation of Tri-murti or tri-form.

Brahma was said to be the creator, Vishnu the preserver, and Siva, the judge or destroyer.

In the east, as the pillar of wisdom, this deity was called Brahma, in the west as the pillar of strength, Vishnu, and in the south as the pillar of beauty, Siva: and hence in the Indian initiations, as just observed, the representative of Brahma was seated in the east, that of Vishnu in the west, and that of Siva in the south.

A very remarkable coincidence exists with the practice of Masonry.

In like manner the Persians, who termed their emblematical Mithratic cave or lodge, the Empyrean, feigned it supported by three intelligences, Ormisda, Mithra, and Mithras, who were usually denominated from certain characteristics which they were supposed individually to possess, viz.: eternity, fecundity, and authority. Similar to those were the forms of the Egyptian Deity, designated by the attributes of wisdom, power, and goodness; and the sovereign good, intellect, and energy of the Platonists, which were also regarded as the respective properties of the divine Triad.—BRO. OTTO KLOTZ.

ROME.

The following remarks are made by Bro. J. W. C. Bailey, editor of "The Voice of Masonry,"—one of the American Knights Templar, who recently visited Europe:—

Here we are at Rome, after crossing the Alps! Steaming it over the Lake of Como, passing through Milan, then to Venice (beautiful Venice, more about you by and by), then to Florence, from there to this,

the so-called, Eternal city, but to us looks more like the City of Decay.

In the midst of all this decay—or rather near to it—are to be found, in churches and galleries, the most sublime works of the old painters and sculptors, which are marvels of beauty, and, with almost the single exception of St. Peter's, they are in common looking buildings as to the exterior, more particularly that of St. Paul, which looks more like an old barrack outside, but internally is the most gorgeous of any we have visited, and we have seen almost a hundred that are magnificent in the extreme as to the interior.

We did not commence this article, however, with any intention to illustrate these churches, but simply to make a few reflections upon the aspect of popery in this stronghold, and the waning power of the Pope. His dominions are limited at Rome to the Vatican, St. Peter's, and his private property. As you enter the Vatican, by permission, his guards, dressed in scarlet and yellow, confront you. Just outside is the barrack of Victor Emanuel's soldiers, who look a fine race of men, and everywhere you meet them, officers and men, they are numerous, and have complete control of the city. We tried to find the Grand East, which is said to be here, but could learn nothing. The only Mason we found there is an Englishman and a sculptor.

Now having seen with our own eyes the condition of things, may we not say what a grand farce Pío Nono enacted when he declared himself infallible, and yet within six months, and in defiance of his infallibility, he is deposed from his kingly power, and is reduced to being the First, or Chief Catholic Priest of the Roman Catholic community.

The world moves, superstition is crumbling before the advancing strides of knowledge and science. Yet religion and piety before God, manifested by good works, is right and excellent. The simplicity and purity of the Gospel is its greatest power, and it will reign when priestcraft has tumbled to ashes.

THE SEVEN STARS.

During the ceremony of initiation into the Mysteries of Eleusis, the Hierophant sat on a throne brilliant with gold, over which arched a rainbow, in the centre of which were the moon and seven stars.

Now if we remember that the temples of the ancients were a representation of the universe, and take into consideration that the ancients only knew seven planets belonging to our solar system, the enigma of the seven stars will be readily explained.

We also learn that the astronomical idea of Pythagoras that heaven denotes either the spheres of the fixed stars, or the whole space between the fixed stars and the moon, or the whole world, including both the heavenly spheres and the earth. Agreeable to the arithmetical hypothesis, there are ten heavenly spheres, of which nine are visible to us, viz., the sphere of the fixed stars; the seven spheres of the seven planets, including the sun and the moon, and the sphere of the earth. The tenth, earth, called by Pythagoras *antic-thon-anti-earth*, is invisible, but necessary to the perfection of the harmony of nature, since the decade is the perfection of the numerical harmony.—BRO. OTTO KLOTZ.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

MASONIC MUSICAL RITUAL.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many brethren, having sent stamps to the composer, and also to the publishers, for copies of the "Masonic Ritual," are surprised that the work has not reached them. Will you kindly allow me to say that the copies will be ready for delivery in a few days. A mistake on the part of the publishers has caused the delay.

Yours fraternally,
FREDK. ATKINS.

MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

The Masons of St. John, New Brunswick, contemplate the erection of a hall suitable to the requirements of the fraternity in that jurisdiction. The committee, appointed for that purpose have secured a site, at a cost of 8,000 dollars. The estimated cost of the intended building will be about 40,000 dollars.

The Grand Orient of Hayti was founded in 1822, and controls all the degrees of Masonry in the Republic, from the first to the thirty-third. Bro. A. T. Boucheron is the present Grand Master, and Bro General E. Bourjolly, of Port-au-Prince, Grand Secretary. It has eighteen subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction, together with the lodges of perfection, chapters, councils and consistories appropriate to the Scottish Rite. It is composed mainly of coloured brethren.

At an especial communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held at Picton, Ontario, Aug. 15th, the corner stone of a new School House and Masonic Hall combined was laid by R.W. Bro. Macpherson, of Owen Sound, assisted by Bro. T. H. Henderson of Belleville, and a large number of the Brethren. A beautiful silver trowel was presented to R.W. Bro. Macpherson, and with it the stone was laid with the usual masonic ceremonies. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to Conger's Hall, where a bountiful repast had been provided, and where, after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

The Grand Lodge of Texas adopted a resolution at its last communication, authorizing the M.W. Grand Master to appoint a committee of five, to be styled

the Committee of Masonic History, whose duty it shall be to collect short biographies, sketches, photographs, and anything of interest of distinguished Masons in Texas, and place them in the hands of the Grand Secretary for future use.

Some lodges have the photographs of all their members. Why not go a little further, and add a sketch of each, to be kept in a book for that purpose. If all Lodges would adopt this plan, what an interesting source of history it would be a hundred years hence. A page or two devoted to this purpose for each brother would not occupy a great deal of room, or time in doing it, and even it did, would it not pay a lodge to do it. Some lodges adorn their walls with photographs of their members, and it looks very well, but it will not be so lasting as the one we suggest.]

It might be made an appointed office, and the one receiving it should retain it. We presume there are brethren in every lodge who would take pride in doing this, and by this means a full and correct biography could be kept of all its membership.—*Landmark*.

The Grand Master of Templars in the United States some time since granted a dispensation to a constitutional number of Sir Knights to open and hold a commandery K.T., at Honolulu, Sandwich Island. The first petition for the degrees was received from the King.

A great increase in the Order of Freemasons has been shown lately in this country, by the multiplication of Lodges and the erection of new Masonic buildings. A census of the Order just taken shows that this increase is a real one. Over forty thousand new members have been initiated during the past year, the entire number now reaches nearly five hundred thousand. The reason of this prosperity lies probably as much as in anything else, in the social attractions of Masonry. The lodge supplies the place of a club to its members, and the entertainment it affords is an acceptable relief to men wearied with the cares of business. To this are added the more substantial benefits of mutual assistance in distress, for which the Order is celebrated, so that the wonder is rather that it does not increase faster than it does.—*New York Sun*.

The American Freemasons have lost no time in organizing relief for their brethren who have suffered by the fire at Chicago. The Grand Master of New York has asked that contributions may be forwarded to him. The first amount received was 300 dollars from Central Lodge, Brooklyn. The Grand Commandery K.T. of New York have voted 1,000 dollars.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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MASONIC MEMS.

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

The half-yearly meeting of Prov. G. Chapter, of West Yorkshire, will be held on Wednesday, November 1st, 1871, at Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.

The METROPOLITAN MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (the only one of the Degree in London), resumed its meetings on Monday, October 2nd, and meets every Monday, at half-past Seven o'clock p.m., at the Lyceum Tavern, No. 364, Strand. Bro. Thos. Meggy, P.G.M.O. will preside as W.M. Meyer A. Loewenstark, P.M. 86, W.M. elect, 22, P. G. Steward, Hon. Sec.

Neptune Lodge, 22, and Mount Sinai Chapter, 22, having removed from Radley's Hotel, will, in future, hold their meetings at the Guildhall Tavern, City.

WEST KENT MASONIC CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.—A number of brethren in the Greenwich district have started an Association under this name, the object of which is to enable any member of the Craft to gain, by easy subscriptions, a Life Governorship or Life Subscribership in one of the Masonic Charities. The Association has arisen in connection with the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (No. 75).

The British Oak Lodge (No. 831), will in future hold its meetings at the Beaumont Hall, Beaumont Square, Mile End, the last Monday in the month.

Craft Masonry.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

METROPOLITAN.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, (No. 87).—The members of this lodge met at the White Hart Tavern, College Street, Lambeth, on the 11th inst. The W.M., Bro. Robert Banham, initiated a gentleman into the craft. A brother was afterwards raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being rendered by Bro. Morris, P.M. The lodge having been closed in the usual manner, the brethren retired. There was no banquet.

PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE, (No. 145).—This lodge held its first meeting for the season, on Tuesday 24th, at the Freemason's Hall, Gt. Queen Street. There were present: Bro. Walter, W.M.; John Boyd, P.M., Treas., and father of the lodge; Bros. Moore, I.P.M.; and States, Secretary. The brethren appeared in deep mourning as a mark of respect to the memory of Bro. William Carter, P.M., this being the first Lodge meeting since his decease. The business of the evening consisted of one initiation, one Passing and one Raising, each ceremony being performed by the W.M. in an admirable manner. A brother was proposed as a joining member, and one gentleman for initiation at the next meeting. It was proposed by the W.M. and unanimously resolved that the deep regret of the members should

be recorded on the minutes, for the great loss sustained by the Lodge in consequence of the lamented death of Past Master William Carter. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. On the usual toasts being proposed, Bro. John Boyd returned thanks for the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, and said how deeply he regretted appearing for the first time as a Grand Officer, that his badge should have the sombre appearance of those present, more particularly when he could not help remembering that the covering of crape was put on for his oldest and most valued friend, for a man with whom he had been associated for a long number of years, and for whom he (Mr. Boyd) like all others who had the pleasure of Mr. Carter's acquaintance or friendship, the greatest possible respect, and after some further remarks very feelingly expressed, the brethren drunk in solemn silence to the Memory of their late Past Master. The W.M. in proposing the healths of the visitors, (of whom there were several) particularly alluded to Bro. Dr. Ward, who, though Master of his own Lodge, kindly undertook the Senior Warden's chair in the absence of the proper officers, and to Bro. Long, P.M., of 25, who also very kindly assisted him in the ceremonies by undertaking the duties of Deacon. The visitors having replied, the other toasts followed in quick succession, and the meeting was brought to a close much earlier than might have been anticipated from the business on the summons and of the late hour at which the brethren were called together.

DOMATIC LODGE, (No. 177).—On Friday, 13th inst., the members of this numerous and influential lodge held the first meeting of the season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Three Past Grand Officers graced the meeting with their presence, who are all members of the Domatic Lodge, viz., Bros. T. A. Adams, J. Brett, and J. Smith, Past Grand Pursuivants. The W.M., Bro. Walford, presided, who was very ably supported by his two Wardens, Bros. Ferguson and Tins, Bros. Kent, Treadwell and other officers. Past Masters Carpenter, Poulger, Tanner, (Secretary), Elmes, and about seventy other brethren were present, with several visitors. The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the masonic business, which comprised two initiations and several passings, &c., was ably performed by the W.M. Bro. R. Tanner, P.M. and Secretary, to the great regret of the whole assembly, announced that since the last meeting of the lodge a few short months ago, death had removed from amongst them no fewer than six members, viz., Bros. Past Masters B. Russen and T. Pryor, Bros. Chubb, Cheek, Heath, and Price, Bro. Heath having only entered freemasonry a short time ago, and gone no further than his first degree. Several brethren had announced, from various causes, to the Secretary, their resignation as subscribing members, and there was, consequently, owing to these melancholy announcements, a noticeable absence of the buoyant hilarity which usually characterises the meetings of the Domatic Lodge. The W.M., in referring to the great loss the lodge had sustained through the deaths of so many brethren in so short a period of time, reminded the brethren in a few well chosen words of the lesson it taught them all with regard to the uncertainty and frailty of this mortal life. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided in a style of great excellence by Bro. Clemow. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren of the Domatic Lodge separated at their usual early hour.

LODGE INDUSTRY (No. 186).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th instant. There were present:—Bros. Tallen, W.M.; Mortlock, P.M.; Mann, P.M. Sec.; Carpenter, P.M.; Gale, P.M.; Price, P.M., and others. The work done comprised raisings and passing. It was proposed and carried, by twenty to one, to move the lodge to Bro. Gardder's, Masons' Arms Tavern. Bros. Blight, P.M. 39; F. Walters, M. 73; Beck, 1306; and Hopkins, J. W. 87, were present as visitors. A banquet closed the proceedings.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at the White Swan Tavern, High Street, Deptford. Present:—Bros. W. Andrews, W.M.; T. Killner, S.W.; J. W. Reed, J.W.; H. A. Collington, P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.M. Sec.; W. Myatt, S.D.; G. Andrews, J.D.; S. O. Lewin, I.G.; J. Truelove, P.M.; J. Bavin, P.M. Tyler; C. Letton, R. West, R. Deal, J. T. Funge, H. J. Tuson, W. Shaw, J. H. Wilson, G. Harvey, R. Harman

J. G. Vohman, T. Spencer, B. J. Cole, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Mallet, 141; and John Thomas, I.G. 1326. Messrs. Thomas Speneer and Benjamin James Cole were initiated; and Bro. John George Vohman was raised. A Past Master's Jewel was given to Bro. J. Truelove, I.P.M. Some notices of motion were given, and several candidates for initiation were proposed. A banquet brought the proceedings to a close.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, (No. 1287).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Great Northern Hotel, Kings Cross, on Thursday the 19th inst. Present: Bros. E. Moody, W.M.; H. T. Reed, S.W.; T. H. Staton, J.W.; S. Webb, P.M., and Treas.; N. B. Headon, Sec.; Geo. Hooper, S.D., pro tem; E. Lancaster, J.D., pro tem, and D.C.; Jas. Forbes, I.G.; and also Bros. Freeman, Catchpole, Wilkie, Stanway, Elliott, Edmiston, Jope, Margetson, Verdon, Guyton, Bowen, Marsh, Kitchie, Lay, Bull, Arkell, Wrightson, Roberts, Quail, and Alexander. The following visitors were present: Bros. John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Fredk. Binckes, Grand Stewd., and S.W.; T. A. Adams, P.M., P.G.P.; R. H. Marsh, P.M., 1196, Urban Lodge; Wolfsky, S.W., Jordan 201; J. Frost Creswick, P.M., Leigh, 957; W. T. Macqueen, St. John's, 45; J. Brady, W.M., 360; Edgar Bowver, 65; Wm. Francis, 34; Henry Carvill, P.M., 201. The Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees in due form, and with solemn prayer. Messrs. Tomkins, Christie, Portway, and Taylor, were then ballotted for and unanimously approved; and Bros. Stanway and Guyton were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bros. Stanway and Guyton were successively raised to the sublime degree, in a most impressive manner. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Messrs. Taylor and Portway, and Messrs. Tompkins and Christie were duly initiated. The minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting, in April, and the emergency meeting in July, were read and confirmed. Bros. W. Bruce and F. Baron, of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, were unanimously elected joining members, and suitably returned thanks. All masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and adjourned to the third Thursday in November. The brethren then returned to banquet, and spent a most agreeable evening. In replying to the usual toasts, the visiting brethren vied with each other in extolling the excellent working they had witnessed, and in expressing the gratification it afforded them to find so young a lodge in such a flourishing and sound condition.

SPHINX LODGE, (No. 1,329).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst. at the Stirling Castle Tavern, Church Street, Camberwell. The W.M., Bro. E. Clark, being unavoidably absent, the Master's chair was occupied by Bro. George Hyde, P.M., 141 and 765, who performed his duties in a perfectly unexceptionable manner throughout the evening. Bro. Major H. W. Palmer, W.M. elect, was S.W.; Bro. E. J. Bailey, J.W.; Bro. H. Allman, P.M., Secretary. The rest of the officers were at their proper posts, and there were also present:—Bros. Andrews, Nairne, and Blanch, and Bros. H. and C. E. Thomson, of the Domestic and Southern Star Lodges, &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, a ballot was taken for two gentlemen, Messrs. Jas. Brinton and Bainbridge Lyon, who were candidates for admission into the order. The ballot was unanimous in their favor, and both being in attendance, they were in due form and according to ancient custom regularly initiated into the order. A ballot then took place for the admission of Bro. G. R. Batten, of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, as a joining member of the Sphinx Lodge. Being found unanimous in his favor, he was at once admitted as a member. Bro. Hyde then moved:—"That a jewel, of the value of seven guineas, be presented to Bro. Edward Clark, First Master, and one of the founders of the Sphinx Lodge, for the very efficient services rendered by him to the lodge since its foundation. The W.M. elect, Bro. Major Palmer, had much pleasure in seconding the motion, which was put to the brethren, and carried unanimously. No further business being offered, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, until the next regular night of meeting.

The regular meeting of the Sphinx Lodge, was held on Saturday, 21st inst. Present: Bros. Major Palmer, S.W. and W.M. elect; E. J. Bailey, J.W.; W. V. Bedolfe, J.D.; J. H. Voelkins, I.G.; J. L. Reynolds, Treas.; H. Allman, W.M., 1194, Sec.; John Thoms, P.M., D.C.; J. Sugden, Stewd.; P. A. Nairne, P.M.; Geo. Hyde, P.M.; G. I. Becherton, E. Pinder, W. Andrews

Hancock, A. Campbell, H. Martin, B. Lyon, J. J. Benton, E. H. Beamley, G. P. Brillen, G. S. Mansell. The Visitors present were Bros. E. Worthington, P.M. 507; Jas. Stevens, P.M., 25, 720, 1216; G. H. R. Bridges, W.M., 772; W. Worrell, S.W., 1339; M. S. Larlham, I.G., 1216; Fredk. P. Walters, I.G., 752. Bro. J. Thomas, as Installing Master performed the Ceremony in a manner that afforded the brethren present the utmost pleasure and gratification, placing Bro. Palmer in the Chair of the Lodge, who appointed as his Officers Bro. E. J. Bailey, S.W.; W. V. Bedolfe, J.W.; H. Allman, Sec.; J. H. Voelkins, S.D.; J. Sugden, J.D.; Dr. Pender and Alfred Campbell, Stewards. The only business before the Lodge this evening was the reading the minutes of the regular Lodge, held 15th July, to confirm the election of Bro. Major Palmer as W. Master, and the Lodge of emergency on the 14th; and the presentation of the report of the Audit Committee, which was received and adopted.

INSTRUCTION.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE, (No. 1,288).—On Thursday evening, the opening of this lodge of instruction was celebrated by a banquet at the lodge room, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway. At half-past seven the lodge was opened by Bro. Higgins, in the W.M.'s chair, supported by Bros. A. Welch, S.W.; J. T. Smith, J.W.; J. Harman, S.D.; J. T. Sweet, J.D.; and D. Parker, I.G.; Bro. Thos. Meekham, P.M., 619, President and Secretary was also present the whole of the evening, as were also many members of the parent lodge, and Bro. C. E. Thompson, S.W., No. 1,158. The lodge having been formed according to usage, it was opened in the three established degrees, but being the first night of meeting very little business was done, and the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday next at the same hour. Afterwards the brethren sat down to a substantial supper provided in admirable style by the worthy host, Bro. J. Pigot, and his estimable partner, to which ample justice was done. When the cloth was drawn and the glasses properly charged with right good Cliequot, Bro. Meekham said he had one toast to propose, and must be excused if he trespassed upon the time of the brethren present, but as it was the first time of their meeting for the present season he was sure that he would be excused if he asked them to drink "Success and Prosperity to the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction." As their President he was highly pleased to see so influential a body of masons present. When the club was formed, some twelve months ago, he had no idea that it would have assumed such proportions, and he was confident that at no very distant period of time it would be second to none in the metropolis. In Bro. Higgins the lodge possessed a very admirable Preceptor, over able and willing to render every assistance in his power to every masonic aspirant in search of instruction. In conjunction with this toast Bro. Meekham coupled the name of Bro. Welch, W.M. of the Finsbury Park Lodge. The toast was heartily received and responded to by Bro. Welch, who promised to do all in his power to promote the success of the lodge of instruction; he, too, like Bro. Meekham, believed that very shortly it would have no superior in London. The pleasures of the evening were very agreeably enhanced by the singing of Bros. Welch, Harman, and others, and the company separated highly satisfied with all the arrangements made for their comfort by the worthy host and hostess, and others concerned.

PROVINCIAL.

DURHAM.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham met on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at the Borough Hall, Stockton-on-Tees. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Fawcett, presided, Bro. J. Dobbs, Prov. G. Registrar acting as Prov. S.G.W.; and Bro. T. as Prov. J.G.W. There was also a large attendance of Brethren of the Lodge of this and the adjoining provinces. A full report of the proceedings will be given next week.

KENT.

CANTERBURY.—*St. Augustine Lodge* (No. 972).—This lodge held its monthly meeting at its new home, the Guildhall Tavern, on the 9th instant. Bro. Joshua W. Green occupied the chair, supported by his officers, and there was a goodly muster of the brethren. Two brethren were raised to the third degree, and Messrs. Weare and Miskin (two old citizens) duly initiated, the charge being rendered by Bro. J. Pilcher, S.W. The election for Master for the ensuing year subsequently took place. Bro. Pearce, S.W. was chosen for the office without a single dissentient voice. There being no other business the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and separated rather earlier than usual.

SUFFOLK.

STOWMARKET.—*Phoenix Lodge* (No. 516).—At the monthly meeting on Friday, the 20th instant, there were present:—Bros. J. W. Sheridan, P.G.R., I.P.M., as acting W.M.; G. S. Golding, P.G.S.B., W.M. 225, S.W.; E. Warner, J.W.; G. Ransom, P.M.; S. H. Wright, P. Prov.G.D., P.M., &c. Visitors: Bros. Emra Holmes, F.M. 531, and 114; D. Schulen, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., P.M. 114; and Philip Carnell, P.G.J.D., W.M. 114. After the usual formal business was concluded, the Acting W.M. called upon Bro. Emra Holmes to deliver his lecture, as announced in the summons, entitled, "Random Notes on Freemasonry;" * and, as was to be expected from so erudite a brother, it proved, as the W.M. in proposing a vote of thanks for Bro. Holmes's, instructive and interesting lecture, justly remarked, there was not one word in it the brethren would not endorse, or one point at which they were at issue—and at the same time he believed it would lead many of the younger and less advanced brothers to believe there was more in Freemasonry to be understood and learned than many now supposed. He also particularly approved of the remarks made as to appointments in Grand Lodge, and it was only at a recent Mark Master's Lodge, the Provincial Grand Secretary of Suffolk was complaining of the very thing to which Bro. Holmes alluded—the great difficulty experienced by Provincial Masons in gaining appointments in Grand Lodge. Bro. G. S. Golding seconded the proposition, and spoke of Bro. Holmes as the most enthusiastic Mason he had ever met with—an opinion cordially endorsed by all brethren who knew him. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Holmes, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when, after the usual Masonic toasts had been honoured, they separated, highly delighted at having spent so enjoyable an evening, combining, as all lodges ought to do, valuable information and instruction with pleasure. During the evening the W.M. of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich, announced that Bro. Holmes had kindly consented to repeat his lecture at that lodge at an early opportunity.

INDIA.

BOMBAY.

LODGE "EMULATION," (No. 1100) (E.C.)—The regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, Mazagon, on the 17th August, 1871: present: W. Bros. G. I. D'Emden, W.M.; C. Beard, P.M.; Bros. T. A. Hopewell, S.W.; E. Ewett, J.W.; E. Gleave, Treas.; J. F. Pennoek, Sec.; H. Ainsworth, S.D.; J. Hartley, J.D.; J. G. Smith, I.G.; G. Yardley and C. R. Raymond, Stewards; T. Orsfall, Organist; and J. W. Seager, Tyler.—Members: W. H. Hoare, J. Thomson, T. Counsell, J. Innes, F. Stretch, E. Coole, G. Smith, F. Biers, G. C. Robinson, W. H. McCann, R. Cooper, J. Moon, H. Black; and several visitors. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A donation of Rs. 100 was voted to Mrs. Broad. The ballot was taken for Mr. W. Richardson, a candidate for initiation, which proved clear. Bro. H. Black was called before the pedestal, and having passed a very satisfactory examination, was entrusted and passed out. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Black was re-admitted and passed to the

second or F.C. degree. W. Bro. C. Beard, P.M., gave the lecture in this degree. It was resolved that Wor. Bro. C. Beard, P.M., be asked to sit for his portrait, and that it be hung up in the Lodge. One candidate was proposed for initiation, and one Brother as a joining member. There being no other business before the Lodge, it was closed with prayer at 8 P.M.

KAMPTEE.

LODGE "SAINT ANDREW," (No. 500) (E.C.)—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 23rd August, 1871 Present: W. Bros. H. Haynes, W.M.; F. Wilson, P.M., Sec. and Organist; Bros. Dadabhoj Sorabjee Jall, as S.W.; Lewis as J.W.; McKeown, as S.D.; Draper, as J.D.; Harris, I.G.; Vine, Tyler; Bros. W. Thomas, H. Masson, A. Bain, D. Hemsworth, and A. Scott. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren proceeded to ballot for Mr. George Taylor, a candidate for initiation, which proved clear, the candidate was admitted properly prepared and duly initiated into the mysteries of our order. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

A quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of South Australia, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 5th July, 1871, present: Bro. Arthur Hardy, J.P., District Grand Master, in the Chair; Bros. Macaulay, P.M., as Deputy District Grand Master; W. Dist. G., Treas. as D.G.S.W.; W.M. 423, as Dist. G.J.W.; W. Wicksteed, as Dist. G. Sec.; W.M. 583, as Dist. G.S.D.; W.M. 505, as Dist. G.J.D.; Dist. G. Supt. of Works; Dist. G. Organist; Dist. G. Pursuivant; Lethford, P.M., Dist. G. Stew.; Galley, P.M., 423; S.W., 505; J.W., 842; Bros. Jacoby, 842; Wilson, 842; Wicksteed, 649, were present as Visitors. The minutes of the last meeting, and of the Emergency meeting, May 9th, were read and confirmed. The report of General Committee as follows was received and adopted. "To the Rt. W. D.G. Master and District Grand Lodge.—The General Committee have little to report. They recommend that rent at the rate of £20 per annum be paid to the Trustees of Freemasons' Hall, for use of the Lodge-room from the 1st January, 1871. They regret to state that Bros. Ey, Hender, and Cowen have been struck off the books of Union Lodge, No. 947, for non-payment of arrears. The Secretary has received a supply of Books of Constitution from England, which he is prepared to distribute at 2s. each. The D.D.G.M. reports having visited the Union Lodge, at Kadina, and the Duke of Edinburgh, at Moonta, and being much gratified with the attendance of Brethren at those Lodges, and efficiency of the working; that he had also visited the Lodge of St. John, Strathalbyn, and installed the W.M. Henry E. Downer, D.D.G.M., Chairman, Fredk. Wicksteed, P.D.G.S.W., Sec." P.D.G.S.W. Wicksteed proposed and W.M. Roberts seconded—That in compliance with the recommendation of the General Committee the Trustees of Freemasons' Hall be paid rent for year 1871 at the rate of £20 per annum, which was carried. Bro. Salom reported that the Committee appointed to arrange with the Trustees of Freemasons' Hall had not arrived at a conclusion that would warrant their reporting to Lodge; he obtained leave to extend the time for reporting to next meeting. There being no further business before the Lodge, it was closed in due form.

ROYAL ARCH.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

GAINSBOROUGH.—*All Saints' Chapter* (No. 422).—A convocation of Royal Arch Masons took place for the first time in the new Masonic Hall, Market Place, in this town, on Monday, the 16th instant, under the presidency of the M.E. Comps.

* See page 317 in present number

James Frederick Spurr, Z.; John Hawksworth, H.; and John Laughton, J. The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Pigott and Swallow, two Master Masons from the Alcholine Lodge, Brigg, having produced the necessary certificates, and given sufficient proof of their qualifications, were balloted for and exalted to the Holy Royal Arch degree. Comp. Robinson, Organist 422, was also balloted for and elected a candidate for exaltation, but was unavoidably absent. The election of officers then took place, when Comp. Spurr, P.Z., was, for the third time, elected Z; Comp. John Moxon, H; and Comp. Thomas Hugh Oldman, J. There were also present: Comps. Robbs, Kirk, Dr. Hamlin, Goodman, Howlett, and Box, Janitor. There was also present, as a visitor, Comp. Nelson, Oliver Chapter. The chapter was closed in due form at nine o'clock.

MARK MASONRY.

INDIA.

LODGE MALLET AND CHISEL, (No. 134) (E.C.)—At a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Poona, on the 5th August, 1871, the following brethren were present: W. Bro. T. Cooke, W.M.; Bros. J. N. S. Kirkwood, S.W.; Powell, J.W.; P. Callaghan, as M.O.; C. Murphy, J.O.; and several brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Ritter, Davenport, and Jones, of Lodge *Orion*, and W. Bro. Captain G. Luck, of Lodge *St. Paul's*, Mhow, candidates for the order, which proved unanimous. The whole of these brethren being in attendance, were admitted properly prepared, and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master. Two brethren were proposed for advancement at the next meeting. There being no further business before the Lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

A new Rose Croix Chapter, called the *Poona Chapter*, of which V. Ex. and Perf. Bro. T. Cooke has been elected M.W.S., has been opened at Poona. The first meeting of the Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall on the 2nd August, 1871. Present: Illustrious Bro. J. Percy Leith, 33°; V. Ex. and Perf. Bros. T. Cooke, M.W.S. (elect); L. Smith, P. Callaghan, and H. W. Wakeman. The Chapter was consecrated in due form by Illus. Bro. J. Percy Leith, 33°, and V. Ex. and Perf. Bro. T. Cooke was installed as M.W.S. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed.

The second meeting of this Chapter was held on the 12th August, 1871. Present: Very Ex. and Perf. Bros. T. Cooke, M.W.S.; B. H. Matthew, M.W.S.; (elect) of *Pelican* Chapter, as Prelate; H. Lees Smith, S.G.; P. Callaghan, J.G.; C. Murphy, Grand Marshall; H. W. Wakeman, Raphael.—Visitors: Bros. Dr. Giraud and E. M. Walton. The chapter was opened in due form and the minutes of the consecration and installation meeting were read. The ballot was taken for W. Bros. Colonel W. D. Aitken, P.M. (E.C.); G. Luck, 15th Hussars, W.M. Lodge *St. Paul's*, Mhow; Dr. Hunter, 95th Regt., P.M. (I.C.); and for Bros. Captain Kirkwood, Dr. Geoghagan, and Dr. Purcell, which proved unanimous. The whole of the candidates being in attendance, were first made Knights of the East and West, and then installed as Knights of the Eagle and *Pelican* and *Sovereign Princes Rose Croix* of H.R.D.M. Proposed by the M.W.S., and seconded by the Senior General, that Ex. and Perf. Bro. Dr. Giraud be elected a joining member of this Chapter. Four candidates were proposed for installation at the next meeting. There being no further business before the Chapter, it was closed with solemn prayer at 8 p.m.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS ROGERS.

We have to record the departure of the oldest member of the fraternity in the province of Hertfordshire,—Bro. Thomas Rogers, of Watford, at the ripe age of 84 years. Our lamented brother was, we understand, a

native of the town in which he carried on an extensive business as ironmonger, to which he added a large coal trade. He was the first initiate of the Watford Lodge, —then designated "The Barnborough," No. 580, now 404—in 1829. He filled the offices of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Watford Lodge, Chapter, and Encampment; and by his invariable kind and courteous demeanour endeared himself to his brethren. About the close of 1869, finding infirmity coming on, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren of the province voted a piece of plate in grateful recognition of his long services. He died on the 11th instant, and was interred in the Watford Cemetery on the 16th. Besides the members of his family who were present, his eldest son, Bro. William Rogers, being chief mourner, his remains were followed to their last home by the R.W. Bro. William Stuart, Prov. G.M., and Bros. C. H. Humbert, C. H. Finch, Dr. Wilson, Treas.; Jonathan King, Dr. A. Brett, P. Martin, W. Blenkinsop, J. Blenkinsop, P. Brady, J. How, and T. Thomas; many others would have been present, but by reason of being away from their homes. The windows of every house in the town were closed in testimony of the esteem in which Bro. Rogers was held by all.

BRO. E. F. HART, OF BRISBANE.

Most of the flags in Brisbane were, on July 26, half-mast high, as a token of respect to Bro. E. F. Hart, Civil Engineer, who has just passed from amongst us. Bro. Hart has been a resident of Queensland for the last ten years, and was engaged with Mr. Fitzgibbon in the construction of the Southern and Western Railway. He has also superintended other important public works in the colony, and stood high in his profession. As a private citizen he endeared himself to a very large circle of friends, and in every relation of life was a pattern man. The cause of death was consumption of old standing. He leaves a widow and four young children to mourn their loss. Bro. Hart was a Freemason of high rank, and at his funeral the brotherhood mustered strong, about 100 Masons being present in the costume of the Order. The lodges of the Irish Constitution, of which Bro. Hart was a member, were very strongly represented, and a number of Lodges of the Scottish Constitution and English Constitution also attended. The remains of the deceased were first placed in the Masonic Hall, Albert-street, at half-past 3, where the usual Masonic service for a dead brother took place. The coffin was then placed in a hearse, and the procession formed, the various Lodges walking two deep to the cemetery. The Church of England Burial Service was read in the Mortuary Chapel by the Rev. P. P. Agnew, after which the body was taken to the grave, and the Masonic service was read by the Master of the Lodge of which the deceased was a member. The brethren then formed a large circle round the grave, and after breaking their wands, threw them, with a sprig of acacia, upon the coffin. The procession then re-formed, and marched back to town.—*Brisbane Courier*.

Poetry.

THREE WORDS OF STRENGTH.

There are three lessons I would write—
Three words, as with a burning pen,
In tracings of eternal light,
Upon the hearts of men.

Have Hope! Though clouds environ round,
And gladness hides her face in scorn,
Put thou the shadow from thy brow—
No night but bath its morn.

Have Faith! Where'er thy bark is driven—
The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth—
Know this: God rules the hosts of Heaven,
The inhabitants of earth.

Have Love! Not love alone for one;
But man, as man, thy brother call;
And scatter like the circling sun,
Thy charities on all.

Thus grave these lessons on thy soul—
Hope, Faith, and Love—and thou shalt find
Strength when life's surges rudest roll,
Light when thou else wert blind.
—THE EVERGREEN.

NOTES ON AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

NORTH CAROLINA.

It was resolved "That a committee of three be appointed to have the picture of the late Grand Secretary, William T. Bain, taken and suspended over the Grand Secretary's desk, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the amount required for the same."

In relation to the Masonic Temple, the committee appointed to attend to the matter reported the following, which was adopted:—

"The Committee on that portion of the Grand Master's address relative to the building of a Masonic Temple, and re-printing the old proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, beg leave to report:—

"First. In regard to a Masonic Temple. Every member of this Grand Lodge must be fully convinced that our present hall is not sufficiently large to accommodate the representatives that assemble in this Grand Body every year. Besides, it is considered unsafe. Another hall should, of necessity, be procured, or the one we at present occupy be enlarged and improved.

"We learn that a Company has been organized for the purpose of building a Masonic Temple in this city, where-in it is proposed that the communications of this Grand Body shall be held.

"But, to accomplish this purpose, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars will be required. They propose to raise the money in a joint stock company of twenty-five dollars per share, payable in monthly instalments of one dollar on each share.

"This company reports to us that they now have the sum of some thirty thousand dollars subscribed, and believe that if the Grand Lodge would subscribe for one or two hundred shares, the balance of the stock could be easily raised by individual subscription, and that the Grand Lodge would thus be enabled to secure a permanent place of meeting, adapted to its wants.

"We, therefore, recommend that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Masonic bodies in Raleigh to devise the best ways and means whereby we may obtain a hall sufficient to accommodate this Grand Body and report at our next Annual Communication."

Number of lodges, 220; members, 10,204.

NEW YORK.

The address of the Grand Master contains the following:—

"The question was presented whether a Mason, a member of a lodge in good standing, dying of the disease commonly called *delirium tremens*, was entitled to Masenic burial.

"The decision was in the affirmative. The disease alluded to arises from long continued violation of God's laws and of the inculcated in the teachings of Masoury. It is hardly possible that a Mason should die from that cause, without his brethren, and especially the Master and Wardens, if they did their duty having occasion to admonish him, as required by our laws; and if he still continued the abuse, after the third admonition, the Junior Warden should promptly have preferred charges before the lodge, the offender have been tried and suspended till he reformed.

"In case these duties are neglected, and a brother is left by the lodge to gradually kill himself, the brethren and the lodge are participators in his great crime, and ought 'to bury their own dead.' If there is disgrace in so doing, the lodge ought to bear it, and will, till it reforms and stops this evil, at least so far as its own brethren are concerned.

"We are taught that, 'as the tree falleth, so it shall lie.' How important it is, therefore, for us, as true brethren and Masons, to deal faithfully in such cases by an erring brother, and turn him from his evil courses before death shall cut him off from our fraternal efforts.

"If he shall die from the result of his sin, which we winked at in the time of its commission, we ought not to refuse to carry his remains to the grave, Masonically. He sinned, and so did we. Perhaps had we, as his brethren, did our duty, his life, mayhap a valuable one, might have been saved. He fills a drunkard's grave, and who will say truthfully, we are not sharers in the sin that produced that result."

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That all by-laws of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, making it imperative to pay stipulated sums to any persons as benefits, are revoked, and are absolutely null and void."

Number of lodges, 650; members, 75,262.

An election for a Sheriff took place on Friday, the 27th instant, at the Guildhall, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Bro. F. W. Truscott, P.G.S., Senior Sheriff, and a numerous attendance of the Livery. The Acting Recorder, T. Chambers, Esq., announced that they had met to elect a Sheriff in the place of the late lamented Bro. R. Young (who was Past Master of Wisbeach Lodge, and P. Prov. G.S.W. of Cambridgeshire). Mr. Jones proposed, and Mr. H. Spicer seconded, John Bennett, Esq., citizen, and spectacle maker, as a fit and proper gentleman for that office. A show of hands was taken, and Bro. F. W. Truscott announced that not only had the choice of the Livery, but also the court of Aldermen approved of their selection. The Under Sheriff, Bro. Thos. Beard, P.M. Temple Lodge, was then sworn in. A. Crossley, Esq., is the Under Sheriff to Bro. Truscott; he has occupied that position seven times with credit and ability

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

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

Monday, October 30th.

LODGES.—Pythagorean. Ship Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich;
British Oak, Beaumont Hall, Beaumont Square, Mile End.

Tuesday, October 31st.

LODGE.—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

Wednesday, November 1st.

Grand Chapter at 7 o'clock.

LODGE.—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

Thursday November 2nd.

LODGES.—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; Strong
Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell;
Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street; Lion and
Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street; Ionic, Ship and
Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street; St. Andrew's, Freemasons'
Hall; La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall; Yarborough, Green
Dragon, Stepney; Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall; Excelsior
Sydney Arms, Lewisham Road.

Friday, November 3rd.

LODGES.—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street,
Woolwich; Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street; St.
Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.—CHAP-
TER.—Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street.

Saturday, November 4th.

General Committee Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF
INSTRUCTION.

Monday, October 30th.

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., South-
wark; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Eastern Star,
Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd.; Camden, Adelaide Tav.,
Haverstock Hill; British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern
Bancroft Place, Mile End, E.; Tower Hamlets' Engineers,
Duke of Clarence, Commercial Road, E.; Union Waterloo,
King's Arms, Woolwich; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Motcomb,
Street, Belgrave Square; Sincerity, Railway Tavern,
Fenchurch Street; Wellington, White Swan Tavern,
Deptford

Tuesday, October 31st.

LODGES.—Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail., Victoria
Station; Domatic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camber-
well; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green
Dragon, Stepney; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St.
John's Tav., St. John's-wood; Dalhousie, Royal Edward,
Triangle, Hackney; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-
lane; Sidney Lodge, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood,
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; City of
London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st.
New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth;
Ben Jonson Club of Instruction, Ben Jonson Tav, Goodman's

Yard, Minorities, E., at 8.—CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Price's
Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Mount Sion, White Hart, Bishops-
gate-st.; Robert Burns Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's
Lane.

Wednesday, November 1st.

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. Lam-
beth; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham-Rye;
Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st.
Poplar; Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-street;
Royal Union, Bro. Duddy's, Winsley-st., Oxford-street.—
CHAPTER.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-street.
Grosvenor-square.

Thursday, November 2nd.

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; Tran-
quility, Sugar Loaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington,
Crown Hotel, 41, High Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak
Tavern, Deptford; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav.,
Bell Alley; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Merchant
Navy, Jamaica Tav., W. India Dock Road. Poplar; Pan-
mure, Balham Hotel, Balham.—CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect
of Whiteby Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

Friday, November 3rd.

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, Swan, Walham-green; Metropolitan,
Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Charter House, Hat and
Feathers Tavern, 27, Goswell-rd.; Robert Burns, Union Tav-
Air-street, Regent-st.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes;
Lily, Greyhound, Ho., Richmond; Stability, Guildhall Tav.,
33, Gresham Street; Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern;
Canonbury; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park,
at 7.—CHAPTER.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria
Station.

Saturday, November 4th.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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street, Strand, W.C.

We shall be glad to receive from brethren any proceedings of
Masonic meetings, which shall be duly inserted. Communica-
tions 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.